



# ANNUAL REPORT BOOKS TO DREAMS, Inc.

July 2011 through June 2012  
Starting Our SEVENTEENTH Year!

A literacy program for children in need, Miriam Stannard Epstein, director,  
312 Ferguson Road, Manchester, CT 06040, [www.bookstodreams.org](http://www.bookstodreams.org)

## Books to Dreams, Inc. Tea Fundraiser

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 Books to Dreams, Inc. held a Fundraising Tea. (“*Come and put the FUN in FUNdraiser!*”) and **you** came ... and **you** donated ... and **you** helped keep BTD’s doors open! Thank you ever so much for your generous efforts. Please see page 4 for the details.

## Books to Dreams, Inc. Statistics

**Children’s Books Given Since Founding of Program (1996).....352,859**  
**2011-2012 CHILDREN’S BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.....11,691**

We are pleased that Books to Dreams, Inc. has now completed **sixteen** years of literacy service to children in need. It has been a great joy. Thank you EVERYONE – Thank you for believing in literacy and books for everyone’s children.

## **NEW TIMES – NEW PARADIGMS**

Books to Dreams has gone in a new direction since **January 1, 2009**. We **specialize** in **HEAD START PROGRAMS** where we provide books and literacy programs.

**A. BOOKS PROVIDED TO HEAD START PROGRAMS (THROUGHOUT THE STATE).....6,443**

Books to Dreams, Inc. provided books (and literacy programs in Manchester) for **Head Start Programs** in Connecticut.

<b>HEAD START REGIONS</b>	<b>Children's Books</b>	<b>Parents' Choice</b>	<b>Teacher Resource</b>	<b>Classroom Libraries</b>	
East Hartford	508	130	52	37	
Enfield	267	130	52	34	
Manchester	374	130	43	35	
New Britain	1164	290	63	41	
Norwich	1510	498	64	41	
Willimantic	260	130	52	34	
Even Start, Willimantic	115	65	0	0	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,198</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>6,119 BOOKS</b>

**B. BTD PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS - HEAD START (MANCHESTER)**

A total of **18** storytelling programs (2 programs per classroom) per year were presented. **162** children were provided with books to keep, along with the themed storytelling programs. (These **324** books are in addition to the numbers in the Head Start Table on page 1.)

**C. BOOKS PROVIDED TO OTHER PROGRAMS**

Books include **Children's Books, Parents' Choice, Teacher Resource & Library Books**

**1. Books Donated to Special Children's Organizations (6 organizations).....1,873**  
**Ebony Horsewomen, Hartford (42), Hartford Correctional Center (648); Health Collective East, formerly Manchester Area Network for Aids, MANA) (969); NEW – St. Francis Clinic, Hartford (51); Village for Families and Children – Safe Home, Hartford (13); York Correctional Institution – Adult Library, Niantic (150).**

**2. Soup Kitchen Book Boxes (located in 3 soup kitchens).....3,215**  
**Cornerstone, Rockville (550), thank you JOANNE BEDARD; Isaiah 58 Covenant, Willimantic (1,813), thank you BRENDA ROSEN; MACC Shepherd's Place, Manchester (852), thank you SANDY MAY. BTD/CLA Connection (Books to Dreams/ Connecticut Library Assoc. includes deaccessioned books processed at Bentley Library by LIZ THORNTON and directly brought to BTD book boxes located in MACC Soup Kitchen, Manchester and Bolton Food Pantry.**

**3. Books in Memory of Maryknoll Priest, Father Tom Goeckler's Haiti Program.....160**  
Other countries who received books from BTD in the past were **Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Iraq, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Tanzania & Uganda.**

**D. VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS, AND ASSISTANCE –THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH-  
THE PROGRAM WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**MARY COX, Windham, PAT DUBIEL, Columbia, JANET HAINES, Windham, DEE HAMMON, Windham, SUE MOON, Woodstock, ANNETTE MURPHY, Mansfield Center, LUZELLA ROOS, South Windham, BRENDA ROSEN, South Windham.**  
**JOANNE BEDARD, Ellington, JOAN DOWER, Manchester, SANDY MAY, Glastonbury, BRITTANY COVILL, Manchester, REBECCA ZWERLING, Manchester, LINDA & BEN PAQUETTE, South Windsor, LIZ THORNTON, Bolton. LINDA CLARK, Enfield.**

**BOOKS and/or READING BUDDY DONATIONS**

(B) = BOOKS, (RB) = READING BUDDIES, (D) = DELIVERED

**Brownie & Girl Scout Troop # 65036, Leaders CELINE HUFF, KIM FIELD & LISA CASTLE, & Scouts NATALIE, KARLEE, McKENZIE & ABBY, Scotland (B,D); MOM'S CLUB, Manchester/East Hartford (B,D); BARBARA VIZOYAN, Manchester (B,D); Saxton B Little Library, JESSICA FOREST, Columbia (B,D); BRITTANY, CHARLOTTE & CLARA COVILL & Friends, Manchester (B, D); DENISE DUPELL, Manchester (NEW! B, D); LINDA CAROSELLA,**

Farmington (NEW! B, NEW! RB, D); **LINDA PAQUETTE & FAMILY**, South Windsor (B, D); **SANDY LEMIRE**, Windham (B, D); **TRICIA GRENIER**, Vernon (NEW! B, D); **PAT MacDOUGAL**, Manchester (B, D); **JODIE SPRAGUE, CALVIN & KATE BECK**, Tolland (NEW! B, D, donated for Calvin & Kate's birthdays in lieu of presents); **JANET DeCAROLIS**, North Franklin (B, D in memory of her mother); **PIXIE PREWITT**, Mansfield (NEW! B, D); **DAWNE MORISON, Bright Spot Children's Play Place**, Vernon (NEW! B, D); **DIANE BELLING**, Coventry (RB, D); **SAMANTHA MARTIN**, Wethersfield (B, RB, D); **LINDA FRYE**, Bolton (B, D); **CONNIE GILLIES**, Middletown (B, D); **BRENDA ROSEN**, South Windham (B, D); **BETTY SPAULDING**, Manchester (NEW! B, D); **CHARLEEN KNAPP, Chapter S, PEO**, Mansfield Center (B, D); **The Mystic Meditation Group, LAURA ZAGLIO & Members**, Mystic (B, RB, D); **DKG Theta Chapter** (B, D) (**ANNETTE MURPHY** delivered); **DR. WENDY LEVINBOOK**, West Hartford (B, D); **MARY BOLLASH**, Manchester (B, D); **Brownie Troop # 10548, CYNTHIA MATHIEU**, Newington (B, D); **Center Nursery School, MARY BETH HOFFMAN**, Manchester (B, D); **DONNA WU**, Manchester (B, D); **THE COMEAU FAMILY**, Manchester (RB, D); **JOANNE BEDARD**, Ellington (B, D); **KATHLEEN DARGAN**, Manchester (B, D).

**OTHER DONATIONS**

**MICHELE BEAULIEU & Friends**, Manchester, handmade reading buddies; **LINDA CAROSELLA**, Farmington, butterfly stickers, bookmarks, paper; **PAULINE GREGOIRE (Dr. Caye)**, Manchester, toothpaste; **TRICIA GRENIER**, Vernon, photographed BTM fundraiser, famous children's authors' letters; **JAN TARR, TOM KRAZIK, Manchester Life Newspaper**, article on BTM author letters; **SAMANTHA MARTIN**, Wethersfield, large plastic storage bin; **GEORGE TORELLO & KIM LANGLEY, Torello Engineers**, Essex, printed BTM literature. Thank you all very much!

**E. BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2011-6/30/2012**

Brought Forward from 2009-2010		\$1,734.18																									
<b>INCOME</b>	Grants and Donations	<b>\$7,288.80</b>																									
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**F. BOOKS TO DREAMS SPECIAL EVENTS, NEWS:**

- **Books to Dreams Tea Fundraiser**, "Come and put the **FUN** in **FUN**draiser", A tea given at 312 Ferguson by BTM director - October 2011
- **Manchester Life (Newspaper)**, article on BTM children's authors' letters for sale, to raise funds for BTM – November 2011
- **Horace Porter School, Panther Players** (Columbia) Dinner Theatre, **Jan Stice**, director, – BTM recognition and monetary donation - March 2012
- **Simsbury Woman's Club** – BTM recognition and monetary donation - April 2012

**G. BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. FUNDING: JULY 2011 – June 2012**

**1) Donations - General**

Adult Fellowship - 1st Congregational Church - Windham - Dee Hammon & members	\$290.00
Karen Benedict	\$100.00
Tara Arner	\$20.00
BTD Holy Family Volunteers	\$48.00
Janet & Dan Comeau	\$720.00
CIVITAN CLUB of Simsbury & the Farmington Valley, Inc.	\$100.00
Linda Clark	\$75.00
The Christie Family	\$25.00
Susan & John DeWolf	\$100.00
Joan Dower	\$15.00
Miriam Epstein, for all postage & supplies	\$293.80
Marilyn & David Jacobs	\$50.00
Sue & Rick Johnson	\$150.00
Horace Porter School - Panther Players (Jan Stice)	\$300.00
Pamela & Robert Horrocks	\$100.00
Mary Elizabeth & Richard Long	\$25.00
Dale Mainville	\$80.00
Roxanne McAlvany	\$125.00
Mystic Meditation Group (Laura Zaglio)	\$270.00
Annette Murphy	\$25.00
Private Foundation	\$1,500.00
Linda & Steve Paquette/Travelers	\$418.00
Luzella Roos	\$20.00
Phil Sawyer	\$30.00
Amy & Bob Silliman	\$75.00
Nancy Simonds	\$25.00
Ellen & George Suljak	\$50.00
Kanokon Tungdeeteesud	\$200.00
Kathy Weston, in memory of her son Matthew Joseph Lavigne	\$25.00
Simsbury Woman's Club	\$150.00
Soroptomist International of Willamantic	\$100.00
Heidi VanFlatern	\$150.00
Ruth & Arnie Zackin	\$25.00
Rebecca Zwerling	\$109.00

**GENERAL TOTAL = \$5788.80**

**2) Donations – BTD FUNDRAISER TEA**

Marsha Adams	\$50.00
Anonomous Donors	\$275.00
Tara Arner	\$20.00

Sharon Bartlett	\$25.00
Joanne Bedard	\$25.00
Linda Benson	\$25.00
Etta Brewer	\$25.00
Sandy Brown	\$20.00
Evelyn Clark	\$10.00
Linda Clark	\$10.00
Janet Comeau	\$50.00
Communitas - Pat Beeman & George Ducharme	\$50.00
Mary Cox	\$10.00
Alberta Culley	\$50.00
Janet DeCarolus in memory of her mother	\$50.00
Paula DeDominicis	\$20.00
Joan Dower	\$15.00
Pat Dubiel	\$10.00
Denise Dupell	\$10.00
Kit Eves, Pamela Horrocks, Kanokon Tungdeeteesud, Nok McCune, Jane Zemke, Barbara Lofstrom	\$120.00
Connie Gillies	\$50.00
Tricia Grenier	\$10.00
Barbara Hamilton	\$10.00
Dee Hammon	\$10.00
Linda Hence	\$25.00
Cindy Kowalczuk	\$50.00
Marilyn Lassow	\$5.00
Mary Elizabeth Long	\$25.00
Pat MacDougal	\$20.00
Mona Martinik & Family	\$100.00
Sandy May	\$20.00
Vicki Merriam	\$25.00
Ann Messecar	\$20.00
Sue Moon	\$10.00
Jeanne Morascini	\$20.00
Annette Murphy	\$10.00
Michelle Palmer	\$25.00
Pixie Prewitt	\$100.00
Luzella Roos	\$20.00
Margaret Russell	\$25.00
Amy Silliman	\$30.00
Heidi VanFlatern	\$20.00

**BTD TEA TOTAL = \$1,500.00**

**GRAND TOTAL \$7,288.80**

#### **H. SPECIAL THANKS TO BOARD MEMBERS, BUSINESS MANAGER & OTHERS**

Books to Dreams, Inc. Board Members for 2011-12 are: **Joan Dower** of Manchester (Chairman), **Pat Dubiel** of Columbia (Vice Chairman), **Pamela Horrocks** of Willimantic (Secretary), **Linda Clark** of Enfield (Treasurer), & **Howard Epstein** of Manchester (Business Manager). Along with these people, I would like to thank all of the wonderful **volunteers and contributors**, from all over Connecticut, who have been dedicated to the program, in some cases, for years. This program would not exist if it were not for the many hundreds of individuals, businesses, religious organizations, schools, and organizations that have volunteered, donated and contributed to Books to Dreams, Inc. these past **sixteen** years. Thank you **Linda & Evelyn Clark of Lovable Huggables** who have provided BTM with **560** reading buddies this year bringing the total to nearly **25,000** reading buddies!

I am most grateful to the thousands of inspiring and brave children, whom I have met, who continue to read in spite of all that they have to overcome in their lives. They are always thrilled to receive their own books.

All of the children's books, given through the Books to Dreams, Inc. program, were either donated or purchased from monetary donations. **Thank you EVERYONE – You all have been an amazing blessing for these children! You are the reason that Books to Dreams, Inc. has kept its doors open for another year!**

The Books to Dreams, Inc. program is dedicated to my dad, **Joseph Edson Stannard** (1911-2001), who always had time to read to me.  
In peace,

Miriam Stannard Epstein, director

Howard Epstein, business manager

**We hope you enjoy this annual report. To help save BTM resources, when through reading, please save or pass on to others. NEW books (for children ages birth to 5) & monetary donations are always needed and greatly appreciated. BTM is a 501c(3) non-profit corporation.**