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## “READ AND FEED” APPOINTS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Literacy non-profit taps local business and education leaders to support program growth

Cary, NC, June 3, 2016– [Read and Feed](#), a non-profit focused on improving literacy among K-5 at-risk children from low-income Wake County families, has appointed Advisory Council members for 2016-19. Read and Feed partners with Wake County public schools to identify and work with nearly 600 children reading below grade level.

The new advisory council members are

- Marty Clayton, Duke Energy
- Bobbie Furr, Bernard Robinson & Company, LLP
- Jan Frantz, Founder
- Suzanne Stroud, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
- Cecile Noel, Community Leader
- LaRinda Huntley-Kaplan, Community Leader
- George Jordan, Developer

This Advisory Council will help with Read and Feed’s fundraising efforts. The strategic direction for this council will be the cultivation of new donor streams and retention of existing donors to meet annual expenses for mobile classrooms, books, facilities and other expenses.

Many of the individuals who are being appointed to the advisory council have already volunteered with Read and Feed. Some have served on the Board of Directors, while others have worked directly with children as tutors. Read and Feed Executive Director Kati Mullan said, “This Advisory Council will help us achieve our mission of eradicating illiteracy in Wake County. These members are all deeply passionate about helping children achieve the American Dream and become full contributors to our community.”

Today, Read and Feed coordinates 425 volunteers who tutor children, maintain the mobile classrooms, and provide office support. Our three mobile classrooms host sessions at nine locations. We also host 11 sites at local schools, churches and community centers, for a total of 20 sites. Read and Feed’s programs run year-round. Summer sessions begin June 14.



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## **Literacy Gap in Wake County**

In Wake County over 35 percent of students enrolled in Grades K-5 are from low-income families, and over 50 percent of these students cannot read at grade level.

## **About Read and Feed**

The Read and Feed program began in November 2007 with one simple mission: Giving kids an appetite for reading. Read and Feed is the only Wake County program that brings the classroom to neighborhoods in the evening to serve nutritious meals, tutor children and help families build their home libraries. Read and Feed is a 501(C)(3) corporation founded in 2006 to improve literacy among at-risk low-income children in Wake County.

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