The Imagination Library program is built on decades of reading research consistently demonstrating that having books at home helps children develop literacy skills.
“Children enrolled in the Imagination Library program have reading readiness scores 8 points higher than non-participants.”

-Urban Child Institute 2012 Kindergarten Readiness Study

"A Healing Effect on the Community"

Participants of focus groups and interviews confirmed the results discovered from statistical methods and added their opinions on important points that go beyond literacy to the program’s deeper impacts on whole communities, including:

- Inclusion of all children, providing common ground at the start of kindergarten;
- Promotion of activities that have a healing effect on families regardless of their economic status;
- Engagement of the entire community in promoting literacy, enrollment, and fundraising;
- Allowance of each community’s autonomy for growth and sustainability, while benefiting from statewide and local partnerships.

The “healing effect on the community” manifesting in emerging neighborhood initiatives, increased library usage and literacy – child development program collaboration.

The establishment of reading routines seeming to bring about increased stability, emotional well-being and improved atmosphere in families facing difficulties (such as poverty and stress experienced by families where parents work long hours and have limited support raising children).