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UNITED THROUGH READING

*We believe every
child deserves
a bedtime story.*



THE BENEFITS OF STORYTIME FOR MILITARY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

- *Reduces stress and anxiety caused by separation*
- *Strengthens family ties and positive parenting with storytime routines*
- *Encourages literacy and learning*
- *Promotes wellness for children, service members, and the entire family*

Deployments and separation continue to be a reality for military families. Each year, over 100,000 military parents are deployed leaving nearly 250,000 children at home. With a conservative 6-month separation, these children have 180 nights without their parent home for bedtime stories. **That's 40 million missed bedtime stories each year by military children.**

With United Through Reading's mission to connect military families through the read-aloud experience, we can deliver many of these stories each year. But there are still millions of stories left to send home.

We need your support to close this 40 Million Stories' gap and ensure that every military child can reap the benefits of storytime with their far-away parent. **Our goal is to save 10 million stories in 2017.**

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