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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH LITERACY

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60% OF HOUSTON'S CHILDREN DO NOT POSSESS THE READING-READINESS SKILLS EXPECTED UPON ENTERING KINDERGARTEN.

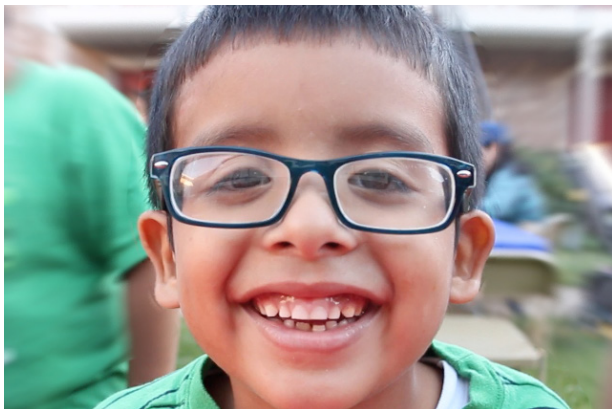
ONLY 1 OUT OF 300 KIDS LIVING IN LOW-INCOME HOMES HAS A BOOK AT HOME.

CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN POVERTY HAVE HEARD **30,000,000** FEWER WORDS BY **AGE 3** THAN THEIR MORE AFFLUENT PEERS.



MAKING IT BETTER

All of our programs promote literacy development and encourage reading as a way of life.



THE PROBLEM

1 in 4 Houston area third graders failed to meet the minimum academic performance level on the state reading assessment.

Children who do not read proficiently by the end of third grade are four times more likely to leave school without a diploma.

Studies show that a lack of parental involvement has a direct impact on a child's academic success.

Only 1 out of 300 kids living in low-income homes has a book at home.

Students who lack a positive role model show lower levels of self-esteem and weaker academics.

"We will never break the cycle of poverty unless we break the inter-generational gap of illiteracy in this city."

Neil Bush,
Chairman
Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation

OUR PROGRAMS

Reading Intervention: individualized, small group instruction for students (K-2) reading significantly below grade level.

Parent Partnership: outreach to educate and empower parents with additional skills and materials to expand their child's learning at home.

Steps 2 Success: after school program helping students develop relationship and leadership skills, resulting in positive community impact.

Lunch Bunch: pairs trained volunteer mentors with small groups of students to promote positive decision making and healthy relationships.



OUR SOLUTIONS

Providing **interventions** to improve students' reading ability by the end of third grade.

Providing **opportunities** for increased parent education and involvement.

Providing **books** through monthly distributions and parent partnership programs.

Providing **positive role models** through relationships with mentors and staff members.

OUR VALUES

Relationships built by trust, respect and commitment.

Partnerships with parents, schools, other non-profits and community members.

Access for all children to high quality programs that develop the whole child.

"Making It Better has dedicated itself to working with kids on developing literacy, leadership and life skills, and the kinds of habits they need in order to be successful."

Dr. Rod Paige,
Former U.S. Secretary of Education