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“INSPIRING GENEROSITY is a beautiful book!” President Bill Clinton

INSPIRING GENEROSITY by Barbara Bonner is a moving collection of stories of fourteen remarkable men and women who have changed both their own lives and the lives of others through the power of generosity. Their stories are interspersed with 30 poems from poets as diverse as Hafiz and Emily Dickinson to Molly Peacock and Wendell Berry as well as quotations from 100 inspired thinkers and philosophers, including Shakespeare, Winston Churchill, Mother Teresa, Maya Angelou, Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., John Steinbeck, Walt Whitman, Henry David Thoreau, Anne Frank, and many others.

Author Barbara Bonner was inspired to write the book after leading the fundraising efforts of museums, educational institutions and non-profit organizations for many years.

“I have worked with philanthropists all my life,” she says, “and have had a successful career raising money, but I’ve discovered that true generosity is a different matter entirely. Generosity arises from the inner fire to make a difference in the world, to step forward where there is a pressing need and commit to doing what we can to help. I’ve been deeply moved by the hundreds of stories of people whose lives have been transformed in an instant by the power of generosity. These are the inspirations that led me to write a book that would imprint itself upon readers’ hearts and minds.”

INSPIRING GENEROSITY has already received accolades from across the country. In addition to President Clinton, Professor Robert Thurman raves: “This book will open your hand, your heart and your life in unexpected ways.” Mindfulness expert and author Sharon Salzberg says: “INSPIRING GENEROSITY embodies the very quality it praises, with eloquent accounts of transformative kindness and wisdom through generosity.” Jeffrey C. Walker, noted philanthropist and author of *The Generosity Network* says: “We have much to learn from these examples and heart connected stanzas,” and David R. Loy, author of *The World is Made of Stories* exalts: “The best thing I have read on the path to generosity. Warning: This book might change your life!”

Before writing INSPIRING GENEROSITY, Ms. Bonner served in leadership positions in three New York City museums as well as vice president of Bennington College and the Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health. She now has her own consulting practice focused on helping non-profits transform their philanthropic support and is Board Chair of the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies. Committed to a life in philanthropy, she has served on ten nonprofit boards in New York and the Berkshires where she currently resides.

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