

Zuckerberg, Chan give \$30M to Harvard and MIT for literacy

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Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, are giving Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology \$30 million to help improve the literacy skills of elementary school students across the nation.

The Reach Every Reader program will combine [scientific research](#) with methods of tracking and predicting students' reading abilities to develop a web-based screening tool to identify kindergartners at [high risk](#) of reading difficulties.

MIT President Rafael Reif said "struggling to read can be a crushing blow with lifelong consequences" and when millions of children struggle, it's "a crisis for our society."

Chan called the five-year effort "a unique combination of cutting-edge education and neuroscience research."

Zuckerberg created Facebook while a Harvard student but dropped out. Chan graduated from the Ivy League school in 2007.

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