

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY  
UNION COUNTY  
PARTNER AGENCY: IMAGINATION LIBRARY**

A lot of times we evaluate a program on the surface level of how we are impacting families. Recently, however, I had the opportunity to see how the Imagination Library's impact reaches even further.

I went on a home visit for a high school student who was truant from school. Upon arrival, the parent was disheveled and obviously tired. She invited us in to speak with her. When I introduced myself, she said she recognized my name from the Imagination Library. She showed me a stack of Imagination Library books that were in a "toy corner" and explained how much she and her grandchild loved the books. These were the only books that were visible in the home. We talked about the books, how excited her granddaughter became when they arrived and how glad she was to receive these books and read them with the child. This was a great moment that allowed us to bond over the books which eased the way for our conversation about her teenage child who was struggling to attend school.

The woman shared that she was raising the grandchild and she explained the troubles she was having in getting her son to attend high school. After we talked through her issues and developed a plan for improving her son's school attendance, she again thanked me for the books they receive through Imagination Library. I firmly believe that the books not only were a valuable investment in the grandbaby's life but served to provide a friendly point of contact for a tough conversation regarding her high school son.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$100 **Imagination Library** can:

- Purchase of books for children
- Cover the cost of one child receiving a book each month for 40 months (from birth until the child is just over 3 years old)
- Cover the cost of just over 3 children receiving a book each month for a year

