

# **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, high school, and college 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**
- **Read with 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!**
- **PARENTS EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS!**
- **HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS EARN SERVICE LEARNING HOURS, TOO!**

**ReadingPals 2019-2020 will begin on Thursday, September 26th 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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