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IT REALLY DOES TAKE A VILLAGE... TO TACKLE A 30 MILLION WORD GAP

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7th grader, Rachel Echt

Thirty million fewer words -- that's what a child from a low-income family will hear by the time he or she is four, according to a landmark study of almost two decades ago. Kids' Club of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow sought, last year, to find out what was available in our community to help new mothers from low-income families give their babies the right start. They found that while pre-K programs have expanded, there was little available for the birth to age three population.



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So Smart Babies was born. Director Susan Gitlitz and teacher Rocio Castaneda of the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns' Asociacion de Familias Hispanas led the charge to develop a new program, and Kids' Club worked to facilitate and provide funding. It's all about harnessing the power of parents' language by encouraging new mothers to talk and read more with their babies.

Smart Babies debuted this past fall, thanks also to the generosity of Sister Susan Gardella of the RSHM LIFE Center, who offered space in her new Valley St. location. Then the Junior League got on board to help fund some of the books that each mother will receive. And most recently, Rachel Echt, a seventh grader at Sleepy Hollow Middle School collected \$500 in Barnes & Noble and Amazon gift cards for Smart Babies for her Mitzvah Project at Temple Beth Abraham. Rachel also collected 100 new and gently used books for very young children. It's especially heartwarming, the organizers said, to see the next generation of philanthropists joining the caring community of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

The pioneering study disclosing the gap between the vocabularies heard by young children of lower income families and those heard by children of more advantaged families was published in 1995 in the book, "Meaningful Differences in the Everyday Experience of Young American Children," by two psychology professors, Betty Hart and Todd Risley, both Ph.D's.

For more information, about Smart Babies and to see how you can help, visit;

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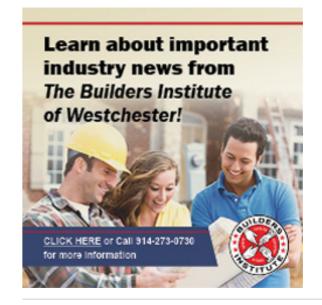
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