

Meet the author and founder of
It's About the Children

Pat Van Doren, a photojournalist for many years in the western suburbs outside Chicago, realized a long time ago that people didn't pay attention to the issue of homeless children. So she decided to do something about it.



Using her camera, Pat captured images that have literally changed lives of homeless children. Her image of "Charlie" helped pass landmark legislation



to open school doors for homeless kids.

Her children's books are just as powerful. Pat has an uncanny sensitivity and eye for detail that conveys the story just as it has probably happened for countless kids.

*Her organization, **It's About the Children**, partnered with HEAR US Inc., a national nonprofit organization to give voice and visibility to homeless children and youth.*

Other Awareness-Raising Products



Pat's images can be used on

- ▶ Posters ▶ Key Chains ▶ Magnets

Contact Pat Van Doren at 630/355-5859 or patvandoren@earthlink.net for information about custom products.

Credit cards and purchase orders accepted.

Visit www.hearus.us for order forms, or for more information on *It's About the Children*.

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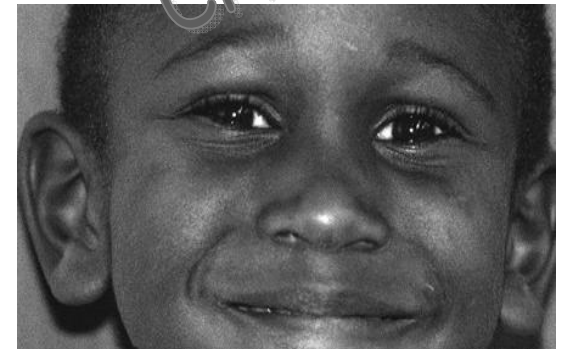
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HOMELESS CHILDREN
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 it's time to remember...



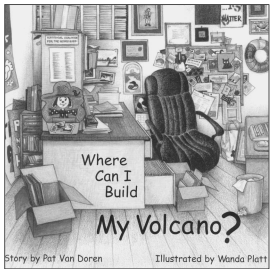
*It's About the
 CHILDREN!*



Books Sharing Children's Viewpoints of Homelessness...

In 1999, when most people didn't think of homeless children, Pat Van Doren did.

She wrote *Where Can I Build My Volcano?* to inspire discussion by kids. That way adults would have to listen.



By word of mouth, this self-published book has sold more than 6,000 copies across the U.S. from Alaska to Alabama.

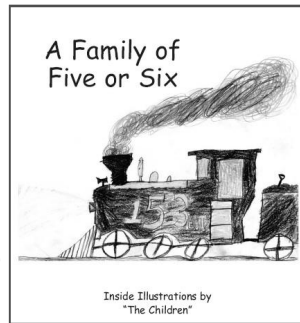
With her trained photojournalist's eye and a lot of time spent volunteering at a busy suburban shelter, Pat created a poignant story with compelling characters, realistic circumstances, and an authentic setting to illustrate the painful realities facing homeless kids.

See why the **National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)** awarded Pat the **2006 Outstanding Media Award** for *Volcano*.

Pat's books written at a 4th grade level, appropriate for older/younger students.

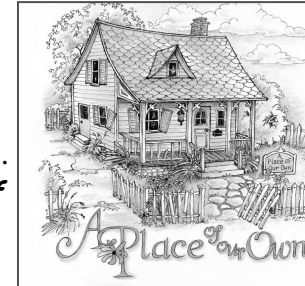
Homelessness happens many ways, including natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, floods... Pat's long-awaited book, *A Family of Five or Six*, (May '08) shows what happens to a family whose lives become uprooted by a powerful hurricane.

In addition to Pat's gifted prose and artist Wanda Platt's riveting drawings, a talented team contributed artwork and editorial input for this book: students from Carrollwood Day School in Tampa, FL.



Pat's relationship with these students stems from their converting her *Volcano* book into a play. This group of students collaborated with Pat on the Family book.

A Family of Five or Six will enlighten children and adults about the true, often overlooked, consequences of storms. And this touching account will generate sensitivity to inspire a compassionate response from readers of all ages.



Now available! The much-anticipated sequel to *Where Can I Build My Volcano?* *A Place of Our Own* lets readers follow Susan after her earlier experiences of losing her home. Homelessness, best explained

by those experiencing it, gets a perceptive treatment in Pat's latest book which enlightens, sensitizes and inspires readers to believe that, with help, homeless kids can rise to great possibilities.

ORDERING INFORMATION

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| <i>Where Can I Build My Volcano?</i> | \$15 | Set |
| <i>A Family of Five or Six</i> | \$15 | of |
| <i>A Place of Our Own</i> | \$15 | 3— |
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