

# NEWS

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## Vera Lloyd Receives Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant to Support Summer Literacy Programs for Youth

MONTICELLO (June 16, 2017) – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services a \$3,000 grant to support summer literacy programs. This local grant award is part of more than \$7.5 million in grants awarded to nearly 900 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

"We are investing grant funds from Dollar General in literacy activities for our boys and girls at Vera Lloyd this summer," Donna Mahurin, Vera Lloyd's CEO, said. "Our youth are setting personal reading goals and participating in a Book Challenge where they earn incentives and rewards while improving their reading and comprehension skills."

"Dollar General is excited to provide these organizations with funding to support literacy and education," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO.

Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$135 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 8.6 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

#### About Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services' corporate office is located in Little Rock and its children's home is located in Monticello. The children's home was established in 1923 through the dedication and monetary support of Lulu Williamson, Vera Lloyd and Annie B. Wells. Vera Lloyd provides residential housing for close to 200 youth every year.

### About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education as part of the company's mission of *Serving Others* for nearly 25 years.

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