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Rick Hallabrin

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6060 Cornerstone Court West

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Dear Mr. Hallabrin:

On behalf of Reach Out and Read Michigan, thank you for the generous donation of 9500 books from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation partnership with Mailboxes Etc. Your gift has enabled us to provide brand new books to young children and guidance to their parents about the importance of reading at every well-child doctor visit in 9 of our 101 programs throughout Michigan.

Reach Out and Read is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year of making books a part of a healthy childhood. We are pleased to be a part of this network to inspire a love of books in children between 6 months and 5 years when they come in for their well-child visits.

One mom wrote to us this year that her children "cannot wait to go to the doctor to get their books." This is the type of enthusiasm for reading we strive to inspire in the families we serve. With families struggling to make ends meet in this economy, it is more important than ever that we provide books to young children and create literacy rich environments to help them come to school ready to learn.

To learn more about our program please visit our website at [www.reachoutandreadmich.org](http://www.reachoutandreadmich.org).

Thank you again for your generous gift of reading.

Sincerely-

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