

May 7, 2019

Steve McCollister  
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Dear Steve,

I would like to thank you for your pledge of \$500 received on May 6, 2019 to support the impactful **Leader Reader** program at Omaha Children's Museum. It is only with donors like yourself that we are able to accomplish our vision: *for every child a childhood.*

Countless studies have proven that reading aloud to children activates areas of their brain that supports development of their imagination, increases story and literary comprehension, and vastly expands their vocabulary. The **Leader Reader** program has brought many community leaders to the museum over the past two years, some of whom include Matt Walsh, the Council Bluffs city mayor, Dr. Mary Hawkins, president of Bellevue University, and others. Through this unique program, children get to hear a story read aloud to them by a community leader and are able to interact with them as role models. Thanks to your pledge to the **Leader Reader** program, children have the opportunity to meet successful leaders in their own community and dream what it might look like for them to become a leader one day.

On behalf of Omaha Children's Museum, I would like to thank you for your commitment to the museum, our mission, and the children of our community.

Sincerely,

  
Lindy J. Hoyer  
Executive Director

*Thank you, fellow Rotarian!*