REGIONAL IMPACT & INNOVATION REPORT
2020–21: South Carolina

Facing a school year of uncertainty with COVID-19 disruptions, Reading Partners collaborated with teachers and school leaders to meet students’ learning needs, including creating an online tutoring program.

**SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR**

**Student metrics**

- 10 partner schools
- 246 students received 12+ sessions of one-on-one tutoring
- 2,498 students and/or family members participated in Reading Partners Beyond programs such as:
  - Backpack and book distribution
  - Family texting
  - Student learning packets
  - Family literacy resources in English and Spanish
  - Family engagement workshops

**Volunteer metrics**

- 231 community tutors
- 1,764 total hours spent in training
- 88% of volunteers satisfied with their volunteer experience*

*Among respondents of 2020-21 surveys

**Student performance**

Despite historic educational disruptions, 97% of K-2 Reading Partners students and 82% of all Reading Partners students met or exceeded their primary literacy growth goal.

**Volunteer satisfaction**

*During this extraordinary time, I think Reading Partners has learned that they could quickly and effectively pivot their program to continue to serve students in the midst of an educational crisis.*

— Deborah, volunteer tutor with Reading Partners for 11 years

**New 2020-21 training focused on:**

- Reading Partners Connects online tutoring
- Educational equity
- Social-emotional learning

**INVESTING IN KEY LEARNINGS ENABLES FUTURE GROWTH AND IMPACT**

1. Continuing both in-person and online tutoring will **increase program accessibility** for students and volunteers.

2. By expanding our family engagement services, we have invested in direct connections that will build holistic **supports** for students.

3. Our deep investment in race equity, diversity, and inclusion training will ensure volunteers, staff, and AmeriCorps members **develop strong connections** with students and communities.

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