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Dear Friends,

All of us in Raising Readers in Story County appreciate the generous support of our community. Raising Readers is committed to improving language and literacy development in children from birth to eight years of age and nurturing healthy parent-child relationships. We support Story County families with a number of programs described on the enclosed 2008-09 Annual Report. Because we are volunteers, a minimum of our funds go to operating costs. We are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children. The need has never been greater.

We are excited about how much Raising Readers in Story County has already accomplished:

- a national award
- 10,000 books a year to children
- 17 public reading corners
- expanding community partnerships
- new family literacy classes, and more!

In the coming years we are determined to become "ever better" as we build on these effective programs and add a few new ones in order to make a positive difference for children, families, and providers in our area.

More information about Raising Readers is available on our website at [www.raising-readers.org](http://www.raising-readers.org).

The enclosed donor card indicates various ways to make a tax-deductible contribution to promote early literacy. Thank you in advance for your gift!

Sincerely,

Carol Elbert, President

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