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## REACH OUT AND READ NAMES 16 PARTNERS TO INAUGURAL HONOR ROLL CLASS

The award recognizes corporate and public policy partners whose meaningful support helps the national nonprofit and its Affiliates serve children nationwide

BOSTON (July 9, 2024) - National nonprofit Reach Out and Read announces its first Honor Roll class, recognizing corporate and public policy partners from all across the country.

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Reach Out and Read's corporate partners are vital to the local communities it serve them provide funding through donations, sponsorships, or in-kind gifts; offer expert through governing boards or working committees; represent and elevate Reach Out Read's brand; "All About Books has been a willing, flexible, and enthusiastic Reach Out and Read partner. Their understanding of our goal to offer a wide range of inclusive books that meet the needs of the communities we serve — in specific languages, featuring diverse characters, at the best prices possible — is incredibly valuable," Cunningham said. "They have consistently been a valuable sponsor at our Leadership Conference, and their positive attitude and thought partnership is widely appreciated across our network."

Reach Out and Read's public policy advocates help Affiliates or National secure public investment, create government partnerships, or aid with writing or passing legislation. These policymakers understand the comprehensive care Reach Out and Read implements and are allies in creating public health solutions that fit their geographies.

The inaugural public policy Honor Roll includes: <u>Colorado State Sens. Jeff Bridges and Barbara Kirkmeyer</u>; <u>Minnesota State Rep. Dave Pinto</u>; <u>New Jersey State Sen. M. Teresa Ruiz</u>; <u>Oklahoma Health Care Authority</u>; and <u>Wisconsin State Sen. Joan Ballweg</u>

"The collaborative approach of Senators Bridges and Kirkmeyer goes beyond political boundaries," said Amy Malik, Director of Development, Reach Out and Read Colorado. "Their bipartisan legislation, which covers a portion of our book purchases, has catalyzed transformative outcomes that enhance our reach and effectiveness. Their support enabled us to bring on new clinics, diversify and enrich our selection of books, and expand our network of providers."

CEO Martinez commends both Honor Roll categories.

"The unwavering support of these partners has