



Our mission is to rescue children and youth from the cycle of failure through intergenerational shared-reading experiences with family and supportive community members.

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## The Legacy Continues...

Betty J. Mohlenbrock, M.Ed.



Reading Legacies' Founder and President, Betty J. Mohlenbrock, M.Ed., was recently honored as a guest on board the USS Theodore Roosevelt. Betty and her husband visited the site of her first program, United Through Reading, joined by their staff.

The Family Connections program of Reading Legacies is an outreach to children of incarcerated parents (1.8 million in our country) and is modeled after Betty Mohlenbrock's successful outreach to children of military parents (1.2 million in our country).

ALL children need the wonderful experience of daily storytime with their parents. "Jump on board" with Reading Legacies!!!

## Family Connections

...creating connections for children and their incarcerated family members through the shared-reading experience by reading a book on DVD and sending the book and DVD home to the family.

We are growing! Reading Legacies is piloting our Family Connections Program at a Juvenile Detention Facility in Phoenix, Arizona.

With a generous grant provided by The Anthony Robbins Foundation we have been given the opportunity to grow our program to our neighboring state, Arizona. We are excited to collaborate with the Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department to bring the gift of family bonding through the shared-reading experience to the youth detainees at the Durango Juvenile Detention Facility in Phoenix, AZ.



## Community Connections

...creating connections for young children and local teens through reading aloud together.

Exciting growth opportunities are also happening in our Community Connections Program. With the help of our collaborative partners at Escondido High School we are expanding our reach to elementary schools.

Youth Reading Role Models from Escondido High School will be sharing the love of reading with younger children at local elementary schools this coming semester.

Stay tuned for updates as we grow this great program.



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**Congratulations**

Reading Legacies' Board Member, Valerie Garcia Hong, as spotlighted in the San Diego Attorney Journal

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**VALERIE GARCIA HONG**  
**FORGING BONDS, ONE PAGE AT A TIME**

Three years ago, Valerie Garcia Hong began volunteering with a local nonprofit, Reading Legacies. In Reading Legacies' Community Connections program, high schoolers in underserved neighborhoods develop responsibility and a sense of community while reading to preschoolers each week for an entire semester. Adult volunteers partner with the high schooler and provide training, guidance, and encouragement. "Guest Reader" volunteers also read to classes and share their career and educational background.

In Reading Legacies' Family Connections program, volunteers provide a parenting class for incarcerated parents and videotape each parent reading books aloud. The video and books are sent to the inmate's child, who can read along. The videos often give kids their only visual contact with the absent parent.

Amazed by the impact on children and families, Valerie now serves on Reading Legacies' Board of Trustees and continues to volunteer with both programs.

Visit [www.readinglegacies.org](http://www.readinglegacies.org) to donate or, even better, serve as a Guest Reader or ongoing volunteer.

A shareholder at Pettit Kohn Ingrassia & Lutz, Valerie represents clients in business, professional liability, and personal injury litigation.

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After each case, we donate a portion of attorney's fees to a nonprofit chosen by the client.

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## Want to Learn More About Reading Legacies and How You Can Help Us Accomplish Our Mission?

Reading Legacies will host monthly orientations at our Liberty Station location: 2750 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92106. If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about what we do and how you can become part of our volunteer team please contact us.

Our next monthly orientation session will be held on August 17th from 5:00-6:00 PM. Please RSVP to [info@readinglegacies.org](mailto:info@readinglegacies.org) or by calling us at 619-269-2743 if you plan to attend.

Please visit our website at [www.readinglegacies.org](http://www.readinglegacies.org)

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