



Pikes Peak United Way and Governor Polis Celebrate 3 Millionth Imagination Library Book Delivered in Colorado

Colorado Springs, Colo. – This week, [Governor Jared Polis presented the 3 millionth book as a part of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library at Early Connections in Colorado Springs](#). Since 2014, Pikes Peak United Way has managed Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program in El Paso and Teller counties. Nearly 8,500 children are currently enrolled in the program, and more than 21,000 have graduated. Over the past five years of the three million books distributed statewide, Pikes Peak United Way has placed nearly 775,000 books into the hands of children across the Pikes Peak region at no cost to the family.

“Pikes Peak United Way is all about family stability and youth success, and what better way to impact that than by putting books in the hands of children in their earliest moments,” said Cami Bremer, president and CEO of Pikes Peak United Way. **“Children enrolled in the Imagination Library enter kindergarten with higher literacy scores and are less likely to fall below benchmarks, including multilingual learners and children from low-income families. But it’s bigger than kindergarten readiness or serving the underprivileged; it’s about LIFE readiness for ALL children.”**

The local program has been successful thanks in part to generous community members and contributions are needed to ensure books will continue to be delivered. A gift of any size will help ensure that families never have to worry about the cost of building a home library. The program provides one book each month to children in select ZIP codes across El Paso and Teller counties from birth until age 5.

About Pikes Peak United Way: The mission of Pikes Peak United Way is to enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources, and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter, and learning resources. Visit ppunitedway.org for more information and to donate to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. #LiveUnited

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