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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the teachers and staff at Enos Garcia Elementary School in Taos, New Mexico, wish to express our thanks to the JOY OF READING volunteers and program managers, Del Endres and Jocelyn Harper. Our second-grade students look forward with excitement to the readers' regular Tuesday afternoon visits.

The chance to read 1 to 1 with a caring adult benefits the students in many ways. The individual attention and the opportunity to get targeted assistance with reading issues has resulted in academic growth and happy relationships.

To quote Lisa Randall, one of the classroom teachers who has several students meet with the JOY of READING volunteers,

*"I am pleased the program has expanded with new adult readers because all of my students want to go with them...My dream would be to have all of my students enrolled in this awesome program. I have seen growth in both academics and confidence of the students attending the program."*

Ms. Teddie Zarasua, another second-grade teacher says,

*"My students love going with their readers. They love the 1:1 ratio. They look forward to Tuesdays and all of my students wish they could participate!"*

An added benefit to each of their classes is that ALL OF THE STUDENTS get free books to add to their home libraries! We all love this!

The success of this program has been a delight to witness and I wish to commend Del Endres for her determination, persistence and hard work in designing and executing the JOY OF READING program under the Taos Lion's Club. We at EGES are very happy to be the recipients of so much talent and good will.

Please support this program's continuation and hopefully, its expansion.

Sincerely,



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