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Maureen Bazinet Beck

A former principal in Minneapolis Public Schools and community advisor to the Superintendent, Maureen Bazinet Beck witnessed Way to Grow being formed in its early days by Mayor Don Frazer with the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and United Way. "Mayor Frazer had a dream that every child would be ready for school," says Maureen. "Parent educators could help mothers understand the importance of reading to their child."

Way to Grow emerged as a home visiting program bringing skilled Family Educators to families in many languages and cultures to coach parents on preparing their children for school. "Way to Grow produced confident parents and children succeeding in school, so we supported it," Maureen recalls.

In 2025, buoyed by Way to Grow's success metrics, and with growing concern for immigrant families, Maureen gathered her friends at a lovely reception to hear about Way to Grow's work with families and CEO Coco Du's own immigration story. Maureen's friends were taken with the strong literacy outcomes as well as Coco's leadership and determination, and they made generous gifts which were matched by Maureen. Way to Grow is truly grateful for Maureen's passion for early education, concern for our neighbors, and her generosity that ignited joyful giving across her circle of friends.