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Dear MDAAP Colleagues,

In the midst of the holiday season, I hope this writing finds you and your family doing well. As we collectively push through our tenth month of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are optimistically doing our best to stay well and look forward to the vaccines that will hopefully begin to allow us to return to seeing our friends, families, and the many activities we have put on hold.

As Maryland pediatricians and pediatric healthcare providers, we know that the pandemic has taken an unprecedented toll on our children and families. Even the youngest of children have been schooling via distance learning and missing out on enriching and nourishing social interactions with friends and teachers. Families are craving time with their children that does not involve screens.

During these times, reading with children becomes even more important developmentally, emotionally and socially. The MDAAP Foundation has long supported the Read Out and Read Program and providing mini-grants to pediatric practices to pay for books for patients. As so many families are suffering through difficult financial situations, our need to provide books for families is far greater.

The MDAAP Foundation is able to provide mini-grants to pediatric practices due to the generosity of our MDAAP Chapter members. **Today, as we approach the year's end, we ask that you consider making a charitable gift so that Maryland children can continue to receive books.** As you are making this gift to the MDAAP Foundation, a 501c3 organization, your gift may be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please consult your tax advisor for more information. For your convenience, we are attaching a form for you to fill out and send with your donation.

With gratitude for your support and the work you do each day for children and families, I wish you a very blessed holiday healthy new year.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Brown".

Maria Brown, MD, EdM, FAAP
President
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Enclosures

- **Yes, I want to support the Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Foundation in its work to support early literacy for Maryland's children.** *(Your gift may be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.)*

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For every \$10.00 donation you make to the MDAAP Foundation,
we will send a beautiful holiday contribution card to anyone you designate,
sharing with them that you have made a gift in their honor this holiday season.
Funds from this project will be used to help fund Reach Out and Read sites through the
MDAAP Foundation's Mini-Grant Program for pediatric practice sites in Maryland.
Please see the enclosed form for more information.



Do you struggle to find the perfect gift for the person who has everything and needs nothing?

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