

## A Heartfelt Thank You to First 5 San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

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At [Reach Out and Read Inland Empire](#), our mission to foster early childhood literacy is driven by the incredible support of our partners. As the new fiscal year begins, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to [First 5 San Bernardino](#) and [First 5 Riverside](#) Counties for their

generous financial support and unwavering collaboration over the years. Together, we have made a significant impact on the lives of countless children and families in the Inland Empire. The results of our collaboration are evident in the smiles of children as they receive their very first books, the excitement in their eyes as they discover new stories, and the heartfelt appreciation from providers and the parents who see their children flourish.

Our shared commitment has not only enriched individual lives but has also strengthened our community by [laying a solid foundation for future academic and personal success](#). Through our combined efforts, we have been able to distribute thousands of books to children during their routine well-child visits, ensuring that every child has access to the joy and learning that comes from reading. This partnership has also enabled us to reach more qualifying sites, provide essential [training to healthcare providers](#), and support parents in creating a nurturing reading environment at home.

We are thrilled to announce that First 5 San Bernardino County has approved funding for Reach Out and Read Inland Empire through 2026 with Riverside County signaling to follow suit in the coming months! With this funding, we will be able to implement new program initiatives, enhance our reach, continue to provide essential support to our clinics, and bring the joy of reading to even more children and families in our communities. We sincerely thank you, First 5 San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, for your belief in [our mission](#) and for your unwavering support. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our children, one book at a time. Every book we distribute, every child we inspire, and every family we support brings us one step closer to a world where every child is prepared to achieve their fullest potential. Visit our website to [donate](#), [volunteer](#), or [learn more about how you can get involved](#). With your support, we can continue to transform lives through the power of reading.