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**REACH OUT AND READ IGNITES GIVING TUESDAY INITIATIVE WITH IMPACTFUL, BIPOC-INSPRIED DONATION FOR CHILDREN .**

Diverse books are core to Reach Out and Read's vision of building healthy bonds through shared reading with young children. The nonprofit works to ensure all children and families see themselves reflected in the books they provide through well-child visits.

"We are committed to ensuring not only that diverse books are built into our model, but also that we do the important work to make them more available, more affordable, and more accessible," Martinez said. "Representation is best understood when we see it and feel it firsthand."

Reach Out and Read provides children from birth to five years old with a foundation for literacy and introduces parents to early reading for their children. Studies demonstrate that daily read-aloud sessions enhance cognitive and emotional development, and increase the connections between parent and child.

Reach Out and Read firmly believes that every child can benefit from daily reading with a caregiver. Building upon decades of success, the organization is committed to continuing its mission to serve children in all 50 states and beyond.

As the only national pediatric literacy program endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Reach Out and Read extends its reach to children in all 50 states, serving a remarkable 4.1 million children annually. Half of these children come from low-income families. As awareness of the program grows, the Reach Out and Read model has the potential to reach approximately 80 percent of all children in the U.S. through well-child visits, which surpass 2.3 million nationwide.

For those eager to join Reach Out and Read's Giving Tuesday initiative, please visit [bit.ly/RORGivingTuesday](http://bit.ly/RORGivingTuesday).

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**About Reach Out and Read:** Reach Out and Read is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that empowers young children by integrating books into pediatric care and encouraging family reading. It is the sole national pediatric literacy model endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, serving children in all 50 states.

**About Giving Tuesday:** Giving Tuesday is a global movement that harnesses the power of radical generosity to transform communities and the world. Established in 2012, it is a day of giving that follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year, Giving Tuesday will be celebrated on November 28, 2017.