



### BNP Paribas Honors Community Heroes

Teresa O'Neill, a longtime Read With Me volunteer at Mecca School, was celebrated on March 15, 2024, as one of this year's community heroes at the BNP Paribas Open, held at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Her tireless dedication to improving literacy for underserved children at

Mecca School has made a profound impact. Teresa's passion for education and her unwavering commitment to the students exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism. This prestigious recognition underscores her outstanding contributions to the community and the lasting difference she continues to make in the lives of countless children. Thank you Desert Champions for honoring Teresa!



### Read With Me Alumna delivers Volunteer Luncheon Speech

At the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on April 16, 2024, Karen Magana, a senior at Desert Mirage High School and an alumna of Saul Martinez Elementary School, was the featured

speaker. During her inspiring speech, Karen shared how a Read With Me volunteer had a profound impact on her as an elementary student, nurturing her love for reading and writing English. She also revealed that she has earned a full ride QuestBridge Scholarship to Pomona College, where she intends to major in English. Karen's story highlighted the significant role volunteers play in shaping students' futures and underscored the enduring impact of their support.



### Science of Reading Training at Southwest Church

On January 29, 2024, Dr. Molly McCabe, an Instructional Services Administrator at Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE), led the first Science of Reading training at Southwest Church. Dr. McCabe worked closely with over 100 dedicated volunteers, guiding them

through the latest research and instructional strategies. Her leadership and expertise ensured that participants left with a deep understanding of how to effectively teach reading. The event was a resounding success, marking a significant step forward in equipping volunteers with the tools they need to improve literacy outcomes for students across the region.

### RWM holds first Literacy Field Days

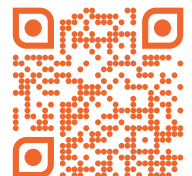
Read With Me, in partnership with Desert Sands Unified School District Expanded Learning Opportunity Programs, proudly held its first Literacy Field Days, engaging over 400 students across two school sites. Over two exciting days, students participated in a variety of literacy games, activities, drama, and read-alongs. This vibrant event fostered a love for reading and learning, creating memorable experiences that highlighted the joy and importance of literacy in a fun and interactive way.



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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## Read With Me Volunteer Programs

"Recently, I went to my first volunteer session at JFK Elementary school and it was a rewarding experience! The teacher supplied me with the reading book and easy-to-follow materials. The students' levels varied from 1st to 4th grade (these were all fifth grade students!) and they were eager to participate and learn. Additionally, they were very respectful. Helping these students has given me a sense of purpose and joy. If you have just one hour a week to help as a Read With Me volunteer, you will be happy you did!"

**Ruth Shulby,**  
*New Read With Me volunteer*



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



### HELP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

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