

## Celebrating Continued Funding for Early Literacy with RORIE

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As summer winds down and children are [geared up for the upcoming school year](#), we are thrilled to share exciting news that will undoubtedly continue to fuel our commitment to nurturing young minds and promoting early literacy. It is with great pleasure that we announce the official approval of continued funding for [Reach Out and Read Inland Empire \(RORIE\)](#) in both [San Bernardino](#) and [Riverside](#) counties for the 2023-2024 fiscal year through First 5!

The approval of continued funding from these two counties serves as a testament to the dedication and impact of our organization and is recognition of the [vital role that Reach Out and Read plays](#) in promoting early literacy, enriching the lives of children, and strengthening the bond between families and healthcare providers. With the support of these two counties, it empowers us to extend access to high-quality, [age-appropriate books](#), create additional avenues for [eligible sites](#), enhance our family resources, strengthen our pediatric provider initiatives, and devote more resources to strategic community engagement. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one who has contributed to this achievement. Whether you are a dedicated parent fostering reading moments with your child, a passionate pediatric provider championing the cause of early literacy, a devoted volunteer lending energy to our cause, or a generous donor supporting our programs, your unwavering commitment has played a pivotal role in bringing this accomplishment to a reality!

As we move forward, we encourage you to stay engaged with RORIE. Follow us on [social media](#) and spread the word about our mission. With your continued support, we can create a community where every child is read to every day. Until next time, be well and continue to [Reach Out & Read- Inland Empire](#).

