



Dear Early Literacy Supporter,

It's hard for me to believe that we are about to start our 10th year of offering Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the children of Cortland. Because of this early literacy program, 2067 local children and their families have experienced the joy of receiving a book in the mail each month, the family bonding that comes from reading together, and the love of reading and learning.

It's always been my goal to keep this program going as long as families want it and the community will help support it. Since last year, 178 new children have been registered, bringing our current total to 543 children getting a book delivered to their homes each month. That tells me that families still want this program, so here I am asking for your support. Will you please help keep the Imagination Library going in our community by making a donation of \$100 or more through the Cortland Community Foundation's Philanthropy Day Challenge? Your donation is tax-deductible, and because our program is run by volunteers, 100% will go towards the cost of the books. The Challenge rules and a sample check are provided on the next page.

I'll close by sharing what Harlin's grandmother said when she turned five and received her final Imagination Library book: "Harlin and myself appreciate all that you have done for her and we have made a promise to the imagination library for Harlin to keep on reading books. Thanks for everything." This tells me the program is working. Children are developing a love of reading and learning at an early age, and that brings benefits that will last throughout their lives. (You can read more about the Imagination Library, including more parent testimonials, at cortlandfreelibrary.org/imagination-library.)

Thank you for helping to make sure we can offer the Imagination Library in Cortland for its 10th year!

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Vivian Bosch
Administrator, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
Volunteer, Cortland Free Library



**PLEASE
SUPPORT**



CCF's PHILANTHROPY DAY CHALLENGE RULES

1. Donations must be between \$100 and \$5000.
2. Donate by November 15th:
 - Make your check payable to "**Cortland Community Foundation**" with "**CFL-DPIL**" on the **memo line**. See the sample check below.
 - Mail your check in the enclosed envelope (to PO Box 466, Cortland, NY 13045) OR drop it off at 50 Clinton Ave. (in the United Way office).
 - Checks must be postmarked or dropped off by November 15.

OR donate online at cortlandcommunityfoundation.org/donate-online/
Please direct your gift to the following charitable organization: **CFL-DPIL**
Please consider making your gift go further by paying the additional processing fee.

Sample Check:

This example of a \$300 donation will provide 136 books to Cortland preschoolers.

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| Earl Lee Reader | 0001 |
| 100 Literacy Lane | |
| Cortland, NY 13045 | DATE: October 1, 2024 |
| PAY TO Cortland Community Foundation | \$ 300.00 |
| THE ORDER OF | |
| Three hundred and 00/100 | DOLLARS |
| MEMO CFL-DPIL | |

Your tax-deductible donation of \$100 or more increases our chances of winning additional cash prize money from CCF.

THANK YOU!