



Dear Fox Cities Chapter of Credit Unions:

On behalf of our school districts and new families who have received the literacy bags, we would like to thank you for your continued support and for yet another generous contribution to our **Take 5 to Help Me Thrive** program!

The gifts contained in the literacy bags represent the combined efforts of many organizations in the Fox Valley, including Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, area school districts, US Venture, as well as your gift of bags and books. We have worked together to develop the **Take 5 to Help Me Thrive** (previously known as Books for Babies) project because we believe strongly in the importance of reading and interacting with children from the very beginning. The research is clear that the years between birth and age five are the most critical periods for brain development. Reading to a new baby not only helps strengthen the attachment/engagement, but also builds communication, listening, memory, and vocabulary skills.

Again, we thank you for your continued support of this most worthy program that supports our families and children in their earliest literacy experiences.

Sincerely, **Superintendents from the Fox Valley Area**

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