

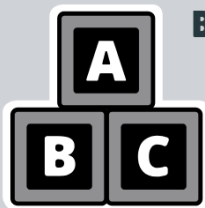
# Dollars At Work

## REACH OUT AND READ

### FAST FACTS

**2,000** BOOKS

scholastic books were distributed to patients in 2018. The program also provides bilingual books for non-English-speaking children.



**BENEFITS 3 – 6**

Preschool children served by Reach Out and Read score three to six months ahead of their non-Reach Out and Read peers on vocabulary tests.

**\$3** COST

At approximately \$3 per book, a gift at any level will help ensure children continue receiving the advantage of reading and the subsequent development it provides.



### FAMILIES WHO ARE PROVIDED BOOKS



- Read together more often
- Children enter kindergarten with larger vocabularies and stronger language skills

Since 2016, the Department of Family and Community Medicine has implemented a Reach Out and Read program with great success! Medical providers hand out free books donated by CMN Hershey at well-child appointments, which opens the door to discuss the importance of literacy with parents.

The books provide opportunities for providers to engage parents and children in conversations about reading at home, more easily recognize reading delays in their patients, and demonstrate their investment in the child's physical and mental growth. Additionally, these books help begin home libraries.



*Stephanie enjoys reading with her Miracle Kids Laken and Deacon*



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