



Our mission is to empower children and youth as valued family and community members through intergenerational shared-reading experiences.

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## Betty Mohlenbrock's Interview with Rise Up Radio



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Our Founder and President was recently interviewed on the show following well-known leadership and management specialist, Ken Blanchard.

Rise Up Radio's purpose is to share the stories of San Diego's Servant Leaders who are rising up, making a positive impact, and helping to maintain "America's Finest City."

Use the following link to listen to the Podcast: [Episode #107: Rise Up Radio](#)

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## 1st Annual Reading "Links" Communities Golf Fundraising Event

Reading Legacies is excited to invite you to Reading "LINKS" Communities - our 1st golf fundraising event - bringing community members together to celebrate the profound benefits of reading together in our homes and communities and to raise money for our programs serving children, youth and families in low-income areas throughout San Diego County.

The event is scheduled for Thurs., May 3rd from 3-6pm at The Loma Club Golf Course on Liberty Station. A BBQ Dinner and Happy Hour will follow. We would love to have you join us along with friends and family.

To purchase your tickets click [HERE](#)

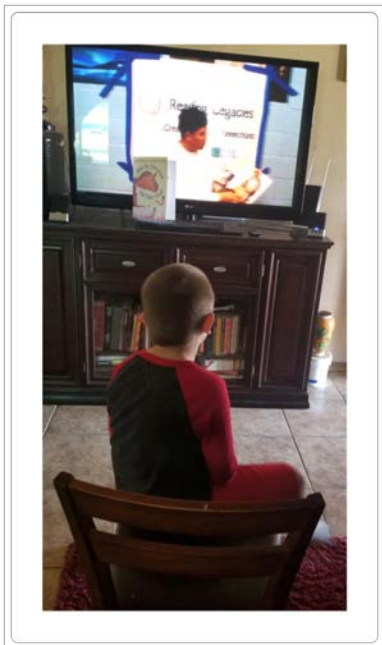


Sponsor opportunities are available, please contact us at [info@readinglegacies.org](mailto:info@readinglegacies.org) if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

## 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.*

Michael is a youth who read to his younger brother, Simon, during a Family Connections workshop. Michael's mother shared, "Since my son has been in so much trouble this program is the best thing that's happened to him. Michael's little brother has a pacemaker and is very ill. He loves Michael so much. I was in tears watching how happy Simon was listening to Michael read the book to him on DVD. I feel like it also reaches Michael and makes him miss home and want to do better."



Michael's mother shared the following on her follow up survey, "I now read to Simon at home 15 minutes every day. Before this program I didn't read with him, but I saw how happy it made him when his brother read to him so I started reading with him too. I hope you keep this program going, it is really great."

If you, too, would like to help inmates/detainees create family connections and nurture relationships through shared-reading, join us at our next volunteer opportunity orientation and learn how you can become part of our team. See below for more information.

## Community Connections - North County

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

Escondido High school students are making their mark weekly with children in Escondido!

Martha Castiglia, faculty at Escondido High School, and Marianne Waldrop, a Board member for Reading Legacies and a North County resident, are supporting high school student volunteers in this effort.

Service-minded high school students offer an hour of their Monday afternoons reading to pre-school children at Hickory Head Start (MAAC) in Escondido, CA. They prepare weekly with siblings and other young children using their specially selected books in anticipation for reading to many kids in four different classrooms at the Hickory Head Start center.

Everyone gains from this worthwhile experience! Martha and Marianne have a wonderful opportunity to mentor and coach the high school volunteers both in helping them navigate their own high school demands and in their engagement with the children to whom they are serving through reading. Consequently, the preschoolers benefit from the opportunity to engage with high school role models through the reading experience. Head Start also benefits from having the influence of "outside guests" who may offer very positive, yet different interactions and who are there to specifically promote the passion and fun of books and reading.

This semester-long program will be taking a summer break after their culminating celebration on 14 May 2018, but Reading Legacies is working closely with the Escondido Unified School District to expand to other elementary schools near Escondido High School for the Fall

2018 semester. With this growth, more adult mentor/advisory volunteers will be needed to ensure continued success of the Community Connections Program in North County. We look forward to expanding our outreach in developing and nurturing youth reading role models who volunteer in their own communities and families to instill the joy of reading in children.



## Want to Learn More About Reading Legacies' Volunteer Opportunities?



Reading Legacies hosts monthly orientations at our Liberty Station location: Barracks 15 located at 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 May 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.

## Employer/Company Matching Opportunity

Did you know that you could double your impact by asking your employer to match your contribution to Reading Legacies?

Employee matching gift programs are corporate giving programs in which the company matches donations made by employees to eligible nonprofit organizations. Requesting a matching gift is normally a five-minute process which must be initiated by the donor.

For questions regarding your company's programs, please contact your employer's HR or community giving department.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.



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

Contact us at 619-269-2743 or [info@readinglegacies.org](mailto:info@readinglegacies.org)



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