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Generations Incorporated Selected to Participate in Evaluation of Experience Corps Program

BOSTON, MA – Generations Incorporated announced today that it has been selected by AARP Foundation to participate in an impact evaluation that will examine whether small group tutoring administered by volunteer literacy coaches is an effective model for accelerating literacy achievement among K-3 grade students who are below grade level in reading.

In 2015, Generations Incorporated was one of seven community-based organizations that received a four-year grant award from AARP Foundation, in collaboration with the Corporation for National and Community Service, to help grow AARP Foundation Experience Corps. Of the seven organizations that received grants, Generations Incorporated is one of three that were selected to work closely with an independent evaluator to investigate the expansion of sustained small group tutoring (groups of two to four students) and small group plus classroom-wide literacy assistance models.

While the evaluation will assess the efficacy of the Experience Corps model, the ultimate goal of the study is to bolster the effectiveness of volunteer literacy tutoring programs nationwide. The randomized control trial will take place during the 2018-2019 school year.

“The opportunity to undergo this critical evaluation will not only prove the efficacy of Generations Incorporated’s impact, but the effects of the resulting assessment can reverberate on a larger scale to help address the literacy crisis in all communities. The program model is highly-effective and easily replicable to help move the literacy needle in the right direction,” states Wes Enicks. “We are excited to begin this process to further develop our program and deepen our impact in our partner communities.”

About Generations Incorporated
Generations Incorporated addresses the literacy crisis in Greater Boston by equipping young children with the necessary skills for academic success by engaging people aged 50 years+ to serve as Literacy Coaches in partner school and after-school programs. Generations Incorporated has been identified as a priority partner with Revere Public Schools [RPS] and designated by Boston Public Schools [BPS] as a Priority Partner and an Opportunity Portfolio Partner, recognizing the organization's deep impact in supporting high-need schools. During the 2017-2018 academic year over 270 older adult volunteers provided critical literacy support to over 3,500 students at 20 program locations in Greater Boston: 11 schools in BPS, 4 schools in RPS, 4 locations within Boys
Girls Clubs of Boston, and 1 community after-school program. To learn more, visit www.generationsinc.org, or call 617-423-6633.