



# READINGPALS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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## WHAT IS READINGPALS?

ReadingPals is a school-based mentoring program that helps four-year-old pre-kindergarten students build the strong early literacy skills necessary for kindergarten success. By supporting children early in their education, we can help increase our high school graduation rate.

## HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

To help tackle the education gap, 200 volunteers are needed to serve one hour per week for 25 hours spent with a student during the 2017-18 school year. ReadingPals volunteers will use themed literacy kits to engage independently with the student they mentor. Age appropriate learning activities are provided. Volunteers will receive mentor training and ongoing support. A Level II background screening, paid for by United Way, is required. Volunteers are asked to be smoke, tobacco, and nicotine free while serving as a ReadingPal.

## 2017-18 SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SITES:

- CA Weis Elementary
- Montclair Elementary
- Global Learning Academy
- Head Start Gibson Center
- McMillian Pre-K Center

# CHANGE

won't happen without  
**YOU!** Become a  
ReadingPals **VOLUNTEER!**

**For more information on volunteer opportunities, please contact United Way's Volunteer Center at [volunteer@unitedwayescambia.org](mailto:volunteer@unitedwayescambia.org) or 434-3157.**

## WHO ARE WE?

United Way of Escambia County has partnered with Every Child A Reader in Escambia (ECARE) to expand the local ReadingPals Program. This partnership is possible due to a generous \$85,000 grant from Carol and Barney Barnett, who have a long legacy of supporting and improving the lives of families in the communities in which Publix operates, and the entities below. To learn more about ECARE, visit [www.escambiareads.org](http://www.escambiareads.org).

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