

Earn volunteer hours and help a child learn to read!

Become a ReadingPal



ReadingPals help build a strong foundation for literacy and a love of reading. By giving just a small amount of time, they help children develop the skills and enthusiasm for reading, which is so critical to academic success.

ReadingPals is a literacy program operated by United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee. Why does United Way care about helping children learn to read? **Because children who read at grade level by the fourth grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school.** And children who graduate from high school are more likely to be successful, productive community members.

United Way is looking for parent and high school student volunteers to read to 1st graders at CME. The volunteers not only enjoy helping children discover a love of reading, they become their “Pals”. They spend an hour each week during the school year talking, drawing, reading and building a relationship with one another. **For some, this relationship is life-changing.**



United Way ReadingPals Volunteers:

- Attend a short training to learn about the program
- Tutor one child for an hour once a week, Thursday 3:15—4:15; all volunteers must be cleared through our school
- Make a commitment to be consistent every Thursday
- Make a difference in a child's education forever!
- Parent volunteers earn hours; high school students earn community service hours, too!

ReadingPals 2017 2018 will begin on Thursday, September 28th and run through the school year. Commit to one hour per week at the following school:

**Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary
2817 SW 3rd Ln.
Cape Coral, FL 33991**

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