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HELP CHILDREN DISCOVER THE JOY OF READING

Children have so much enthusiasm in 1st and 2nd grade and enjoy learning. But many students need extra attention and support beyond what the classroom teacher can provide.

The RSVP Volunteer Program partners with Bowman Primary School in Lebanon to recruit first and second grade reading tutors. Tutors are very valuable in elementary classrooms. They provide instruction, support, and care to students who most need it. Whether it's reading, writing, listening or speaking, tutors provide that one-on-one attention that makes a world of difference in a child's life. When tutors are able to come in on a regular basis and build relationships with kids, we begin to see a change in attitude and a genuine interest in reading. The students look forward to their 'turn' to work with the tutors and the teachers so appreciate the extra love and care the tutors supply.

Donna Walters, a RSVP volunteer, tutors at Bowman Primary and enjoys her experience. Donna explains, "The personal connection with these little ones is amazing. They are so earnest and innocent, one can't help but grow very fond of them. They make me smile a lot. Just like the little boy I had worked with in first and second grade, who had noticeably gained confidence in his reading in second grade.

At the end of last year, I told him how proud he should be, progressing from a level “G” in first grade to an “M” in second. He enthusiastically agreed and said, “Miss Donna, you know what’s going to happen when I’m in high school, don’t you?” Not quite knowing where he was going with that question, I shook my head and said, “No, tell me.” “I’m going to be reading “Z’s!” He beamed. I smiled, stifling laughter, and said, “Oh yes, I’m sure you will.””

RSVP and Bowman’s partnership has real rewards! So share the joy of reading and reap the rewards. RSVP recruit’s individuals, 55 and over, to volunteer in nonprofit organizations in Warren County.

Please contact the RSVP Volunteer Program at 513-695-2252 for more information. RSVP is sponsored by Warren County Community Services, Inc. (WCCS).

About WCCS:

For over 50 years, WCCS has served as the community’s primary link for social services in Warren County. WCCS operates a wide range of programs and services that:

- Allow seniors and families to obtain and maintain long-term housing.
- Assist families and individuals with emergency needs, employment, and rising energy costs.
- Help older adults to remain active and independent.
- Prepare children to succeed in school.

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