



The Rizzo Family Foundation Tabs Everybody Wins DC for Inaugural Grant

EWDC selected as winner of Partners for Change grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Rizzo Family Foundation has selected **Everybody Wins DC**, a nonprofit organization focused on literacy and mentorship, as its inaugural Riz Kids Partners for Change grant award winner.

Through one-on-one mentoring, read-aloud activities, and free book distributions, EWDC helps children build the skills they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond. The Riz Kids Partners for Change grant will fund the Power Readers program - a one-on-one mentoring program that helps children build reading and social-emotional skills through weekly sessions with a caring volunteer – at Van Ness Elementary School in Southeast, Washington, D.C.

“EWDC is perfect fit for the Riz Kids Partners for Change grant program,” Mike Rizzo, President and Co-Founder of the Rizzo Family Foundation, said. “With nearly 30 years of impact for some of our community’s most vulnerable children, EWDC is using books and the joy of reading to make connections with kids and fill in some gaps to help teachers and parents.”

“Last year, Everybody Wins DC launched programming at Van Ness Elementary School, a Title 1 school just a few blocks from Nationals Park,” Jordi Hutchinson, EWDC Executive Director, said. “With the amazing support of the Rizzo Family Foundation, EWDC will now be able to expand reading activities at the school and help even more children thrive in the classroom and in life. Thank you, Riz Kids!”

Since 1995, EWDC has used books and reading to help children develop the foundational skills needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Everybody Wins DC builds social-emotional skills, support literacy fluency, and fosters a love of reading and learning.

“We couldn’t be more excited to partner with EWDC and Van Ness Elementary School,” Jodi Rizzo, Vice President and Co-Founder of the Rizzo Family Foundation, said. “EWDC is equally rewarding to the amazing mentors who invest their time to form meaningful relationships with kids to better our community as a whole. While the financial aspect is critically important, we also look forward to volunteering and amplifying their incredible work through our various channels.”

Earlier this month, the Rizzo Family Foundation awarded D.C. high school seniors Dewayne McKinnon and Langston Speed with the inaugural Kim Rizzo Penway Scholarship. Learn more [here](#).

The Rizzo Family Foundation will host the Blackjack & BBQ Bash fundraiser on July 21 at MGM National Harbor. Ticket and sponsorships are available by visiting www.rizkids.com/Bash24.

About the Rizzo Family Foundation:

The Rizzo Family Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that champions educational equity and invests in children and their families to cultivate stronger communities through community grants, scholarship opportunities, and memorable life experiences in the game of baseball. Follow Riz Kids on social media at @RizKidsFamily.