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**LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES
CORPORATE CONTRIBUTION FROM REPUBLIC BANK**

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3), public charity, is pleased to announce a Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) contribution in the amount of \$10,000 from Republic Bank, headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Literacy Access Fund secures funding from corporate, foundation, and individual partners in order to provide financial support to underfunded public libraries through a competitive granting process. This contribution will allow Literacy Access Fund to support public libraries in Chester and Montgomery Counties in Pennsylvania, and Burlington, Atlantic, and Cape May Counties in New Jersey, to help fund the inclusion and enhancement of literacy resources for the library's young learners.

"We value the partnership we have established with Literacy Access Fund and its mission to provide funding for local libraries that would otherwise be lacking adequate resources," said Sharon Hammel, Chief Retail Officer, Republic Bank. "Republic Bank is proud to support this worthy cause and empower young learners on their literacy journeys."

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, echoed Hammel's remarks. "Literacy Access Fund is proud to financially support literacy in underfunded public libraries. We could not have accomplished this without the generosity, vision, and collaborative partnership of a community-minded corporation like Republic Bank." Dr. Sorgi also noted, "Our grant awards will help impact and inspire the leaders of tomorrow who are reading in our public libraries today."

For more information about Literacy Access Fund, visit <http://www.literacyaccessfund.org/> or call 610-833-6411.

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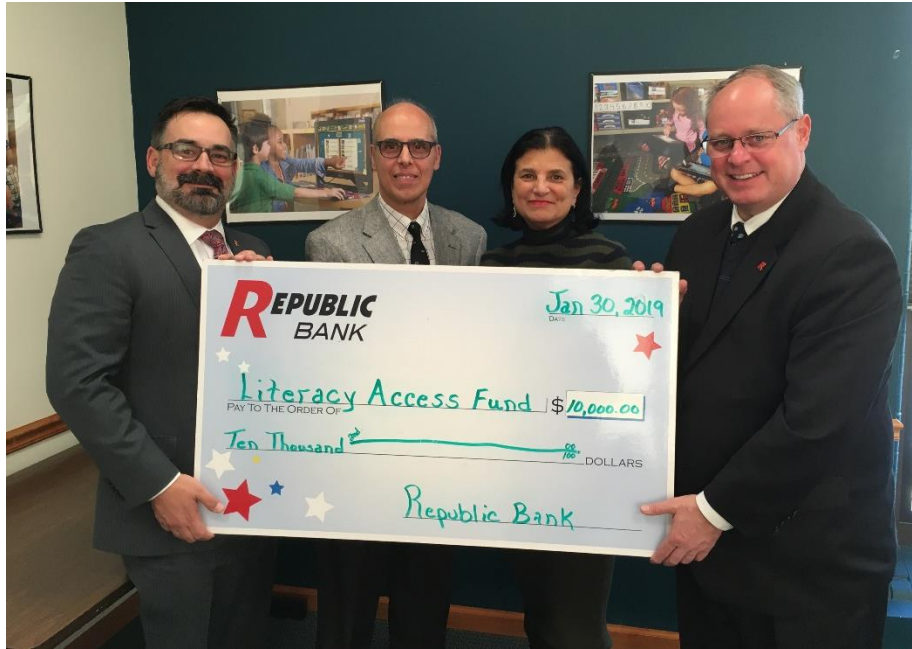
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Republic Bank is the operating name for Republic First Bank. Republic First Bank is a full-service, state-chartered commercial bank, whose deposits are insured up to the applicable limits by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The Bank provides diversified financial products through its 23 offices located in Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey and Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania. The bank also offers a wide range of residential mortgage products through its mortgage division, Oak Mortgage Company. For more information about Republic Bank, please visit www.myrepublicbank.com.

About Literacy Access Fund

The mission of Literacy Access Fund is to make literacy a possibility for every child, in every community. The organization provides support to the public library as a community learning hub and a vital extension of the classroom, and awards grants to underfunded public libraries to increase equal access to early literacy resources and skills for young learners. Literacy Access Fund is headquartered in Chester, Pennsylvania, with the ability to support public libraries across the United States.

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Pictured, left to right: Tony Cavaliere, Vice President, Retail Market Manager-Suburban PA, Republic Bank; Duke Doblick, CFRE, Director of Fundraising, Literacy Access Fund; Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President, Literacy Access Fund; Ken Klein, Vice President/BDO, Store Manager-Media, PA, Republic Bank.