

# READ WITH ME VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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November 12, 2022

Jan Stuaber  
The Beacon Society  
c/o Cindy Brown, Grant Committee Chair  
3912 Circle Bluff Court  
Dallas, TX 75244

Dear Ms. Stauber,

On behalf of the 350 volunteers and 10,000 children involved with our Read With Me Volunteer Programs, I want to thank you so very much for your recent donation of \$750.00 to purchase the Sherlock Holmes books.

As you may know, we have just completed 18 years of helping the most vulnerable children in 15 schools in our Coachella Valley and two schools in Nevada learn to read and comprehend English.

In 2021-2022, we were able to partner with schools to measure the success of our work by analyzing reading assessment data. Across all participating schools, students in grades 1-6 who received tutoring with a Read with Me Volunteer had, on average, more than 50% more growth on the reading assessment than their peers who did not receive tutoring. Working together, teachers and volunteers have a tremendous impact on student reading achievement.

Thank you for your trust in us to help end poverty in this country by assuring that our children develop to their fullest potential and achieve academic success by learning to read, write, comprehend and speak English while understanding that people care about them as individuals.

Most Sincerely,



Roberta Klein  
Founder & President

P.S. Please note that no goods or services were offered to you in exchange for this contribution. Therefore, the gift is fully tax-deductible. Please confer with your tax advisor and save this letter for tax purposes. Our non-profit organization is a qualified 501 (c) (3) public charity, and our Federal Tax number is EIN#47-1406641

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November 21, 2022

Ms. Cindy Brown  
Grant Committee Chair  
The Beacon Society/Jan Stauber  
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Dear Cindy:

I am pleased to be sending you the Read With Me Volunteer Programs 2021-2022 Annual Report, and to thank you once again for the remarkable difference you have made to children who are struggling to learn to read and comprehend English.

I want to share with you a bit of the speech one of our students gave at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for you to understand a little more about the impact we are making with our most struggling students:

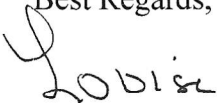
I'm very honored to address you today ... the folks who help the 9,000 elementary students (in the Coachella Valley) to read **better** ... To begin, I'd like to tell you something about **me**. ... You may have noticed my **long-braided hair** ... I wear it that way because I'm a **proud** native American ... a member of the Torres Martinez Band of Desert Indians. For my ancestors and me ... long hair says I have **pride, strength and self-esteem**. I live on a reservation that extends from Thermal to past the Sultan Sea ...

I'm here to talk about reading. I really like to read ... **reading makes me happy**. We just read about Abraham Lincoln ... the guy who **learned to read** almost on his **own** ... he took books with him **wherever he went** and read them **whenever he could**...

I just read a kids' version of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes." Boy were **they good stories**. In each story Holmes used his **unreal ability** to take in a lot of information from a single look at a thing or a person. And he was **really smart** in how he used the information, coming up with **cool ways to trap** the bad guys and solve a case. I think I learned this from Holmes: ... don't let a first look cloud your judgment ... We all think volunteers have made **reading fun for us** ...

So, I'm saying THANK YOU from every one of us. Have a great holiday and New Year!

Best Regards,



Louise C Cummings  
Development Manager

Read With Me Volunteer Programs

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