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THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL READ-A-THON RAISES \$7,000 FOR REACH OUT AND READ GREATER PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, PA -- A read-a-thon by students at The Philadelphia School, an independent school in Center City, raised over \$7,000 for Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia (RORGP), the nonprofit pediatric early literacy organization. The funds will directly help local doctors give books and literacy advice to at-risk young children and their families.

"The students of The Philadelphia School are making a big impact on the lives of young children throughout the region," said Dr. Kristen Kucharczuk, RORGP's Associate Medical Director. "Their commitment and success is inspiring."

The Philadelphia School's read-a-thon brought together students in the first and second grades. Students recruited sponsors and committed to reading during the month-long period between Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Valentine's Day.

RORGP estimates that The Philadelphia School students' efforts will put 2,500 new books in the hands of over 2,000 disadvantaged children this year.

About Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia

Targeting children most at-risk – children ages 6 months to 5 years living in poverty -- Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia doctors and nurses give books to their youngest low-income patients while advising their parents about the importance of reading. By building on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers, RORGP helps families and communities promote early literacy skills so children enter school prepared for success in reading. For more, visit www.rorgp.org.

Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia is affiliated with Reach Out and Read, Inc., a national, non-profit organization that has earned the highest 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator.

About The Philadelphia School

The Philadelphia School is a progressive independent school educating children from preschool



through eighth grade. Its students, faculty, and parents take part in a number of service activities, some yearlong, to help a variety of social and civic not-for-profit agencies and organizations meet the needs of their constituents.

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