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## Press Release

**“READ WITH THE MAYOR” AT EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! The Mayor of Riverside, “Rusty Bailey” and the Nattie A. Cole-Reagins Education and Cancer Research Foundation launch a new program that will expand to schools across Riverside.**

Mayor “Rusty Bailey” reads to 112 students of Emerson Elementary School.

**Riverside, CA February 10, 2016:** On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Riverside’s mayor, “Rusty Bailey” read to more than ONE HUNDRED 2<sup>nd</sup> graders of Emerson Elementary School. The “Read With The Mayor” program is the result of a new partnership between The City of Riverside Mayor’s Office and the Nattie A. Cole-Reagins Education and Cancer Research Foundation of Riverside. Nattie A. Cole-Reagins attended Emerson Elementary School as a child and later returned to the school as a teacher for 13 years. Nattie died in 2007 of Sino Nasal Undifferentiated Carcinoma.

The “Read With The Mayor” program was a field trip for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Students walked with teachers and foundation trustees to the Eastside library on Chicago Avenues where they were extended an opportunity to receive a library card, hear a story read by Mayor “Rusty Bailey”, and receive a BRAND NEW BOOK donated by the Nattie A. Cole-Reagins Education and Cancer Research Foundation. “Reading is a fundamental skill that was incredibly important to Nattie personally and as teacher. The Foundation is honored to work with The Mayor’s Office and Mayor Bailey to support this wonderful opportunity for the students of Emerson”, said Foundation Trustee and Riverside Unified School District teacher, Bonnie Potts. Mayor Bailey was engaging and a natural with the students. “Perhaps we can sponsor this event on a monthly basis!” that Mayor proclaimed at the end of the event when Emerson student were receiving their free books.

Mayor Bailey will announce the progress of the program as a featured speaker at the Foundation’s annual gala, April 23, 2016 at the Riverside Convention Center. “Monte Carlo Royale” is the theme of the event this year. Additional information regarding the Nattie Foundation can be found at [www.natliefoundation.org](http://www.natliefoundation.org).

The Nattie A. Cole-Reagins Education and Cancer Research Foundation is a non-profit 501<sup>(c)</sup>3 organization that was formed in 2009 to celebrate Nattie’s legacy, promote early childhood literacy, and advance cancer research. The mission of the Foundation is dedicated to continuing Nattie’s life-long work in early childhood literacy and actively raising awareness and supporting the research of Sino Nasal Undifferentiated Carcinoma (SNUC) and its effects.