

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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Dolly Parton Imagination Library Overview

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is the world's leading book-gifting program for children birth to age five. The impact of the Imagination Library program has been widely researched, and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. This program provides a great opportunity to support children, families, and communities across the state. We are enriching children's experience with reading and investing in their future success in school and life.

The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund partners with local community programs, which have committed to enroll children in their designated zip codes, by providing a 50/50 financial match, sharing the cost of the book and postage. In communities that have local programs, children birth to age 5 are eligible to receive a free book every month. Books are free, high quality, and age appropriate. All parents or caregivers must do is register their child with a mailing address and birthdate.

Advisory Board Purpose

A state level Advisory Committee for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library serves to engage influential leaders throughout the state in the development of a statewide Imagination Library program. The purpose of the DPIL Advisory Committee will be to assist the Cabinet in activities related to promoting, growing and sustaining an Imagination Library of Kansas. The Advisory Committee will first be tasked with providing input regarding the formation of a 501c3 nonprofit foundation for the Imagination Library of Kansas and identifying opportunities for growing private sector support for the program. Membership includes representatives of the business sector, philanthropy, elected officials and interested Children's Cabinet members.

Advisory Board Slate

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