Spread the word...Read to Me Project is part of Monterey County Gives!



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Can we count on your support? As an advocate for early literacy, you recognize the importance of Read to Me Project's annual request for help. It is a continuing effort to close the literacy gap among thousands of children in low literacy families. Read to Me Project provides preschoolers with the foundational building blocks of early literacy and improves the reading skill and comprehension of the participating 4th through 6th grade students.

Every child, regardless of their background, deserves an equitable start in school. Yet, in Monterey County, a staggering 75% of children enter school with a deficit of at least two years in basic vocabulary, language skills, and cognitive development – all crucial prerequisites for mastering the art and science of reading.

With your help, Read to Me Project will continue to:

- Prepare more pre-school aged children from low-literacy households to start school on par with their peers and provide opportunities for 4th - 6th grade student participants to improve their reading skills.
- Deliver fundamental training to parents with limited literacy skills, equipping them with strategies to foster their young child's literacy development.
- Invest in age-appropriate books and educational materials essential for program implementation among students, preschoolers, and parents.

Read to Me Project has proven results:

- 3- and 4-year-olds being read to by an older sibling as part of Read to Me Project scored 2 to 8% higher than nonparticipants in assessments measuring their kindergarten readiness.
- The older siblings (4th-6th graders) improved their standard assessment scores by on average 68% compared to nonparticipants.

When you donate through the **Monterey County Gives! Campaign**, your contribution will generate an additional 10 – 15% match. Will you please help by donating through one of the following ways between now and December 31st?

- Click the **DONATE NOW** button below, or
- Write a check made payable to "Community Foundation for Monterey County" **with a note specifying "MCGives! / Read to Me Project" on the memo line**, and mail to CFMC, Attn: MCGives!, 2354 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

On behalf of the thousands of children and families we are serving this year, we thank you for your support!

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