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Dear Wyandot County Citizens,

As an affiliate of the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library, Wyandot County is committed to creating an Ohio that works for all children and all families, especially those most in need. Literacy is the foundation of a child's education and helping kids thrive is our priority.

With generous funding support from our friends in the Ohio Legislature, we have partnered with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program to mail a new book to each enrolled child every month at no cost to his or her family. The state provides a dollar-for-dollar match with local funds.

These books are critical to improving early childhood literacy across Ohio. New research has shown that:

- The number of books in the home is a key indicator of academic success. In fact, children with just 25 books in the home are more likely to complete an additional two years of school.
- Early language development is critical to a child's success. In fact, vocabulary development by age three has been shown to predict a child's achievement by third grade.
- It is widely recognized that the best way to promote this language development is by reading aloud to children, and families participating in Imagination Library say they read together more often than their peers who aren't participating in the program.
- After the city of Cincinnati began their partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Kindergarten Readiness assessments rose by 15.4% among participating children in just three years from 42.9% in the 2016-2017 cohort to 58.3% in 2018-2019 cohort.

We are working to make sure that every child in every zip code in Wyandot County can receive the benefits of having books in their home. Every \$1.05 raised provides one new book to a child and is matched by the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library. Your support will make a real difference in the lives of Ohio's children. Please consider one of the following sponsorship levels to help Wyandot County children succeed inside the classroom and beyond.

10 children for one year \$125  
20 children for one year \$250  
30 children for one year \$375

40 children for one year \$500  
60 children for one year \$750  
80 children for one year \$1,000

Thank you for your consideration. Together we can give all children in Ohio the building blocks they need for a bright future!

Sincerely,  
Amanda Fleming  
Wyandot County Imagination Library

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