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Ms. Robin Ferst
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Dear Robin,

On behalf of Voices for Georgia's Children I want to thank you for your leadership in ensuring that all Georgia's children can experience the joy of reading and the impetus for lifelong learning. By putting books, lots of books, every month, into the hands of children and their families, especially those with limited resources, you are giving the gift of the future.

Your commitment to early literacy through the family reflects the principles of Voices for Georgia's Children's policy framework for investing in children from birth to five years old. We promote family supports, i.e. services and policies that enable parents to actively support the physical, social, emotional and academic development of their children. We also promote quality early child care and education experiences and programs. Your careful selection of books and the parent guidance in your newsletters helps families and caregivers to achieve quality in their parenting skills and understanding of child development. Finally, we believe that the entire community must commit to investing in children from the time they are born. Your success in engaging community resources at the local and state level demonstrates the growing commitment of Georgians to young children.

Congratulations on your success as an organizer, a fundraiser, a motivator, and especially as a teacher. Your books teach children to love reading and your example teaches all of us about the power of commitment to make a difference.

Best wishes,