

## Lend A Hand Application 2023

1. Our mission is to inspire a lifelong love of reading by mailing age-appropriate books each month to children under five living in the North Star Borough. Our volunteer board is responsible for registering children and raising the funds to pay for the books. Through our Facebook, website and family events, we encourage families to actively engage with the books and foster a positive relationship with reading.
2. The Co-op Market values an educated community and education begins at birth with a love of reading!
3. All funds raised for the Imagination Library go to pay the cost of the books and mailing which averages \$5,500 per month for the 2,600 registered children. We are a volunteer-run organization so we have virtually no overhead costs!
4. Several years ago, we were selected for Lend a Hand and were able to use those funds to purchase hundreds of books for young readers.
5. North Star Imagination Library is the local affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Registered children receive a free, age-appropriate book each month in the mail until their fifth birthday. Anyone living in the North Star Borough or a Tanana Chiefs Conference community can register and develop a lifelong love of reading!