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## **RRCNA Partners with Deluxe Corporation Foundation to Help Struggling Young Readers Succeed**

COLUMBUS—First-grade children who have extreme difficulty with beginning reading will receive one-to-one tutoring from expert teachers, thanks to a \$90,000 grant from the Deluxe Corporation Foundation. The grant to the Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA) will fund five teacher leader training scholarships and nine professional development scholarships for personnel at Reading Recovery sites located within 50 miles of a Deluxe Corporation facility.

“The Deluxe Corporation Foundation is making a significant investment in the communities where its employees live and work,” said RRCNA Executive Director Jady Johnson. “Their partnership with RRCNA is helping to ensure that educators are prepared to meet the needs of children who struggle with learning to read and write.”

Of the total grant, \$75,000 will fund five teacher leader training scholarships of \$15,000 each to provide a full academic year of graduate study to become Reading Recovery teacher leaders. Two of these scholarships are designated for Midland, Ontario. Three scholarships will be awarded after a competition open to applications from Reading Recovery sites near the 30 Deluxe facilities in the United States. Training a Reading Recovery teacher leader has a multiplier effect, because each teacher leader provides training to many teachers who in turn will work with 8 to 10 first graders each year.

The remaining \$15,000 will fund professional development for Reading Recovery sites that are within 50 miles of a Deluxe Corporation facility, in the form of

- three scholarships of \$2,000 each for a team of two people (one Reading Recovery professional and one administrator) to attend the June Teacher Leader Institute and National Leadership Academy,
- three individual scholarships of \$1,000 each to the 2008 National Reading Recovery and K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference, and

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Reading Recovery is a one-to-one tutoring intervention in which highly trained teachers work with the lowest-achieving first-grade students in daily 30-minute lessons. In just 12 to 20 weeks, three-fourths of students who have the full series of lessons reach grade-level expectations, and most students continue to progress normally with good classroom instruction.

RRCNA is an association of 8,000 Reading Recovery professionals and partners that includes classroom teachers, Title I teachers, school administrators, university professors, parents and community members. Since 2000, 74 teacher leader training scholarships have been awarded by RRCNA to Reading Recovery professionals in 29 states and provinces.

The Deluxe Corporation Foundation's "Reading Is For Life" grants help schools implement programs that serve students who struggle with reading. For more information, please visit <http://www.deluxe.com/dlxab/deluxe-foundation-reading.jsp>. Since 1954, the Deluxe Corporation Foundation has contributed more than \$80 million to nonprofit organizations.

For more information on the RRCNA and Reading Recovery, go to [www.readingrecovery.org](http://www.readingrecovery.org). Information about the Deluxe Corporation and the Deluxe Corporation Foundation is available at <http://www.deluxe.com/dlxab/>.