

CLASSIC COMICS

Dear SMART Friends of Children and Literacy,

At SMART Family Literacy, we believe reading is a superpower that transforms lives. For 22 years, our Galveston home-grown organization has been suiting up to meet the challenges facing our children and families, ensuring every child has the tools to become the hero of their own story. This mission begins at the very start of life; through our SMART 0 to 3 program, we provide direct one-on-one support for parents of our youngest children. We link early literacy directly to health, providing brain-building blocks for our most vulnerable children. In 2025, our team, including 230 volunteers and experts, made a SMART impact for 10,197 children.

When you donate to SMART Family Literacy, your generosity has a positive impact! By supporting the SMART team, you can lay the foundation for lifelong learning by:

- **Building Early Learning Foundations** - 80% of the adult brain is formed by age 3. That's why we focus on early literacy exposure—when it matters most. Last year, we placed 36,559 books into children's hands.
- **Equipping Educators** - We train early childhood educators and childcare professionals to create literacy-rich environments and deliver high-quality early learning. Last year, we trained 994 educators to inspire young learners and even trained other trainers to join us.
- **Collaborating with SMART Heart Partners**, a collective of medical professionals and educators - The caring volunteers with SHP, in its 5th year, visit classrooms and community venues to read aloud to children and present fun heart-healthy activities, like making vegetable smoothies and growing family vegetable gardens.

In 2026, all of SMART's high-impact educational programs will be supported by our annual fundraising event in celebration of reading. "Classic Comics" will include a delicious brunch, mimosas, signature cocktails, memorable photos, and creative activities for adults. Beautiful silent auction items will be in perfect time for holiday gift shopping. We invite you to travel through time with us to this nostalgic celebration of the funny papers of the 1940s and 50s. For many children of decades past, recalling their first reading memory inspires hope, humor, and heroism. Guests at the "Classic Comics" brunch are encouraged to dress like their favorite valiant adventurers, daring heroes, or clever detectives. Fedoras, capes, bow ties, and antennae hair are all welcome and will add to the fun! For those who prefer, costume props will be on hand for use while you pose for the photo booth or a caricature portrait.

This year, we are privileged to recognize our children's literacy hero, Dr. Sally Robinson, UTMB Professor of Pediatrics, for her dedication to children throughout her career. We invite you to become one of our heroes by sponsoring or donating to our 2026 celebration of reading, "Classic Comics," a FUN and FUNDraising event in support of all SMART's high-impact educational programs, on Saturday, September 19th, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the San Luis Resort Hotel Ballroom. Help us inspire the unique characters, creative problem-solvers, and brave heroes of the next generation, as we write new adventures, frame by frame. See below for more details about becoming a table sponsor or donor.

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Classic Comics Sponsorship Packages:

By sponsoring a table, you're helping write the next chapter in the story of literacy and learning. Each table package offers exclusive benefits while directly supporting Smart Family Literacy's mission to spark a love of reading in every child and family—at Classic Comics: From Superheros to the Funny Papers on September 19, 2026, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. at The San Luis Resort.



Level 1: **\$10,000** Graphic Novel Giants

- Premium Table for 10 at 'Spellbound' fundraiser event
- Recognition at the event and on the Smart Family Literacy website
- Sponsor 10 classroom libraries (25 books each) with custom sticker inside each book
- Sponsor recognition on one featured SMART activity with signage and social media acknowledgment
- Priority table placement, 2 bottles of Dom Perignon, and themed table decor
- Recognition at event with sponsor signage

Level 2: **\$7,500** The Ink Guardians

- Premium Table for 10 at 'Spellbound' fundraiser event
- Recognition at the event and on the Smart Family Literacy website
- Sponsor 5 classroom libraries (25 books each) with custom sticker inside each book
- Priority table placement, 2 bottles of Veuve Clicquot, and themed table decor
- Recognition at event with communal sponsor signage

Level 3: **\$5,000** Thought Bubble Benefactors

- Table for 10 at 'Spellbound' fundraiser event
- Recognition at the event and on the Smart Family Literacy website
- Table sign recognizing sponsorship
- 1 bottle of Veuve Clicquot
- Recognition at the event with communal sponsor signage

Level 4: **\$2,500** The Sidekick Society

- Table for 10 at 'Spellbound' fundraiser event
- Recognition at the event and on the Smart Family Literacy website
- Table sign recognizing sponsorship
- Recognition at the event with communal sponsor signage

Other ways to join the story...

Champion's Circle **\$1,500**

- Table for 10 at 'Spellbound' fundraiser event
- Recognition on the Smart Family Literacy website

Dynamic Duo **\$500**

- 2 Tickets
- Recognition on the Smart Family Literacy website

Friendly Neighbor **\$150**

- Individual Event Ticket

Silent Hero

- We will not attend but would like to donate.

You can purchase via Eventbrite:

www.tinyurl.com/SMARTFamLit



Mail paper order forms and checks to:

SMART Family Literacy
2728 Ave. Q, Galveston, TX 77550

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Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Sponsorship Selection

- Level 1: Graphic Novel Giants \$10,000
- Level 2: The Ink Guardians \$7,500
- Level 3: Thought Bubble Ben. \$5,000
- Level 4: The Sidekick Society \$2,500
- Champions Circle \$1,500
- Dynamic Duo \$500
- Friendly Neighbor \$150
- Silent Hero \$ _____