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Virginia G. Piper

GRANTMAKING SPOTLIGHT
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With her unique history at Piper Trust and First Things First, Dal Pra has had a front-row seat to the Trust’s years of investments. “The work, partnerships, and some of the early, very creative initiatives Piper Trust made are nearly two decades old and living on,” she said. “We’re here to measure in ways that the value of the Trust does and the number of lives it touched in.”

Share a Moment

A SPECIAL VIRGINIA PIPER MOMENT

While visiting a local nonprofit, a visibly abused little boy reached for Virginia—she scooped him up and embraced. This moment reinforced Virginia’s commitment to significantly support efforts that contribute to children’s healthy growth and development.

Warmly,
Mary Jane Ryu President and CEO

In June 2019, we welcome the second edition of #PiperTrustMoments, our joyful celebration of the community’s meaningful partnership with Piper Trust.

Piper Trust was officially established on June 15, 1999; so we think it’s fitting that this June issue looks back at one of her earliest initiatives. Marilee Dal Pra, Dr. Dal Pra’s former (and beloved!) long-time vice president of programs, and now CEO of First Things First, graciously shared her insights about how this Piper Trust initiative, launched back in 2006, helped to create the Arizona Parent Kit that is still touching young lives today.

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