

Executive Director's Message

As another program year draws to a close for Project READS, I feel a sense of fulfillment in the work our mentors do with their students. In many cases, the 30 weeks of after school tutoring encourages not only the expected academic success, but also helps to build some uniquely dynamic social relationships. Is it any wonder that Project READS continues to play a significant role in shaping our community's future?

Project READS mentors are the best...and I'm looking forward to the Mentor Celebration on Thursday, May, 3rd from 4:30-6:30. Please mark your calendars to join us at the Summit Event Center. Light snacks and drinks will be available and we encourage you to bring a guest. You all have so much to celebrate with your accomplishments and this is a very small way we can say "Thank you".

In addition to allowing us to appreciate you and your efforts this year, you will have the opportunity to talk with Project READS board members, staff and other volunteers. Thanks for all you do for your kiddos, Project READS, and Allen County.



DeShawn Wert

To those who contributed financial support for Project READS at the agency's "Turning the Page" fundraiser on November 16, 2017, we acknowledge your gifts and extend our thanks.

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Parkview has served the area since its early beginnings as Fort Wayne City Hospital in 1878. The Parkview Health system was formed in 1995 and its heritage of care and compassion continues today with nine hospitals and a network of primary care and specialty physicians.



This year, Parkview Community Health supported Project READS by sponsoring the Huntertown Elementary site. The \$3500 donation ensures that the site has all of the necessary resources for students and volunteers to work toward academic and social “good health”.

SAVE THE DATE

In recognition of the hard work and dedication supplied by Project READS volunteers this year, a special celebration will occur on **May 3** beginning at 4:30 p.m.. The event will offer volunteers (and guest) an opportunity to share their experiences with students during this past program year.

The event will be held at The Summit—1025 W. Rudisill Boulevard.

We wish to acknowledge these individuals, corporations, and foundations who have provided their generous financial support to the Allen County Education Partnership from August 1, 2016—December 31, 2016.

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- Aetna Foundation
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- Lincoln Financial Group
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- NIPSCO
- Norfolk & Southern Railroad
- Parkview Health
- Steel Dynamics

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- Johnson, Steve & Judy
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Steel Dynamics Supplies Snacks

When most folks in northeast Indiana consider the workings of Steel Dynamics, granola bars or peanut butter crackers don’t come to mind. Not so fast....

Last fall, the steel producer donated \$1,500.00 to Project READS to ensure children at our mentoring sites have snacks to go along with the books and writing supplies.

After a day’s worth of classroom learning, a light snack helps to prepare students for an additional hour of expanding their world.

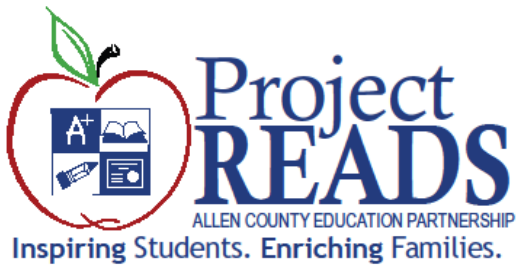
Annual Fundraiser Dinner *Thursday, November 15, 2018*

5:30-8:00



Project READS annual fundraiser and dinner benefits eager young readers throughout Allen County.

We are thrilled to have Terra Brantley, local television reporter, literacy advocate, involved citizen, and caring mother as our featured speaker.



**Annual Meeting &
Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, June 24

**Public Meeting.....2:30-3:00
Ice cream Social...3:00-4:30**

**Location: Foster Park
Pavilion One**

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children will read at grade level by
the completion of third grade.**

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