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**The Rotary Clubs of Ellensburg Sponsor 25 Kittitas Valley Children in the
Let's Read ~ Imagination Library Program**

**Circle of Success® Receives \$1,465 from the Ellensburg Morning and Ellensburg Noon Rotary
Clubs to Support Enrollments in Dolly Parton's *Imagination Library***

This fall, the Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club presented Nancy Leahy, Circle of Success® executive director, with checks totaling \$965 in order to provide 16 scholarships for Ellensburg area children in the *Let's Read ~Imagination Library* early literacy program. Two weeks later the Ellensburg Noon Rotary Club presented a gift of \$500 to Circle of Success to enroll an additional nine children. The support of these 25 children was vital to eliminating the list of Kittitas Valley children waiting to be enrolled. The Kittitas Valley waiting list is now gone - and the children have started to receive books from the *Imagination Library*. These funds are the result of successful volunteer fundraising work by the Ellensburg Morning Rotary and Ellensburg Noon Rotary Clubs.

Support from the Ellensburg Rotary Clubs was inspired by the needs of local children and by the Rotary International goal of supporting literacy programs for children. In July 2009, a new partnership between Rotary International and the Dolly Parton *Imagination Library* was announced and Rotary clubs everywhere have been encouraged to support the *Imagination Library*. The *Imagination Library* program promotes early childhood reading by providing an age appropriate book each month to children from birth until age five. We are thankful for the generosity of the Morning and Noon Ellensburg Rotary Clubs and we salute them for their service to little readers!

Let's Read is a program that changes a child - and as we change a child, we change our community. The enrollment of one child, for one year, is an expense of \$60. The program is available to every child in the region aged zero to five, at no cost to the family. The *Let's Read* program's three

services include: 1) Newborn Resource Guides to newborn babies, 2) 12 books delivered from the Dolly Parton *Imagination Library*, and 3) the quarterly *Let's Read* newsletter.

For *Let's Read* program information, or to make a donation to the Circle of Success®, contact the Circle of Success® office at 509.469.9888 or 1.888.973.7323. Donations are also accepted on the Circle of Success® website at www.circleofsuccessinc.org.

Circle of Success, Inc® is a private, nonprofit 501-c-3 partnership of community organizations that empowers parents to prepare their children to enter school ready to learn. Circle of Success® provides home based learning materials and connects parents to community services. The program operates throughout the Yakima Valley, Kittitas Valley and in Ephrata.

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