



## *Raising a City of Readers!*

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Philadelphia READS is pleased to begin the twelfth year of its Power Partners Program. This literacy program promotes literacy growth for the youngest and neediest elementary school children in Philadelphia. Every week, from October through May, over 1,000 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from 40 classrooms receive weekly reading tutorials from over 1,500 adult mentors from 26 corporate and non-profit organizations in our city. The children visit their tutors weekly and benefit from this one-on-one mentorship and experience a real work environment where diverse groups of professionals offer their support in a common effort to “raise a city of readers.”

The following dedicated and caring groups Philadelphia area citizens participate in the Power Partners Program:

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*It is said that there is always a moment in childhood when a door opens and lets the future in.*

*The Power Partners open doors of possibilities with their dedicated efforts and usher in hope and success for the children in our city.*