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The Dollar General Literacy Foundation Gives More Than $6.4 Million to Support Literacy across the U.S.

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Dollar General Literacy Foundation today awarded more than $6.4 million in grants to 593 nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools.

"Literacy is the key for opening doors to new opportunities and better lives," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "We are pleased to help local organizations enhance and expand their literacy programs to make education more accessible to everyone."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded grants to schools and organizations in communities across the 39 states served by Dollar General. The funding supports programs such as adult literacy, GED preparation and English language acquisition. More than 410,300 individuals are expected to benefit from literacy services provided by the grants.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards grants annually to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries to support education and literacy in the communities where its customers, employees and their families live and work. Available grants and a complete list of grant recipients are available at www.dgliteracy.org.

About Dollar General

Dollar General (NYSE: DG) is a leading discount retailer with 10,000 stores in 39 states. Dollar General stores provide convenience and value to customers by offering consumable basic items such as food, snacks, health and beauty aids and cleaning supplies, as well as basic apparel, house wares and seasonal items at everyday low prices. The company has a longstanding tradition of supporting literacy and education. Since 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than $71.2 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 4.1 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about Dollar General, visit www.dollargeneral.com.

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