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Parents As Teachers Books for Babies Campaign

Children begin to experience books at a very young age, opening the door to the joy of reading. Just like little Jacob, children ages 0-3 years old in the Partnership's Parents As Teachers program have the advantage of their own books to touch and feel, learn words and hear adults read to them.



Jacob Young loves Squishy Turtle & Friends

For many years each child in our PAT program received a book every month when their parent educator made a home visit. The "Books for Babies" program creates a child's home library with a variety of soft books, board books, flap books and picture books. By encouraging parents to read every day and let their child play with the books, the children develop reading readiness. Teeth marks, worn corners and sticky pages show us the books are being used and loved.

However, because of budget cuts this year we are in danger of losing this important literacy component. To continue the "Books for Babies" program we must decrease the number of books we give from 12 to 4 per child each year and we must seek funding from outside sources to sustain the program at a minimal level. We have chosen 12 titles to distribute over the three years each child could be in the program. To maintain the program for three more years will require 135 copies of each title so every child can potentially have a complete set.

A tax deductible gift of \$75 will cover the discount cost of a set of these 12 high quality books for one child for 36 months, but any amount is greatly appreciated. Please help ensure that children who might not have any books except these will be ready to read. Mail your check to the Partnership for Young Children at 132 E. Broad St. Statesville NC 28115. Earmark it for the PAT program. You will receive a donor receipt with our sincerest thanks.

***Your help is needed to make a difference in the lives of children and families.
Thank you!***