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AR Kids Read Receives \$1935 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation
to Support Youth Literacy Initiatives

Little Rock, AR –**October 12, 2020**–Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded AR Kids Read a \$1935 grant to support youth literacy initiatives. This local grant award is part of more than \$4 million in grants awarded this fall to nearly 850 nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools across the 46 states that Dollar General serves.

“We are truly grateful for the support this grant will provide to enhance the resources needed for our reading tutoring program,” said AR Kids Read Executive Director Dr. Dionne Jackson. “It will enhance our capacity to serve our community at a time they need us most.”

With these resources, AR Kids Read will purchase books and tutoring resources for their hopeful entry into schools with in-person volunteers sometime in 2021. For schools they are not able to enter, they will utilize the resources to support students through virtual tutoring.

“This year, many teachers, libraries and literacy organizations are facing new challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s chief executive officer and Dollar General Literacy Foundation board member. “Despite the unprecedented obstacles, we admire the tremendous efforts and commitments from educators as they work to provide students with the tools they need to develop their literacy skills. We hope these funds will help support their plans to advance learning and deliver quality instruction in our hometown communities.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$186 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 12 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

About AR Kids Read

Founded in 2012, AR Kids Read is a volunteer-based literacy intervention designed to provide students reading below grade level with trained tutors who donate one hour each week of their time. Tutors provide students with more opportunities to read by using easy-to-implement tutoring methods. Tutors work one-on-one, building relationships between student and tutor that create an environment that is ideal for learning. AR Kids Read’s mission is to improve the future of Arkansas’s children and families by advancing literacy education through community engagement and tutoring so that all children can read proficiently by the end of third grade. To learn more visit www.arkidsread.org.

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The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$186 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 12

million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides financial support to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of Dollar General stores and distribution centers. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation or apply for a literacy grant, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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