If you can read, you can do anything, dream anything and be anything."

—Dolly Parton

ONLY 44% OF CHILDREN in the Grand Traverse region are ready for Kindergarten

BIRTH TO AGE 5 is the most critical period for brain development

**READING ALOUD** to a child is the single most important thing a parent can do to prepare their child for kindergarten.

Books from Birth encourages parents to read to their child with monthly home delivery of new, age-appropriate books to inspire their child's love of reading.

## We need your help!

\$150 per baby\* x 1500 Munson births per year = \$225,000 annually \*12 books a year until age 5

We want every newborn at Munson Medical Center from the Grand Traverse 5-county region beginning October 1 to be offered a "community gift scholarship" to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library at no cost to the family.

Invest in Our Community's Children right from the start.

Make a Donation Today!

