LITERACY
FOR ALL
2017 ANNUAL REPORT
LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for your support. Your generosity is a testament to our shared belief in something larger than ourselves—that all parents and children deserve the opportunity to improve their lives through literacy.

Nearly three decades ago, that same belief inspired then-First Lady Barbara Bush to establish a Foundation dedicated to achieving literacy for all. Today, we remain committed to Mrs. Bush’s vision to foster the opportunity for every man, woman and child to secure a better life through literacy.

As we work toward that vision, we are guided by a strategic plan focused on four core strategies—Innovation, Leadership, Engagement and Organizational Capacity—through which we are laying the foundation for our efforts to greatly expand literacy in the coming years.

ADVANCING LITERACY FOR ALL THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

We know that it’s lack of opportunity—not lack of motivation—that prevents many of our country’s 36 million low-literate adults from gaining the literacy skills they need to improve their lives. Less than 5% of those in need currently have access to adult literacy programs.

We believe in the power of technology to help us expand access to the millions of families struggling with low literacy.

The Barbara Bush Foundation Adult Literacy XPRIZE presented by Dollar General Literacy Foundation is our bold bet to find innovative solutions to reach this underserved population on an unprecedented scale. We’ve already made enormous strides by engaging teams from around the globe to develop groundbreaking mobile literacy learning applications for adults. As the competition progresses, we’re excited to see these tools open up new possibilities for adult learners and their families, first in our three test cities and then throughout the nation.

A FAMILY COMMITTED TO LITERACY FOR ALL

Former first Lady Barbara Bush and her daughter Doro, who serves as our honorary chair, are our leading lights. Their unfailing dedication to literacy for all continues to inspire us, as well as our broader family of donors, board members, friends and literacy supporters across the nation. This year, we made two very special additions to that family when Mrs. Bush’s grandson Jeb Bush, Jr., and Governor John Engler joined our board.

ENGAGING OTHERS IN LITERACY FOR ALL

We continue to focus on building relationships with other organizations that work to increase access to educational opportunities. This year we were proud to co-host with the U.S. Department of Education a forum on the expansion of adult schools, after which we released a paper outlining the potential of adult charter schools.

We also partner with other national nonprofits and often use their networks to initiate and amplify conversations about literacy—such as when we released our practice guide on incorporating literacy into afterschool programs at this year’s National Afterschool Summit.

Our social media efforts continue to reach millions, helping us grow our family of literacy supporters.

MANAGING OUR RESOURCES RESPONSIBLY

As a public charity, we rely on the generosity of our donors and take very seriously our responsibility to maximize the value of your contributions. We are committed to accountability and efficiency in our operations, prioritizing the highest possible social return on investment. This year, an independent study found that every dollar donated in support of our Teen Trendsetters™ program generated a return on investment of $783 in avoided social program costs.

Thanks in part to our transparency and focus on results, we are among the top 1% of education nonprofits rated as “Platinum” by GuideStar.

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At the inaugural Maine Celebration of Reading, the Foundation marked 20 years of historical support in Maine, providing more than $6 million for over 300 family literacy programs.

At the 15th annual Dallas Celebration of Reading, the Foundation announced XPRIZE field test cities: Dallas, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

At the National Afterschool Summit, the Barbara Bush Foundation presented a newly developed practice guide funded by a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The guide encourages literacy in afterschool programs.

Along with the U.S. Department of Education and Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School, the Foundation hosted the Adult Schools Growth Forum in Washington, D.C., gathering individuals and organizations interested in expanding access to high-quality schools for adults.

160 Family Literacy Programs in 12 States

LITERACY LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION
- National Convenings: Thought leaders, partner organizations, supporters
- XPRIZE Teams (total number)

LITERACY PROGRAMS
- National Convenings: Deploy specialized resources to practitioners; promote awareness
- Family Literacy (total number of programs)
Ruben and a family graciously shared their personal experience with the life-changing power of family literacy at the Barbara Bush Foundation’s 2017 Florida Celebration of Reading, where they received a standing ovation.

“My family is the reason why I’m in the program,” said Ruben. “I want to learn English, to be able to help them with their homework, and to have better communication with them. I want to show my children that they can dream big dreams and do great things.”

Before Ruben attended the family literacy program, he lacked the English skills, education and self-confidence he needed to look for better job opportunities. His improved reading and writing skills have already helped secure a higher paying job that allows him to spend more time with his children. His wife, Tania, has also increased her literacy skills and self-confidence, allowing her to engage more fully in her children’s education. Now, both parents are able to help their children with homework, and they love to read together as a family. As a result, their children are doing well in school and have become avid readers.

Ruben is now well on the way to earning his GED, and he plans to continue his education at a local college. He dreams of opening his own business with the mission of giving back to his community.

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The Foundation is playing an integral role in our groundbreaking efforts to expand educational opportunities to the millions of U.S. families in need.

“There are very few gifts that you can give that last a lifetime, have the ability to uplift and open the doorway for increased opportunities, but literacy is one of them,” says Denine Torr, Senior Director of Community Initiatives for Dollar General. “We believe education is a great equalizer and that technology plays a large role in the future of education, especially in adult education. We’re excited to support the Barbara Bush Foundation’s search for innovative ways to expand access, break down barriers and open the doors of opportunity for more families.”

The Barbara Bush Foundation is honored to count the Dollar General Literacy Foundation among its strongest supporters, and looks forward to many more years of collaborative efforts to change lives through literacy.
CELEBRATING OUR FAMILY OF LITERACY SUPPORTERS

Honoring the outstanding individuals who make our work possible

None of our work would be possible without our family of supporters and friends who share our belief in the power of education, and generously contribute their time and talents to help advance the cause of literacy for all.

Over the past year, we’ve had the opportunity to recognize and express our gratitude to some of our strongest and most enduring voices for literacy during our Celebration of Reading events.

CAROL JENKINS BARNETT, philanthropist, education supporter, and president and chairman of Publix Super Markets Charities, was honored with the Barbara Bush Foundation’s Champion for Literacy award during the 2017 Florida Celebration of Reading. Florida Governor Jeb Bush presented the award to Barnett in recognition of her longstanding dedication to expanding educational opportunities in her home state of Florida and throughout the nation.

Barnett has been a recognized leader in literacy and education initiatives for more than 20 years. The daughter of George W. Jenkins, the late founder of Publix Super Markets, Barnett uses her tenure as president of the corporation’s philanthropic arm to support education programs that have made an enormous impact on the lives of Florida residents. Perhaps most notably, Barnett played an instrumental role in the development of the state’s voluntary pre-kindergarten program, which remains a nationally replicated model.

When the Barbara Bush Foundation began planning for the initial Florida Celebration of Reading in 2001, Carol Barnett and Publix Super Markets Charities were among the first supporters of the program. Since that time, with continued support from Publix Super Markets Charities, the Celebration of Reading has raised more than $26 million in support of family literacy programs that help children and their parents improve their literacy skills.

Honorary Chair Doro Bush Koch presented the Foundation’s first Barbara Bush Volunteer Award to BETSY HEMINWAY during the 2016 Maine Celebration of Reading. A longtime friend of the Bush family, as well as a strong supporter of the Foundation’s work, Heminway was honored for her service as a tireless advocate, mentor and fundraiser for literacy causes.

SENATOR LAMAR ALEXANDER received the Champion for Literacy award during the 2017 National Celebration of Reading. Barbara Bush Foundation Board of Directors member Jeb Bush, Jr. joined philanthropist David Rubenstein onstage to present Alexander with the award in recognition of his long career of education advocacy.

A seventh-generation Tennessean, Alexander served two terms as the state’s governor and three years as president of the University of Tennessee before being called to serve at the national level. In 1991, during his tenure as U.S. Secretary of Education under President George H.W. Bush, he oversaw the passage and implementation of the National Literacy Act.

This landmark law—inspired in large part by Barbara Bush’s passion for literacy—created a focus on adult literacy within the U.S. Department of Education. Since its passage, millions of adults have had a second chance to earn their high school diploma, and tens of millions more have learned to read, write and speak English.

Alexanderson was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2002, and he continues his focus on education in his role as chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

At the 2016 Dallas Celebration of Reading, Jeb Bush, Jr. presented EMY LOU AND JERRY BALDRIDGE with the Barbara Bush Volunteer Award for their leadership in our North Texas literacy efforts. The inaugural Dallas Celebration of Reading—hosted by the Baldridges in their home 15 years prior—marked the beginning of the Foundation’s work in the community, which has benefited thousands of local families over the years.

Emy Lou Baldridge at the Dallas Celebration of Reading

Betsy Heminway and Doro Bush Koch at the Maine Celebration of Reading

Jeb Bush, Jr., Senator Lamar Alexander and philanthropist David Rubenstein at the National Celebration of Reading

Wesley Barnett, Carol Jenkins Barnett and Governor Jeb Bush at the Florida Celebration of Reading

Honoring the outstanding individuals who make our work possible
The $7M Barbara Bush Foundation Adult Literacy XPRIZE competition is our single largest investment to revolutionize the future of adult education. It is our bold bet on the power of technology to disrupt the cycle of isolation, lack of opportunity and poverty for low-literate adults and their families.

This first-of-its-kind competition has challenged teams around the globe to develop mobile applications that result in the greatest increase in literacy skills among participating adult learners in just 12 months. In response to that challenge, 109 teams from 15 countries developed mobile solutions to overcome key barriers to literacy by improving access, while increasing retention and scaling to meet demand. Forty-one of these teams submitted fully functional mobile learning apps designed for adult learners—representing 20 times the number of adult literacy learning apps available at the start of the competition.

In the next phase of the competition, an independent panel of expert judges will narrow the field to eight semifinalist teams, whose apps will be field tested with adult learners in three cities: Dallas, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. With a goal of putting these resources into the hands of more than 10,000 adult learners who read English at a third-grade level or below, we’ve already begun building a network of dedicated partners and volunteers to help support the field tests.

We’re grateful for the incredible support we’ve received from local leadership in each of these three cities, and we are excited to work with the Dallas County Community College District, the Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Philadelphia’s Office of Adult Education to begin the process of transforming the lives of low-literate adults in their local communities.

Over the next two years, we have even bigger plans, as this program will be launched nationally to serve hundreds of thousands of students.

For more information, visit adultliteracy.xprize.org.

### Financial Impact

**For period ended June 30, 2017**

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We are so grateful for the foundations, corporations and individuals who make our life-changing work possible. We honor those whose financial support contributed significantly to support the Foundation’s programs in FY 2016–2017:

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Honorary Chair, Barbara Bush Foundation
Author, philanthropist and businesswoman Doro Bush Koch shares her mother’s belief in the power of literacy to change lives, and stepped into the role of honorary chair for the Foundation in 2014. She has authored two books about her father, Former President George H. W. Bush, and is a founding partner in BB&R Consulting.

JEAN BECKER
Chief of Staff to President George H. W. Bush
Jean Becker is chief of staff to Former President George H. W. Bush and previously served as deputy press secretary to First Lady Barbara Bush. Drawing on her expertise as a former journalist, she has assisted President and Mrs. Bush with the research and editing of three autobiographical books.

DAVID L. BERÉ
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Currently serving as chairman of Nonni’s Foods, LLC, David Beré has a long history of leadership in the food and retail industries. He previously held leadership roles with Dollar General Corporation, Bakery Chef, McCain Toads USA and Quaker Oats Company.

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Jeb Bush & Associates
Jeb Bush, Jr. grandson of President George H. W. Bush and Barbara Bush, represents the third generation of Bush family members to provide leadership and guidance for the Foundation. He currently serves as managing partner of Jeb Bush & Associates, a consulting and private equity firm that specializes in business development and strategic advisory work.

PEGGY CONLON
Prior to her retirement in 2014, Peggy Conlon served as president and CEO of the Advertising Council, an organization that mobilizes more than $1.6 billion of advertising time and space annually. During her tenure at the Ad Council, she played an instrumental role in organizing the entire advertising industry to address national and global crises.

CRAIG DENEKAS
Libra Foundation
Craig Denekas serves as president, CEO and trustee of the Libra Foundation, a private grant-making charitable foundation in Portland, Maine. His community endeavors include service on the boards of trustees for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network, the Portland Public Library and the Iberdrola USA Foundation.

GOVERNOR JOHN ENGLER
Chairman, National Assessment Governing Board
Governor John Engler currently serves as chairman of the National Assessment Governing Board, which oversees the National Assessment of Educational Progress. A former three-term governor of Michigan, retired president of Business Roundtable and former CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers, Engler is known as a national leader in the alignment of education with workforce needs.

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Comcast
Attorney Timothy Gage currently serves as senior vice president of government/regulatory and public affairs for Comcast, and is actively engaged in numerous telecommunications-focused boards, associations and initiatives. Gage previously served as vice president of law and government affairs for AT&T Broadband and as an assistant district attorney in Massachusetts.

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Seyfarth Shaw
Attorney and mediator Gloria Portela serves as senior counsel in the Houston office of international law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP. She serves on the boards of CHI Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center and Houston Grand Opera; the governing council of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and the advisory council of the Greater Houston Community Foundation.

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As generous supporters like you across America join together, you are helping to create a future in which every man, woman and child enjoys the life-changing benefits of literacy. Your partnership is a great encouragement to all of us at the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and is making a difference in many lives.