



Reading Recovery® Council  
of North America

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## **Scholarships Support Training of Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders in Four States**

**WORTHINGTON, OH** — The Reading Recovery Council of North America is pleased to announce six \$15,000 scholarships to train teacher leaders during the 2018-19 training year. Funds were generously provided by The James P. Verhalen Family Foundation, Hameray Publishing Group/Yuen Family Foundation, Pioneer Valley Books, and MaryRuth Books.

Teacher Leader Training Scholarships are awarded to school districts that have demonstrated a commitment to Reading Recovery and selected a suitable teacher leader candidate. The scholarships provide support for the initial training of teacher leaders, which consists of a full time, one-year postgraduate course conducted at Reading Recovery training centers in the U.S. and Canada. Teacher leaders train and coach Reading Recovery teachers in their districts and teach first-grade children who struggle in learning to read and write.

This year's recipients are Michelle Brown, Branson School District, Branson, MO, training at University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Rachel Chappell, Sarasota County Schools, Sarasota, FL, training at National Louis University; Katherine Herring, Chesterfield County School District, Chesterfield, SC, training at Clemson University; Peggy Phillips, Lexington School District One, Lexington, SC, training at Clemson University; Mallory Turner, Effingham County Schools, Springfield, GA, training at Georgia State University; and Mary Vreeman, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, FL, training at National Louis University.

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### **About the Donors**

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### **About the Reading Recovery Council of North America**

The Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA) is a not-for-profit association of Reading Recovery professionals and partners. The Council provides a network of professional development opportunities and is an advocate for Reading Recovery in the United States and Canada. Based in Worthington, OH, RRCNA is celebrating 20 years of dedicated service to Reading Recovery and early literacy professionals.

### **About Reading Recovery**

More than 2.4 million struggling first-grade readers and writers in North America have benefitted from the one-to-one teaching expertise of Reading Recovery professionals. The intervention, introduced to North America in 1984 by educators at The Ohio State University, has more research proving its effectiveness than any other beginning reading program.

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