



A direct and positive impact on generations of families in Tallahassee – that’s what you can help support. **“The Learning Tree: South City’s Children’s Library”** is located in the heart of South City neighborhood, housed in the Oliver Hill, Sr. Community Center.

80 percent of the children in the South City neighborhood are living below the poverty level and more than 500 of these children are under the age of 5, which are the critical years for brain development. It is well understood that children’s early vocabulary skills are linked to their economic backgrounds and **according to the U.S. Department of Education, by the age of 3, children born into low-income families hear roughly 30 million fewer words than their more affluent peers.** As a result, many of these children enter kindergarten lacking the basic language skills needed to learn how to read and catching up to their peers becomes a significant challenge. One can certainly understand how this could alter their path to success for the long-term. In this South City community, no public library was within walking distance to this neighborhood, **until now...**

You’ve heard it said, **“From little seeds grow mighty trees.”** Through the creation and operation of The Learning Tree, our mission is to facilitate the collection, processing and redistribution of new and gently used children's books to significantly improve literacy skills among at-risk infants, toddlers and school-age children throughout the South City, Tallahassee neighborhood. **With your support we can help grow the mighty trees that will be the future mothers, fathers, leaders and mentors of our great city.**

Here’s where you can help The Learning Tree branch out and secure its roots:

- **MONETARY DONATIONS:** Give a tax-deductible donation of any amount to the cause to help us continue supplying books, keep up with the facility and market the library to the community. Make checks payable to:
The South City Revitalization Council (Tax ID number 47–3323694)
1126 Lee Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

***Sponsor donating \$500 or greater will recognized on a plaque displayed at the Learning Tree**
- **BOOK DONATIONS:** Donate books to help us keep the library stocked. If you would like to make a donation or set up a drop-box at your organization, please contact **Courtney Atkins at courtney@wholechildleon.org**

For more information, please contact **Courtney Atkins at 850-544-3024.** **We hope you will consider supporting The Learning Tree.** With your help, these children will have the opportunity to improve their literacy and experience a network of caring individuals, including **YOU**, who want to see them succeed.

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