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## Burton Valley's AIM Class Shoots High to Raise Money for Youth Homes Inc.

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Cathy Martinsen's AIM Class at Burton Valley Elementary School presents a check for \$1,411 to Youth Homes before winter break. Photo provided

disadvantaged children's lives.

The Book Bonanza is an annual fundraiser that has been a long-standing tradition at Burton Valley Elementary School. Every year, the AIM (Alternative Instructional Magnet) class collects, prices and, of course, sells books - at incredibly low prices. (Some books are as cheap as 10 cents.) All proceeds go to a charitable cause, and this year the students chose to support Youth Homes, the organization that helps neglected and abused foster children and adolescents. The whole class banded together to complete each step in the process, and after three weeks of collections and pricing, the two-day sale was on. Classes from the Burton Valley community came to support the AIM class, buying books and dropping in donations to the donation jar. After the frenzy, the students counted their change bags and were thrilled to realize they had surpassed their goal and actually raised \$1,411. The students presented a check to Laurel Pendleton of Youth Homes right before winter break and felt good knowing they had made a difference in many

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