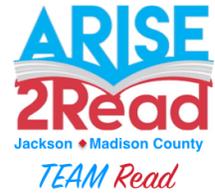


THE TEAMREAD READER



From our home to yours:

*‘Have yourselves a very **Merry Christmas** and may there be **Joy** in your Holy-day Celebrations!’*

(we were feeling a bit plaid, can you tell?)



This Semester Together You All Have Invested ...

11+
Weeks

over
184
hours

blessing the lives of
422
2nd graders!



A Very Special Thank You to all the 2nd Grade teachers and administrators who put in too-many-to-count hours to see our students succeed!

‘Speaking of Thank you’s...’

The **Gamma Psi Chapter** of the **Phi Delta Kappa National Sorority** held their 13th Annual Walk/Run for Education Fund Raiser at the LIFT on Saturday, November 17. They chose **ARISE2Read** as their designated non-profit recipient.

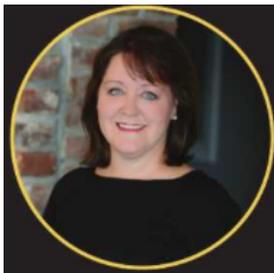


To our knowledge, they are the first organization to support **ARISE2Read**

Jackson/Madison County as the recipient of a fund-raiser.

Thank you so much **Gamma Psi!**

If you know of any other organization(s) who would like to support us, please let us know!



To our own Board Member **Tammy Buchanan** for receiving the Jackson Award for **Community Service** at the Foundation’s Charity Gala on Nov. 11



To our own new Coach **Melinda Hearn Reid** for receiving the Jackson Award for the **Arts** at the Foundation’s Charity Gala on Nov. 11.

A Christmas Carol Trivia

Early in 1843, as a response to a government report on the abuse of child laborers in mines and factories, Dickens vowed he would strike a “sledge-hammer blow . . . on behalf of the Poor Man’s Child.” That sledge-hammer was *A Christmas Carol*.

The Cratchit family is based on Dickens’ childhood home life. He lived in poor circumstances in a “two up two down” four roomed house which he shared with his parents and five siblings. Like Peter Cratchit, young Charles, the eldest boy, was often sent to pawn the family’s goods when money was tight.

ARISE2Read will probably never have the impact in Jackson, TN, that Dickens' timeless novel had on the treatment of poor 18th-century children, but the lasting impact of caring and knowing someone cares, feeling central to someone else's world, listening and talking and actually being heard--not to mention a lifetime of literacy--can change our city, one child at a time! Thank you for joining in this endeavor.

Marley’s ghost to Scrooge: “No space of regret can make amends for one life’s opportunity misused.”

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Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!