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Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School Receives \$3,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Youth Literacy

[Cape May Court House] – **Nov. 3, 2016** —The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School a \$3,000 grant to support youth literacy. This local grant is part of \$4.5 million in youth literacy grants awarded to approximately 1,000 organizations across the 43 states that Dollar General serves. Given at the beginning of the academic school year, these grants are aimed at supporting teachers, schools and organizations with resources to strengthen and enhance literacy instruction.

Bishop McHugh applied for the grant to fund the “Reading is Fun for Everyone” (RIFFE) program, designed to increase the literacy skills of all students with a special focus on students challenged by reading, performing below grade level benchmarks, or expressing limited interest in reading. RIFFE will include small group reading spaces with comfortable seating options and books to meet the diverse interests of our students.

“The grant will expand our classroom libraries so that students will be able to choose from a variety of books matching their reading levels,” said Principal Tom McGuire. “This will be especially helpful to students with diagnosed learning disabilities.”

“By awarding these grants, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is committed to making a meaningful impact in our local communities,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s chief executive officer. “These grants provide funds to support youth literacy initiatives and educational programs throughout the communities we serve to ensure a successful academic year for students.”

Committed to helping increase the literacy skills of individuals of all ages, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$127 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping nearly 7.9 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education since its inception in 1993. The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards grants each year to nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries within a 20-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation also supports customers interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for the high school equivalency test. At the cash register of every Dollar General store, customers may pick up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services.

About Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School

Bishop McHugh Regional School is a PreK-8 regional school in Cape May County with a student-centered curriculum grounded in the Gospel values. For more information, visit <http://bishopmchugh.com/mchugh/>. The community is

invited to “Like” Bishop McHugh on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BishopMcHughRegionalSchool and follow Principal McGuire on Twitter at @BMRCSPrincipal.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education as part of the company’s mission of ***Serving Others*** for over 20 years. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$127 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 7.9 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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