



HOW TO SUPPORT REACH OUT AND READ

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

Thank you for your interest in the Reach Out and Read program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Primary Care Centers. Reach Out and Read®, a national nonprofit organization started at Boston City Hospital in 1989, works to strengthen families with young children through guidance from medical clinicians about nurturing relationships through shared reading. We envision a world where every child has the relationships essential to learn and thrive. There are 6,500 primary care medical offices in the nation that have the program. In deep partnership with a network of clinicians (physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants), Reach Out and Read leverages the near-universal reach of the pediatric well visit, using brandnew children's books and shared reading to support parents and caregivers in fostering healthy relationships with their young children, from newborn through 5 years old. Reach Out and Read works directly with pediatric primary care clinicians to share the lifelong benefits that result from parents reading aloud with their children every day.

Reach Out and Read at CHOP started in 1996 and is implemented at 22 outpatient CHOP Primary Care Centers located in Northwest, West and South Philadelphia, the PA suburbs (Broomall, Chalfont, Coatesville, Collegeville, Kennett Square, Media, Norristown, Pottstown, Souderton, Springfield, West Chester and West Grove), and the NJ suburbs (Burlington Township, Gibbsboro and Moorestown). Also, Reach Out and Read is at seven CHOP Neonatal Follow-up Programs and one Cardiac Developmental Follow-up Program. This year, the primary care doctors and nurse practitioners at the CHOP Reach Out and Read sites will need to provide 162,000+ brand-new books to nearly 100,000 patients, newborn through 5 years.

Reach Out and Read at CHOP **relies 100% on donations** and support from schools, community groups, corporations, families, and individuals, through grants, fundraisers, and book drives. Below are some ways to get involved.

Contribute to the Reach Out and Read Endowment at CHOP

Through the generosity of a family whose commitment to Reach Out and Read at CHOP spans 23 years, we established a permanent endowment. Fostering literacy and a love of reading opens countless avenues for success and lifelong joys for children. One of the most meaningful, and lasting, ways to support our program at CHOP Primary Care Centers is through giving to the program's endowment. An endowment is a permanent investment that grows over time while providing steady annual funding to continue and expand initiatives. Program growth is sustained by using a portion of the fund's net value each year, while leaving the fund's balance intact. Just as reading is a gift that keeps on giving, donations to the endowment provide perpetual support for our program's efforts to improve the way children live and grow. *To learn more, please call CHOP Foundation at 267-426-6500 or visit https://www.chop.edu/giving.*

Fundraisers

Have a fundraiser to collect money so the coordinator of Reach Out and Read at CHOP can purchase at least 162,000 wonderful brand-new books this year. It costs \$50 to provide brand-new books for one child in this program, through each of the child's 14 primary care well visits (checkups) from newborn through 5 years of age. Donors in the past have had success encouraging families, groups or individuals to sponsor a child by donating Reach Out and Read costs for a child. If you plan to have an event to raise funds for Reach Out and Read at CHOP, please call CHOP Foundation at 267-426-6500 or complete the online form at https://www.chop.edu/giving/get-involved/fundraise.

Book Drives

This is a wonderful way for anyone to get involved in helping others and book drives are fun to do. Please read page 2.

Reach Out and Read Volunteers at Some REACH OUT AND READ Sites

If you are 18 years and older, please visit www.chop.edu/volunteer to learn about CHOP volunteer requirements. If you would like to learn about applying to be a Reach Out and Read volunteer, please email reachoutandread@chop.edu.

Monetary donations to Reach Out and Read at CHOP are appreciated and make a significant impact, allowing the program coordinator to purchase the brand-new, appropriate books, at a significant discount, that we need for the patients, newborn through 5 years old. If you would like to make a monetary gift to Reach Out and Read at CHOP by check/mail, please make the check payable to "CHOP Foundation" and on the check memo line write "Reach Out and Read." Please include a letter with your check to inform us how to designate your gift: Reach Out and Read Books, Endowment or Program Support and mail to CHOP Foundation, ATTN: Reach Out and Read, P.O. Box 781352, Philadelphia, PA 19178-1352. If you would like to make a gift online, please visit https://give.chop.edu/page/contribute/reach-out-and-read.

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DONATING BOOKS TO REACH OUT AND READ

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The staff and families at these outpatient primary care centers truly appreciate donations of funds and or appropriate, wonderful children's books. Below are guidelines that were developed out of respect for families and in keeping with the philosophy of Reach Out and Read – every child deserves good quality books.

NEW BOOKS

- In order for the CHOP primary care pediatricians and nurse practitioners to provide new books in the exam rooms during primary care well visits and promote best practices for parents and children, the Reach Out and Read program needs **funds** to purchase at least 162,000 brand-new, developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate books annually for nearly 100,000 patients, ages newborn through 5 years old.
- We are always in great need of brand-new books for infants and toddlers (newborn, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24 and 30 months old). The Reach Out and Read coordinator at CHOP purchases the new books, at a significant discount, that our Reach Out and Read sites need for their patient families. **Therefore, we appreciate and need monetary contributions, as funding makes a significant impact:** https://give.chop.edu/page/contribute/reach-out-and-read.

GENTLY USED BOOKS

- At this time, most of the CHOP Reach Out and Read sites (outpatient Primary Care Centers) can accept donations of gently used (and or new) children's books for the patients being seen for sick visits and older well visits and also for the siblings. These book donations are placed in the site's waiting room bookshelf or in bins in exam rooms/other areas at the site for families to take home and keep. For these donations, we please need books for ages newborn to 10 years old (currently, we don't need more books for adolescents).
- We *cannot* accept these types of books:

Books marked with a Library name Textbooks/Encyclopedias Young adult/adult books

Holiday theme Used sticker books Used coloring/activity books

Religious theme Cloth/Touch & Feel Violent/weapon theme
Books with toys/items attached Magazines/Comic books Books with batteries

DELIVERING BOOKS

• Please email <u>reachoutandread@chop.edu</u> or call 215-590-5989 and press 1 to request the current guidelines, sites and next steps.

The Reach Out and Read coordinator can mail a thank you letter to the donor(s), so please call 215-590-5989 and press 1 to give more information (donor name, mailing or email address, etc.).

Thank you so much for your generous commitment to the Reach Out and Read program at CHOP!

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SOME TITLES FOR THE NEWBORN THRU 5-YEAR-OLD WELL VISITS

TITLE AUTHOR/PUBLISHER

**I Will Talk to You, Little One	Phyllis E. Grann and Tomie dePaola/Simon & Schuster	
**Baby Faces/I Love Colors/What's on my Head?	Margaret Miller/Simon & Schuster	
**Global Babies (not Global Baby Bedtimes)	The Global Fund for Children/Charlesbridge	
**Good Morning Baby **Baby Faces	FUNFAX/DK Publishing (Covent Garden Books)	
**Natural Baby Books (Play, Sleep, Eat, & Splash)	St. Martin's Press by Priddy Books	
**We Say Good Night/We Say Hello (lift-the-flap)	Salina Yoon/Penguin Random House	
**Good Night, Gorilla	Peggy Rathman/Scholastic	
**I Spy Board Books (Little Book/ Little Wheels)	Jean Marzollo, Walter Wick/Scholastic	
**The Going to Bed Book/Opposites/Dinosaurs Dance/	Sandra Boynton/Little Simon (Simon & Schuster)	
**Dinosaur Roar!	Paul & Henriettal Stickland/Scholastic	
**The Everything Book	Denise Fleming/Henry Holt and Company	
**Ten, Nine, Eight	Molly Bang/Scholastic	
**Dear Zoo (lift-the-flap)	Rod Campbell/Little Simon (Simon & Schuster)	
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak/Harper Collins	
The Snowy Day	Ezra Jack Keats/Scholastic	
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt De La Pena/Scholastic (paperback version)	
The Car Washing Street	Denise Lewis Patrick/William Morrow	
Bein' with You This Way	W. Nikola-Lisa/Lee & Low Books, Inc.	
Abiyoyo	Pete Seeger/Scholastic	
Jamaica Tag-Along	Juanita Havill/Houghton Mifflin	
Allie's Basketball Dream	Barbara E. Barber/Lee & Low Books	
Jamal's Busy Day	Wade Hudson/Just Us Books, Inc.	
(Monetary donations to purchase, at a discount, specific bilingual books in many different languages)	starbrightbooks.org	

**Reach Out and Read at CHOP prefers the board book version.

For the Reach Out and Read newborn through 5-year-old well visits, we purchase thousands of other titles not on this list from approved national Reach Out and Read vendors and receive a significant discount.

Reach Out and Read at CHOP is 100% donor funded and supported, and we need and appreciate monetary donations.

We also need funds to purchase, at a discount, bilingual books in 20+ different languages for the newborn through 5-year-old well visits.

If you would like more information, please call 215-590-5989 and press 1 or email ReachOutandRead@chop.edu.

Thank you for your support!

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Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Reach Out and Read Site and Location

Please do not deliver book donations to below sites.

Please email reachoutandread@chop.edu for current updates. Thank you so much!

1)	CHOP Cardiac Kids Developmental Follow-up Program	(W Philadelphia)
2)	CHOP Family Care Center	(W Philadelphia)
3)	CHOP Neonatal Follow-up Program at Buerger	(W Philadelphia)
4)	CHOP Neonatal Follow-up Program at Exton	(Exton, PA)
5)	CHOP Neonatal Follow-up Program at Holy Redeemer Hospital	(Meadowbrook, PA)
6)	CHOP Neonatal Follow-up Program at King of Prussia	(King of Prussia, PA)
7)	CHOP Neonatal Follow-up Program at Lancaster	(Lancaster, PA)
8)	CHOP Neonatal Follow-up Program at Pennsylvania Hospital	(Center City, Philadelphia)
9)	CHOP Neonatal Follow-up Program at Virtua	(Voorhees, NJ)
10)	CHOP Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pediatric Care Center, West Philadelphia	(W Philadelphia)
11)	CHOP Nicholas and Athena Karabots Primary Care Center, Norristown	(Norristown, PA)
12)	CHOP Primary Care, Broomall	(Broomall, PA)
13)	CHOP Primary Care, Chestnut Hill	(NW Philadelphia)
14)	CHOP Primary Care, CHOP Campus	(W Philadelphia)
15)	CHOP Primary Care, Coatesville	(Coatesville, PA)
16)	CHOP Primary Care, Cobbs Creek	(W Philadelphia)
17)	CHOP Primary Care, Collegeville	(Collegeville, PA)
18)	CHOP Primary Care, Drexel Hill (temporarily closed while new bldg. is being built)	(Drexel Hill, PA)
19)	CHOP Primary Care, Gibbsboro	(Gibbsboro, NJ)
20)	CHOP Primary Care, HighPoint	(Chalfont, PA)
21)	CHOP Primary Care, Kennett Square	(Kennett Square, PA)
22)	CHOP Primary Care, Media	(Media, PA)
23)	CHOP Primary Care, Moorestown	(Moorestown, NJ)
24)	CHOP Primary Care, Roxborough	(NW Philadelphia)
25)	CHOP Primary Care, Salem Road	(Burlington Township, NJ)
26)	CHOP Primary Care, Souderton	(Souderton, PA)
27)	CHOP Primary Care, South Philadelphia	(S Philadelphia)
28)	CHOP Primary Care, Springfield	(Springfield, PA)
29)	CHOP Primary Care, Sunnybrook	(Pottstown, PA)
30)	CHOP Primary Care, West Chester	(West Chester, PA)
31)	CHOP Primary Care, West Grove	(West Grove, PA)

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