

Charitable Giving at Work: Reach Out and Read



Dr. Katrin Schneck stands by a shelf of books provided for GLFHC patients through our “Reach Out and Read” program, which recently lost its state funding and was saved by two generous contributions by donors.



Children who receive health care at GLFHC are eligible to get a book through the “Reach Out and Read” program, which helps demonstrate the importance of reading to these often-underserved patients and their families.

The generous donations of Greater Lawrence Family Health Center’s friends and partners continue to directly impact our ability to provide culturally competent programming for our patients.

Most recently, the External Relations department coordinated an effort to save the “Reach Out and Read” program from extinction with the help of two \$2,500 contributions.

This program allows GLFHC providers to hand out books during pediatric physicals and to demonstrate the importance of reading with our patients and their families. The program had been funded at the state level in the past, but unfortunately lost all such funding this year.

These critical contributions allowed us to order over 1,000 books which are both developmentally appropriate and bilingual. Having been devastated by the loss of funding, our providers are now so pleased to continue to be able to provide the benefits of this program to children and their families.

Naturally, the children are also excited to be able to continue to receive books when they show up for their appointments!

Charitable contributions from our friends and partners allow GLFHC to continue its mission of improving and maintaining the health of individuals and families in the Merrimack Valley by providing a network of high quality, comprehensive healthcare services and by training healthcare professionals to respond to the needs of a culturally diverse population.