



...Creating family and community connections

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President's Message

Betty J. Mohlenbrock, M.Ed., Founder and President



Dear Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day!!! I wish to extend my love and gratitude to you for your support and encouragement as we expand the benefits of shared-reading throughout San Diego County in the hearts and lives of thousands of at-risk children, youth, and adults. These experiences create "reading legacies" that will last forever - instilling the joy of reading, providing positive role models, increasing self-esteem, creating interest in educational goals, and healing broken relationships. The power of the shared-word is truly immeasurable. Together, we are rebuilding the fabric of our society by giving of our time, attention, and resources to those who need our help through shared-reading time.

Blessings,

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Family Connections

...creating connections for children and their incarcerated family members through read-aloud DVD's and books mailed home.



Pictured above are 9 “Dads” who are graduating from our Family Connections Extended (six-session) Program at the **San Diego County Sheriff’s East Mesa Reentry Facility** on February 5, 2016. Inmates received Certificates of Completion and were congratulated by representatives of Reading Legacies and the Sheriff’s Department.

“My goal [when I get out] is to spend more time with them at the library because reading is really good and develops their (my kids’) minds. This is one of the best programs they got here.” (Quote from graduating Dad)

Community Connections

...creating connections for preschoolers and local teens through reading aloud together.



(Jan. 20, 2016). Pictured above are our Youth Reading Role Models from **Hoover High School** receiving Certificates of Appreciation for volunteering their time at **Euclid Child Development Center** in City Heights, San Diego.

"I read the same books to my siblings & it helps to express their imagination. I am very shy but it has made me more comfortable with talking to people. It has affected me the most by being responsible. It helps both the children & us to improve on many things."

Helping Hands & Hearts

Jennifer Nguyen



Jennifer Nguyen was an intern with Reading Legacies who came to us from **San Diego State University**. As an intern, she volunteered her time in juvenile and adult detention facilities including our extended (six-session) program at **San Diego County Sheriff's East Mesa Reentry Facility**. Jennifer also volunteered in the office helping with various

administrative tasks. She has volunteered a total of 201 hours since joining our team in September 2015.

Thank you, Jennifer, for your dedication to children and families in our community!

Thank You For Giving!

Reading Legacies is so very grateful to:

Las Patronas for generously donating funding to purchase program and office equipment including 27 Sony DVD camcorders and 22 tripods for our Family Connections program and a new desktop computer and monitor for the office.



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