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**Press Release:**

**THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES GRANTS \$25,000 TO STAND FOR CHILDREN ARIZONA**

*Generous funding will extend impact within the Spanish-speaking community.*

**(PHOENIX, AZ)** – Stand for Children Arizona is overjoyed to disclose a notable grant of \$25,000, generously given by Thunderbirds Charities to our Growing Readers Program. This meaningful investment is a shining endorsement of our combined resolve to conquer literacy challenges among young learners, particularly those from Spanish-speaking families.

The Growing Readers Program, a direct expansion of our successful Every Child Reads initiative, serves as a testament to Thunderbirds Charities' deep-rooted commitment to bettering the lives of children and families. With their support, we're bridging the gap between schools and homes, extending our reach by offering dynamic, flexible workshops to Spanish-speaking families. Our commitment, in tandem with Thunderbirds Charities, is to deliver both print and digital books to families in need, and orchestrating family workshops in English and Spanish, remains resolute.

Arizona's pressing issue of low reading rates poses a significant challenge to the economic prosperity of our children's future. Yet, Thunderbirds Charities' support reinvigorates our mission. For over a decade, Stand for Children Arizona, backed by this collaborative spirit, has been equipping parents with vital tools and resources to enrich their children's educational experience and bolster literacy rates across the state. Together, we stand firm in our belief that with the correct guidance and support, every student can read and succeed!

Stand for Children Arizona, currently in robust partnerships with over 20 schools and 2,000 parents, has proudly distributed more than 6,000 books for families to own. The Growing Readers Program, spurred by Thunderbirds Charities' investment, stands steadfast in fostering a culture of literacy within homes as our education system continues to evolve.

Rebecca Gau, Executive Director of Stand for Children Arizona, shared her enthusiasm for this meaningful investment into Arizona students. "The critical correlation between third-grade reading proficiency and high school graduation rates is well-known. We're profoundly thankful to Thunderbirds Charities for this significant grant, empowering us to extend our outreach to new families and directly impact the long-term success of our students," Gau remarked.

With unwavering dedication, Stand for Children Arizona, bolstered by Thunderbirds Charities' generous support, is committed to navigating through these challenging times. Our goal remains to reach thousands of families, providing the support that positively influences lifelong education outcomes. Together, we stand to make a lasting difference.

*Stand for Children Arizona is a nonprofit advocacy organization that focuses on empowering and educating parents, teachers, and community members to become active leaders and serve as a voice for children at the state and local level. Our mission is simple: to ensure that all children, regardless of their background, graduate from high school prepared for, and with access to, a college education. For more information, visit [www.stand.org/arizona](http://www.stand.org/arizona)*