



...Creating family and community connections

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President's Message

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Dear Friends:

'Tis the Season to create "reading legacies" - memories created when spending time together reading and sharing thoughts about a story in a book. Our nonprofit is re-institutionalizing shared-reading time throughout San Diego County in homes, schools, libraries, rehabilitation facilities, juvenile detention facilities, and adult jails. The "glue" to a vibrant, educated, and supportive society is to place priority on relationships and literacy. A highly effective way to do this (if not THE best way) is to read a story aloud together with a child in your life as often as possible, giving you the opportunity to reflect on the content of the story, the themes featured in that book, and the great value you place on the person sharing story-time with you.

This describes our mission and programs. We could not do this without nearly 150 volunteers, hundreds of donors, a committed Board of Trustees, and very dedicated/talented staff. I am personally blessed and motivated by all of you as together, we continue to create a better future for our children and grandchildren (my own featured in this photo taken over a decade ago).
Onward & Upward!!!

Betty J. Mohlenbrock

Family Connections

...creating connections for children and their incarcerated family members through read-aloud DVD's and bootle mailed home.

"This really helped my family. I want to thank you for helping the families that are suffering behind [incarceration] and helping us get over our anger. Thank you for giving us hope. We went from anger to happiness and now we have plans to better ourselves and it all started from this book. I now feel like we have a future."

Mother of 3 children ages 9 months, 8 years and 9 years old. They have been separated from their dad for 7 months.



Community Connections

...creating connections for preschoolers and local teens through reading aloud together.





"Reading Legacies has been an incredible experience. Being able to have the opportunity to read to remarkable children has reminded me of the importance of reading at young age. Reading to the kids, helps spark a love for reading in them."

- High School Student

Thank You For Giving!

We thank all our big-hearted and generous donors, supporters and volunteers that allow us the stewardship and resources to help so many lives through the gift of inter-generational reading.

There is still time to make a year-end tax-deductible donation to Reading Legacies and enable us to *spark the joy* of reading for many more poor and at-risk children and families.



Whether it's \$5 to underwrite a book for a young child; \$50 to bring an at-risk teenager together with neighborhood preschoolers in shared-reading experiences; or \$10 to reunite and provide hope to young children with incarcerated family members; **every donation gives golden opportunity for empowering a better future life.**

You can donate [on-line](#) or you can send a check to: **Reading Legacies** -2750 Historic Decatur Road, Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92106. Our Tax-ID # is 27-0523331

To make gifts of stock or contributions from qualified IRA accounts, please contact Betty Mohlenbrock at 619-269-2743

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