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Partners in Education Receives \$25,000 FCA Foundation Grant to Support Youth Literacy

- Funding helps provide critical one-to-one literacy tutoring to help K-3 students gain skills and confidence in reading and writing

January 24, 2019, Toledo, Ohio - Recently, Partners in Education was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the FCA Foundation, the charitable arm of North American automaker FCA US LLC. The grant will support youth literacy via the Mentors in Toledo Schools program.

"Partners in Education is thrilled to be a recipient of a grant from the FCA Foundation. This funding allows us to provide critical one-to-one literacy tutoring to struggling readers in two Toledo Public Schools to help ensure students meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee," said Michelle Klinger, Executive Director at Partners in Education.

Mentors in Toledo Schools is a program of Partners in Education that provides one-to-one tutoring with volunteer mentor/tutors to Toledo Public School students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 at DeVeaux, Garfield, Larchmont, Marshall, Old Orchard and Sherman schools and Queen of Apostles School, a Central City Ministries School of the Toledo Diocese. FCA Foundation funding allows the program to expand this school year to Longfellow and Whittier Schools, two schools located near the FCA US Toledo Assembly Complex.

Mentors in Toledo Schools was born out of the former Ohio Reads program. The program's success depends on a dedicated volunteer force with a passion for mentoring young students and helping them gain skills and confidence in reading and writing. The goal is to be helping hands for educators by providing one-to-one time during the school day, four days per week, for students that require the extra assistance that teachers can't fit into their reading instruction time.

About Partners in Education of Toledo

Partners in Education (PIE) of Toledo is a local nonprofit founded in 1994 by the Rotary Club of Toledo to "enhance student success through community engagement." PIE connects businesses, nonprofit organizations, faith communities and institutions of higher learning to facilitate collaborations that support student success in Toledo area K-12 schools.

FCA Foundation

The [FCA Foundation](#) is the charitable arm of North American automaker FCA US LLC, a member of the [Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.](#) (FCA) family of companies. The FCA Foundation invests in U.S. charitable organizations and initiatives that help empower people, build strong, resilient communities and generate meaningful and measurable societal impacts. In support of these objectives, the FCA Foundation focuses on the following foundational pillars: youth development, education, support for military, veterans and their families, and community service.

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