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**RRCNA Partners with Deluxe Corporation Foundation to Help
Struggling Young Readers Succeed**

COLUMBUS – First-grade children who have extreme difficulty with beginning reading will receive one-to-one tutoring from expert teachers, thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Deluxe Corporation Foundation. The grant to the Reading Recovery Council of North America will provide scholarships to six people for a full academic year of graduate study to become Reading Recovery teacher leaders. Training a Reading Recovery teacher leader has a multiplier effect, because each teacher leader provides training to many teachers who in turn will work with 8 to 10 first-graders each year.

Reading Recovery is a one-to-one tutoring intervention in which highly trained teachers work with the lowest-achieving first-grade students in daily 30-minute lessons. In just 12 to 20 weeks, 8 of 10 students who have the full series of lessons reach grade-level expectations and most students continue to progress normally with good classroom instruction.

Scholarship recipients will be selected in a competitive process that is expected to draw applicants from many of the 48 states that have Reading Recovery. In the past five years, scholarships awarded through the Reading Recovery Council of North America and its generous donors have helped to fund teacher leader training scholarships for 66 teacher leaders across the nation.

The Reading Recovery Council of North America is an association of 8,000 Reading Recovery professionals and partners that includes classroom teachers, Title I teachers, school administrators, university professors, parents and community members.

The Deluxe Corporation Foundation's "Reading Is For Life" grants help schools implement programs that serve students who struggle with reading. For more information, please visit <http://www.deluxe.com/dlxab/deluxe-foundation-reading.jsp>. Since 1954, the Deluxe Corporation Foundation has contributed more than \$77 million to nonprofit organizations.

For more information on the Reading Recovery Council or Reading Recovery, go to www.readingrecovery.org. Information about the Deluxe Corporation and the Deluxe Corporation Foundation is available at <http://www.deluxe.com/dlxab/>