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Kids Soar Receives Two Grants To Support Literacy and Food Programs

Roanoke, VA: Kids Soar announced today that they are the recipients of two foundation grants that will support its Literacy and Food Programs.

Dunkin’ Joy in Childhood Foundation awarded Kids Soar $10,000 to be used towards their food bank. The Kids Soar Food Bank is open on Friday afternoons from 4pm-6pm or during the week by appointment. Any families and individuals in the community can pick up a week’s worth of meals.

Kids Soar was also awarded a $20,000 grant from the Fishwick Fund of the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia. This grant will be used for Kids Soar’s literacy program. Kids Soar currently has two after-literacy locations serving children across the Roanoke Valley. The second Kids Soar location was opened at the beginning of this school year, allowing more children to receive literacy and academic aid to help them soar to success.

Three out of every five children grow up struggling to read. They fall behind in school making them more likely to drop out of high school, hold a low paying job, and live below the poverty level. Kids Soar provides an after-school literacy program so that children can excel and they can break the cycle of poverty in their families and in our community. Reading gives children the chance for a better future. Give a child the gift of reading.

To learn more about this expansion, click here [https://kidsoar.org](https://kidsoar.org/)

About Kids Soar: Kids Soar has been a part of Downtown Roanoke for 31 years. Kids Soar’s literacy focused after-school program traditionally serves children 5 days a week from 2:30pm – 6:30pm, providing literacy and academic education, dinner, and a safe environment for children to soar to success. The children in this program are referred by the Roanoke City Public School System.

