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To the Reading Partners community,

As we approach the end of National Reading Month, I want to share some of the ways our Reading Partners community has been working diligently to promote literacy advancement and awareness over the past few months.

Together, we are constantly striving to provide more and better opportunities and supports for our students. Thank you for being part of a collective movement of volunteers, supporters, and education advocates who believe that all children deserve the opportunity to fall in love with reading and write their own ticket in school and beyond.

In partnership,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karine Apollon".

Karine Apollon
CEO, Reading Partners





National Tutor For A Day events

On Friday, February 8, Reading Partners teams nationwide put their day jobs on hold to flood our reading centers with a wave of tutoring power, all to benefit the students we serve. The objective was to celebrate our 20th anniversary with a massive tutoring event to support the literacy development of hundreds of students in a single day.

I had a wonderful time tutoring two incredible students in one of our New York City reading centers. It was inspiring to be surrounded by staff and AmeriCorps team members throughout the day. If you'd like to get a small taste of the event, check out this [short slideshow](#).



Two signature 20th anniversary events

Twenty years ago, Reading Partners' founders had a vision that all children should have the opportunity to learn to read. We have come a long way since those early days, from tutoring a handful of students to now serving 11,000 students across the United States. To mark this noteworthy milestone, we are hosting two celebratory events—one took place last week in San Francisco and the other will be on May 8 in New York City.

A Novel Night

Our first event in San Francisco featured a conversation with Olympic gold medalist and children's author, Kristi Yamaguchi, moderated by NBC Bay Area anchor and Emmy Award winning journalist, Jessica Aguirre. You can take a peek at the event in this [NBC coverage](#). Special guest, Molly McCrory, one of our co-founders, was presented with a signed poster of our [20-year timeline](#). We applaud Molly for having the courage and conviction to dedicate her life to serving others.

20th Anniversary Benefit

Our second event in New York on May 8 is destined to be equally as exciting. For anyone interested in attending the May event, you can learn more and purchase tickets [here](#). We would love for you to join us!



Growing team, growing impact

We're hiring a senior vice president of human resources

As we look to the future, Reading Partners is seeking to find a professional, dynamic, self-motivated leader to join us as our senior vice president of HR, serving as the top human capital expert and people advocate within the organization. If you are aware of anyone who might be interested, or if you just want to help us promote this exciting role, here is a link to the [full job description](#).

Now accepting AmeriCorps applications

We are also currently accepting applications for our 2019-20 AmeriCorps team. AmeriCorps members are critical to our success as an organization. Be it leading the day-to-day operations of our reading centers, recruiting volunteers, or coaching volunteer tutors, our members make an impact on the students we serve. [Learn more about serving a year](#) with Reading Partners and spread the word.

Liza McFadden joins our national board

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Liza McFadden recently joined our national board. Liza has spent 25 years redefining how nonprofits, for-profits, and government can work more collaboratively. She has served as the president of the Barbara Bush Foundation, as an advisor to a Commissioner of Education, and as the CEO of four foundations.

In the news

For the second time in the past several months, Reading Partners was included in an article in the [New York Times](#), this one, an interactive piece asserting that Reading Partners is a program worth investing in. Here are several other fantastic media stories about Reading Partners that have come out over the past few months. Take a look and spread the word. [You can find even more news coverage on our website](#).



[Take time to inspire your team](#)

CEO Karine Apollon shares her approach to leadership and her path to a career in education services. Key takeaway: "Inspire your team".



[Magic of storytelling: Ken Rosato reads to students in the Bronx](#)

TV news anchor, Ken Rosato, visited a reading center at PS48 in the Bronx to serve as a tutor for a day.



[Striving to fund Oakland reading centers](#)

Jordyn began the school year reading at third-grade level. She's one of thousands of Oakland Unified School District students needing additional supports offered by Reading Partners.



[Woman nearly killed in car crash now giving back](#)

She's a walking miracle. Almost two years since an accident nearly took her life, Molei Wright is now inspiring Colorado's youth.



[Transmite tu amor a la lectura a un niño y regístrate como voluntario con Reading Partners](#)

Lorena Mayorga, coordinadora de la organización Reading Partners, invita al público a sumarse a un programa comunitario que recluta a voluntarios que deseen ayudar y orientar a niños del área.



[Mayor Catherine Pugh calls for volunteers in Baltimore](#)

Reading is the foundation for all future learning. In Baltimore, 86 percent of our city's fourth graders are reading below grade level. Together, we can change that.



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