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Together we can make a difference.

\$200
Buys 20 books for children to take home and share with their families



\$300
Funds the training of one volunteer to read with students



\$500
Buys support equipment for volunteers to tutor children

\$1,000
Provides recruiting, registering, training, administration, and support for one new volunteer to work with participating schools and their students for one year



2,000+
NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING TUTORING AMONG 17 SCHOOLS

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,
Another challenging year tutoring disadvantaged children has resulted once again in seeing the children who had a volunteer tutor progress 50% more in reading progress than the other children in their class. Our 334 registered volunteers tutored over 2,000 kids in 17 different schools...15 in the Coachella Valley and two in Nevada. The volunteers provided 10,423 hours for our program. We were able to be on campus in 12 of the 17 schools...sometimes wearing masks sometimes not, all dictated by the school district. Even though for part of the year children were not required to wear masks, many of them did at parental orders since they most often live in crowded multi-generational homes and parents didn't want to risk having the virus brought home to particularly vulnerable grandparents. We are enormously proud of our exceptional team of volunteers working under the direction of dedicated teachers at each school. We are deeply grateful for the public support of contributions and grants that enable us to operate our program recruiting, registering, vetting, training, and placing volunteers in classrooms and schools that need them. We were happy to be able to distribute 33,317, high quality, age-appropriate books to 9,353 students, at a cost of \$95,843. Our budget is increased this year and we will be hiring an executive director which will enable us to try to regain the ground lost in volunteer participation due to the pandemic. We once again seek people to provide their time, talent, and treasure to truly make a difference in the future potential for the children we so happily serve. We want them to not just survive, but to thrive.

Sincerely,
Roberta Klein
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT READ WITH ME VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

If you are interested in volunteering, please call us at 760-567-1830 or send an email to readwithmedzimmerman@gmail.com.

To contribute, please make a check out to Read with Me Volunteer Programs, mail to: PO Box 1016, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 or Visit our website at www.readwithmevolunteers.com to use a credit card through PayPal. Please also consider us in your will through your estate plan.

MISSION STATEMENT

To assist local children from a low income, limited English speaking environment to develop to their fullest potential by learning to read, comprehend, and speak English, while understanding that people care about them as individuals.



NOTABLE & QUOTABLE



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Our Read with Me volunteers were active in 17 schools in Coachella Valley and Northern Nevada in 2021-2022. The more than 2000 students who worked with Read with Me volunteers showed significantly higher reading gains compared to their peers without volunteer support. For example, at Incline Elementary School, those students who were most behind grade-level reading benchmarks received Read with Me volunteer support in the classroom and after school Reading Club, which helped them begin to close the achievement gap as these students showed the greatest reading growth in the school. In every participating school, students who worked with volunteers outperformed those students without volunteers sometimes as much as 4 times the growth! Read with Me continues to be a highly effective reading intervention for struggling readers and English language learners.

Happy student reading.



10,423
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Our 334 volunteers received training on how to support young readers through a combination of in-person training at our office in Palm Desert and in their assigned schools as well as through remote training via Zoom. Trainings are designed in coordination with our cooperating schools to best prepare our volunteers for success.

Alena Callimanis Mountain Vista volunteer.



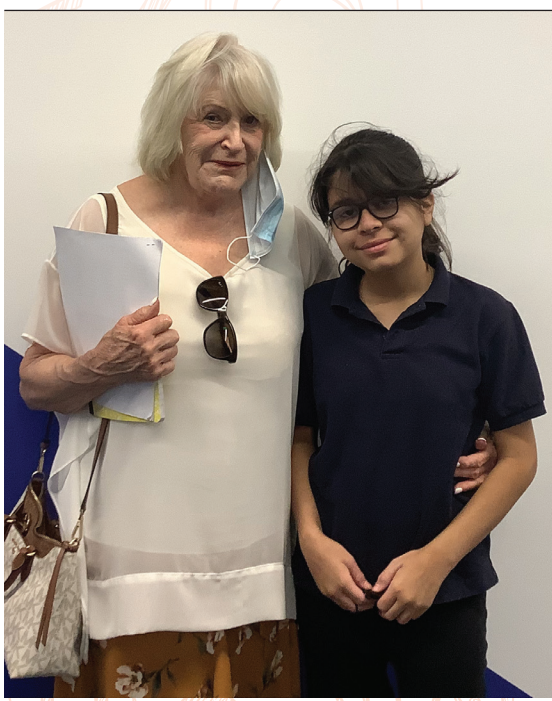
334
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

2022-2023 READ WITH ME PROJECTED BUDGET

	PROJECTED BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2021-2022
INCOME		
Grants	\$221,760.40	\$145,993.46
Donations	\$280,950.00	\$219,040.00
Revenue from Transportation Grant	\$117,585.60	\$97,400.00
Sub Total Donations	\$620,296.00	\$462,433.46
Earned Interest Income		\$23.30
Refunds		\$2,008.44
TOTAL REVENUE	\$620,296.00	\$464,465.20
Net Investment Income		
EXPENSES		
Accounting & Professional Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,481.50
Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$28.17
Books	\$95,000.00	\$95,950.24
Buses Transportation	\$106,896.00	\$102,500.70
Computer Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employee Wages	\$181,000.00	\$64,992.00
Emergency Fund Expense	\$5,000.00	\$5,582.85
Field Trips	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raising Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$14,279.49
Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$6,561.00
Licenses, Permits & Dues	\$1,500.00	\$991.46
Materials	\$30,000.00	\$24,032.94
Meetings & Travel-Meals	\$3,000.00	\$2,836.89
Office Expenses	\$6,500.00	\$7,738.02
Payroll Expenses	\$18,800.00	\$5,209.88
Postage	\$1,500.00	\$554.75
PR & Marketing	\$14,000.00	\$11,900.00
Printing & Stationery	\$1,000.00	\$1,434.38
Rent	\$18,000.00	\$20,976.00
Software Licenses	\$8,000.00	\$7,142.14
Special Event Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Consultants	\$63,000.00	\$64,291.16
Telephone & Internet	\$3,500.00	\$2,165.07
Volunteer Appreciation	\$17,000.00	\$14,518.85
Volunteer Training	\$4,000.00	\$25.86
Web Management	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$595,296.00	\$456,193.35
Grants to Schools	\$17,000.00	\$8,827.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$615,296.00	\$465,020.35

New Role with Read with Me Volunteer Programs. This summer, I joined the Read with Me team as our educational consultant. As Principal of Incline Elementary School partnering with Read with Me for the last six years, I have witnessed the tremendous impact that our Read with Me volunteers have had on student achievement. Consistently, Read with Me was our most impactful reading intervention with students who read weekly with a volunteer for 20 minutes one-on-one outpacing their peers in reading growth. Now, I am excited to be a part of the Read with Me leadership team in continuing to bring our wonderful program to schools across the Coachella Valley and Northern Nevada. I am confident that my 30+ years as a public-school educator will be valuable in helping our non-profit continue provide outstanding supports to our students who are beginning their reading journeys, from learning to read to reading to learn! Our mission is particularly focused on students who come from low income and limited English-speaking environments. At Read with Me Volunteer Programs, we need your help to ensure that we can continue to provide volunteers, book giveaways, and school grant opportunities to our young readers. If you live in the Coachella Valley or in Northern Nevada and want to work directly with students in kindergarten through 6th grade, please reach out to me through our website to contribute to Read with Me, or so that I can connect you with one of our Regional Volunteer Coordinators and help you get started as a RWM volunteer. Together we can make a difference! Thank you for your support!

Dan Zimmerman
CONSULTANT



2022 EMERGENCY FUND

Our Emergency Fund continues to help the families of our students who are faced with an unexpected or catastrophic situation and need immediate short-term assistance. These funds are designed to bridge the time between an emergency happening and when other resources kick in. As an example, two families whose trailer homes were destroyed by fire, got immediate assistance from us to help with food and shelter. Not all financial help results from tragedy, though. One of our students from Palm View Elementary School, Faith Zapata, with the help of her Read with Me volunteer Charmaine du Preez, earned a spot in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Many of the expenses were paid by the Spelling Bee organization, but there was still a considerable out of pocket cost. Teachers at the school had a fundraiser and we made a significant contribution as well. We are proud of Faith and Charmaine for this wonderful achievement. A first for one for a Read with Me student and tutor! In 2022-2023, we will again have our Emergency Fund in place to help our students and their families in need.

—HORST ENGEL, EMERGENCY FUND COORDINATOR

Read with Me was awarded the Coachella Valley Spotlight Grant by KESQ News Channel 3 and the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation for being an outstanding non-profit (left). RWM Board Members and our Student Speaker at the April Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (right).

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