



Southeast Fountain Elementary Receives \$1,500.00 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Youth Literacy

Veedersburg, IN – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Southeast Fountain Elementary School a \$1,500.00 grant to support youth literacy. This grant is part of more than \$3.4 million the organization awarded to 915 recipients on August 28, 2018. Awarded annually at the beginning of the academic school year inception, youth literacy grants help support teachers, schools and nonprofit organizations throughout the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

Southeast Fountain Elementary will use these grant funds to support two literacy programs; Raz Kids and Read-n-Quiz. Raz Kids is a program for students in kindergarten to 3rd grade that provides comprehensive leveled reading resources for students and teachers. Kids are able to access their leveled texts through an interactive learning portal designed to keep them motivated and engaged. Read-n-Quiz is a reading incentive program for students in grades 3rd-6th where students are rewarded for reading books of their choice and level. Students then take a short quiz over the book and upon passing quizzes, students receive both classroom and school-wide rewards.

“The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to be an ardent supporter of schools, libraries and nonprofit literacy organizations,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s chief executive officer. “Dollar General’s mission is **Serving Others**, and this commitment comes to life through Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants that will impact thousands of students across the country. Since its inception 25 years ago, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has partnered with thousands of organizations focused on advancing the goals of literacy and education.”

To date, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$159 million in grants to schools, libraries and literacy organizations as part of its commitment to increase literacy skills for individuals of all ages.

Dollar General’s co-founder, J.L. Turner, was functionally illiterate and never completed a formal education. In 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation was established in his honor and has since helped more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation also supports customers interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for the high school equivalency test. Customers may receive a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services by clicking [here](#) or by picking up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card available at the cash register of every Dollar General store, which can be mailed in for information.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$159 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.