Double Down On Our Mission

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Double your donation to the Foundation for Struggling Readers during its Annual Appeal

My favorite English teacher, Ms. Patty Maghee, had an enormous vocabulary and a knack for wordplay that always kept us laughing. She could pun with the best of them! She had a particular penchant for words with multiple meanings. Here’s one she would have loved:

**Foundation** [foun-dey-shuhn] noun
1. The natural or prepared ground or base on which some structure rests
2. The basis of anything, i.e. The foundation of society
3. The act of founding, setting up, or establishing
4. An institution financed by a donation or legacy to aid research, education, or a cause

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Whether a literal or intangible definition resonates most, for a word with such a variety of definitions, there’s no denying the importance of foundations in our lives.

When I think of all the amazing teachers in my past, Ms. Maghee most of all, what I remember most is their generosity. Generous with their energy, spirit, kindness, knowledge, and, yes, their funds. When it comes to the Reading Recovery® Community, we are also generous in giving back to our profession through donations to the Foundation for Struggling Readers.

For the first time in many years, the Reading Recovery Community will hold an Annual Appeal to raise funds for the Foundation for Struggling Readers. The Foundation aims to be a base of support as we build educators and the students in their care toward a bigger, brighter future. The Foundation offers a strong launching point from which to build literacy experts who ignite children’s love of reading.

We’re building a community of literacy experts one by one! Last year the Foundation funded dozens of educators through professional development awards and financed the training of three new teacher leaders. We also invested significantly in research and advocacy, tracking state-level legislation to help Reading Recovery professionals stay informed and respond to detractors who would rob schools of essential one-to-one intervention.

Perhaps you received a financial award or a scholarship in your past, and it’s time to pay that forward. Maybe you want to give in memory of someone who shaped your life and career. Or perhaps you want to leave your own legacy to keep Reading Recovery available for the children who need it most. Whatever your reason, the time to give is now during the annual appeal. Our goal is to raise $50,000, and now through the end of the calendar year, all funds will be doubled through a matching bequest from Dr. Billie Askew, so your gift is twice as generous!

And as the name implies, the Foundation for Struggling Readers ultimately supports the little learners most in need by building the expertise of the educators who serve them. So, I ask on behalf of students, schools, and our community of educators that you give generously over the coming months. Just like Ms. Maghee and all our favorite teachers, your generosity makes a lasting impression, one that can turn the page for keeping Reading Recovery, DLL, and Literacy Lessons™ in schools for years to come.
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THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS

✓ Generating positive engagement in national dialogue through our PR partnership with Kivvit

✓ Advocating at both the state and federal level around literacy learning legislation, funding, and administrative regulations

✓ Funding professional development experiences, including three Teacher Leader Training Awards and dozens of LitCon PD awards

✓ Expanding the integration of Improvement Science initiatives, establishing Carnegie Improvement Science as a central strategy to improve early literacy intervention, specifically, Reading Recovery

✓ Developing pro-school, pro-teacher, and pro-student resources and strategies to reach struggling readers

✓ Engaging with Advocates for Literacy, a coalition of professional associations with a focus on literacy efforts

✓ Partnering for school and district improvement initiatives through the Council of Chief State School Officers Collaboratives

WE CAN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

- Make a one-time or recurring donation
- Contribute in honor of a loved one
- Direct a required minimum disbursement toward the Foundation
- Remember the Foundation in your estate planning

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