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CELEBRATING THE JOY OF READING

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The Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati (LNGC) hosted a December 2016 holiday party at Resurrection Catholic School where LNGC holds one of its Children's Basic Reading Programs (CBRP). PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC and Seton High School volunteered to join LNGC to help celebrate students' achievements throughout the school year.

Students ranged from kindergarten to third grade and showed off their reading skills to the volunteers and the Literacy Network staff. The children then broke off into groups with the volunteers and played fun, educational games promoting literacy. Seton freshman students joined the morning kindergarten class at Resurrection for their "Share the Sisterhood" event. Seton students brought the children bags filled with school supplies, treats, books, hats and gloves.

"The Seton girls had a great service experience," Seton teacher Lois Childers stated. "They really enjoyed working one-on-one with the students. It made them feel so good to give the students a book. One student said this was only the third book he would have at home. It was difficult for them to leave because they wanted to work with them even longer!"

The afternoon holiday party consisted of first through third grade CBRP classes. Volunteers from PwC attended the party and played educa-



tional games with the students. LNGC provided a book, a snack, hats and gloves for each child.

Third grade Resurrection teacher Debbie Faillace stated, "Our boys and girls were quite proud of themselves as they were able to demonstrate a few of their skills that they have acquired through the Literacy Network Program to the men and women of PwC. We are forever grateful for their dedication to our students' education and their continued support to our school. They are touching the future of our students and we are very thankful."

The Literacy Network's Children's Basic Reading Coordinator Liz Priestle shared, "Our holiday celebration at Resurrection was just that -- a celebration of all the hard work the students are put-

ting toward learning to read. Thanks so much to the volunteers from PwC and Seton for making the day so special!"

The Literacy Network champions the development of literacy in the individual, the family, the workplace, the school and the community by raising awareness, improving access and serving as a catalyst for literacy efforts. For more information, please call (513) 621-READ or visit www.LNGC.org.

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