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REACH OUT AND READ MIDWEST NAMES LOZIER FOUNDATION TO 2025 HONOR ROLL CLASS

Nebraska-based foundation recognized for transformative support of early literacy and pediatric family engagement

OMAHA, Neb. (Dec. 8, 2025) - [Reach Out and Read Midwest](#) is proud to announce that the [Lozier Foundation](#) has been named to the 2025 Reach Out and Read Honor Roll, a national recognition celebrating exceptional partners whose leadership strengthens early literacy, caregiver-child connection, and equitable pediatric care.

"The Lozier Foundation has been committed to supporting education, social services, and issues involving women and children since 1986. We are committed to literacy in the state of Nebraska and appreciate the work of Reach Out and Read to further this cause," said Dr. Susan Toohey, Director of Educational Initiatives at the Lozier Foundation.

The Lozier Foundation was nominated for its extraordinary impact across Nebraska, where its support helped expand Reach Out and Read's evidence-based early literacy model into pediatric clinics and communities statewide. Their leadership comes at an important time, as Nebraska's Reach Out and Read clinic sites are now part of the newly formed Reach Out and Read Midwest Affiliate, serving clinics and communities in Nebraska and Iowa. The Midwest affiliate's goal of reaching all children 5 and under, particularly in under-resourced communities, will combat inequity, address social drivers of health, and alter the trajectories of children's lives.

"The Lozier Foundation's partnership has been instrumental in expanding our programs, helping more children access books and early literacy support through their pediatric visits," said Laura Holms, Executive Director of Reach Out and Read Midwest. "The Lozier Foundation's new two-year commitment ensures we can continue building strong foundations for learning and family connections statewide. We're thrilled to recognize them on the Reach Out and Read Honor Roll."

Reach Out and Read's model centers on the simple but powerful idea that pediatric care can be a pathway to strong early relationships and early literacy. At well-child visits from birth to age five, pediatric clinicians provide families with new books and guidance on shared reading,

turning everyday medical care into an opportunity to nurture language development, emotional connection, and lifelong learning.

In FY25, with help from partners like the Lozier Foundation, Reach Out and Read supported 11.2 million well-child visits nationwide and reached 4.8 million children, including thousands across Nebraska. Each Honor Roll member was nominated by Reach Out and Read staff and medical leaders for significant and sustained impact through funding, advocacy, expertise, or community engagement. The Lozier Foundation was one of only 23 honorees selected nationwide for 2025.

Reach Out and Read Midwest will present the Honor Roll award to **Susan Toohey, Director of Educational Initiatives at The Lozier Foundation on December 10.**

To learn more about Reach Out and Read Midwest and its impact in Nebraska, visit ReachOutandRead.org/Midwest.

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About Reach Out and Read: As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, Reach Out and Read leverages the near-universal reach of the pediatric well-child visit to support caregivers in fostering healthy relationships with their young children through shared reading. In FY25, Reach Out and Read served more than 4.8 million children and provided 9 million free books across 11.2 million well-child visits. Around 70 percent of the children Reach Out and Read serves are from low-income families. The only national pediatric literacy model endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Reach Out and Read serves children in every state across the U.S.,