



ANNUAL REPORT BOOKS TO DREAMS, Inc.

July 2013 through June 2014

Starting Our **NINETEENTH** Year!

A literacy program for children in need, **Miriam Stannard Epstein**, director,
190 C Oak Grove Street, Manchester, CT 06040, www.bookstodreams.org

Books to Dreams, Inc. Statistics

Children's Books Given Since Founding of Program (1996).....369,165

2013-2014 CHILDREN'S BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.....4,073

We are pleased that Books to Dreams, Inc. has now completed **eighteen** years of literacy service to children in need. It has been a great joy.

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 volunteer work in classrooms.

A. BOOKS GIVEN TO THREE HEAD START PROGRAMS2,559

Books to Dreams, Inc. provided books for **three Head Start Programs** in Connecticut.

HEAD START PROGRAMS	Children's Books	Parent's Choice	Teacher Resource	Libraries	
Enfield	221	106	0	0	
Manchester	724	601	333	378	
Willimantic	110	86	0	0	Grand Total
TOTALS	1,055	793	333	378	2,559 BOOKS

B. BOOKS PROVIDED TO OTHER PROGRAMS

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

1. Books Donated to Special Children's Organizations (3 organizations).....214

Ebony Horsewomen, Hartford (49), Hartford Correctional Center (35); York Correctional Institution – Adult Library, Niantic (130).

2. Soup Kitchen Book Boxes (located in 3 soup kitchens).....1,300

Cornerstone, Rockville (670); Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, Enfield (50); MACC Shepherd's Place Soup Kitchen, Manchester (580). **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.

C. VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS, AND ASSISTANCE – THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH-

THE PROGRAM WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

VOLUNTEERS

PAT DUBIEL, Columbia, **DEE HAMMON**, Windham, **ANNETTE MURPHY**, Mansfield Center, **LUZELLA ROOS**, South Windham, **BRENDA ROSEN**, South Windham.

JOANNE BEDARD, Ellington, **JOAN DOWER**, Manchester, **SANDY MAY**, Glastonbury, **LINDA PAQUETTE**, South Windsor, **LIZ THORNTON**, Bolton, **LINDA CLARK**, Enfield & **EVELYN CLARK**, Newington.

BOOKS and/or READING BUDDY DONATIONS

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

TRICIA GRENIER, Vernon (B, D NEW!); **BRENDA ROSEN**, South Windham (B, D); **BARBARA VIZOYAN**, Manchester (B,D); **LINDA CAROSELLA**, Farmington (B, RB, D NEW!, also bookmarks); **Chapter S PEO**, **CHARLEEN KNAPP**, Mansfield Center (B, D); **BETTY SPAULDING**, Manchester (B, RB, D NEW!); **CONNIE GILLIES**, Middletown (B, D); **JOANNE BEDARD**, Ellington (B, D); **HOWARD EPSTEIN**, Manchester (B, D, NEW!); **LORRAINE STRENKOWSKI** (children’s author), Lebanon, **100** of her own NEW! books (autographed) (D); **SUE MOON**, Woodstock (RB, D); **PHYLLIS LIMBACHER TILDES** (Children’s author), Savannah, GA, her own NEW! books (autographed) (D); **CORRINE DeIGALLO**, Granby (B, D); **Alpha Delta Kappa, Alpha Chapter**, **ELLEN REPAY** (Contact Person), Newington, (B, D, NEW!); **LINDA & EVELYN CLARK**, Enfield/Newington (RB); **Mystic Meditation Group**, Mystic, **LAURA ZAGLIO** (Contact Person), (B, RB, D); **Bright Spot Children’s Play Place**, **DAWNE MORISON**, Vernon (B NEW!); **CLAUDIA HART**, **Northwest Catholic High School**, West Hartford (B, D, NEW!); **CAROLYN KOLWICZ**, Tolland (B, RB, D, NEW!); **ANDREA MARTIN**, Glastonbury (B, D); **DEBBIE MacGLAFLIN**, Manchester (B, D); **KIRSTEN RIGNEY & Brownie Troop #65066**, Woodstock (B, D); **MARY BOLLASH**, Manchester (B, D); **ANNE CARR**, Manchester (B, D NEW!).

D. BOOKS TO DREAMS HIGHLIGHTS 2012-2013

1. ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, ALPHA CHAPTER MEMBERS INVITE BTD DIRECTOR

October 10, 2013 - **ELLEN REPAY** invited Miriam to speak about Books to Dreams at one of their monthly meetings in Newington. The members were most welcoming, most interested in BTD and gave generously with funding and books. It was a pleasure to meet them and speak about BTD. Thank you very much for your **\$100** donation and new children’s books!

2. SECOND YEAR! BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. GIFT BASKET FUNDRAISER

THEME GIFT BASKETS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS FOR SALE

Gift baskets and contents are donated and created by Anne Miller. You may select theme gift baskets or create your own! Children’s gift baskets may include books, toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals ... Gift baskets for adults may include sports items, wine w/glasses, travel supplies, etc. or any items you’d like. Baskets range from **\$10 to \$50**.

Would you like to see some examples? They’re beautiful! Some gift theme baskets are on display in the window at: **ANNE MILLER REAL ESTATE**, 975 MAIN STREET, DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER. For ordering or questions call Anne at **860-647-8000**. **All proceeds go to BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC.** We thank you Anne and everyone for supporting BTD in this way.

3. BTD DIRECTOR VOLUNTEERS AT MANCHESTER HEAD START

This year, Miriam has been volunteering in **seven** classrooms, **four** days a week, throughout the school year and summer. It has been a terrific experience. Working with these inspired teachers and the delightful children has been joyous! It is an honor to work with the gracious and helpful staff in their beautiful building. Thank you!

E. BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2013-6/30/2014

Brought Forward from 2012-2013		\$3,744.63
INCOME	Grants and Donations	\$3,322.00
EXPENDITURES (all details available)		
		TOTAL FUNDS: \$7,066.63

	Program	Special Funds	Book Grants	Totals
Books	\$2,398.20			\$2,398.20
Postage	\$172.96			\$172.96
Office Supplies	\$83.24			\$83.24
Incorp. & other Fees				\$50.00
TOTALS	\$2,704.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,704.40

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BALANCE

\$4,362.23

F. BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. FUNDING: JULY 2013 – July 2014

Adult Fellowship - 1st Cong. Church Windham, Dee Hammon & Members	\$215.00	Mary Elizabeth & Dick Long	\$100.00
Alpha Delta Kappa, Alpha Chapter	\$100.00	Roxanne McAlvany	\$150.00
Eileen & Leo Bonetti	\$50.00	Anne Miller - Gift Baskets	\$350.00
Linda Clark	\$75.00	Jeanne Morascini	\$25.00
Janet & Dan Comeau	\$504.00	Mystic Meditation Group – Laura Zaglio	\$160.00
Alberta Culley	\$100.00	Phil Sawyer	\$50.00
Joan Dower	\$15.00	Sister to Sister Mentoring Program MCC (Lois A. Coleman)	\$250.00
Howard Epstein	\$200.00	Hazel & George Smith	\$50.00
Marcia Fuller & Family	\$53.00	Ellen & George Suljak	\$400.00
Monika Graf	\$50.00	Helen Syriac	\$50.00
Pamela & Bob Horrocks	\$100.00	Kathy Weston	\$25.00
Susan & Richard Johnson	\$250.00	(In memory of her son Matthew Joseph)	

GRAND TOTAL = \$3,322.00

G. SPECIAL THANKS TO BOARD MEMBERS, BUSINESS MANAGER & OTHERS

Books to Dreams, Inc. Board Members for 2013-14 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 important 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 hundreds of individuals, businesses, religious organizations, schools, and organizations that have volunteered, donated and contributed to Books to Dreams, Inc. these past **eighteen** years. Thank you yet again to **Linda & Evelyn Clark** of **Lovable Huggables** for providing BTM with reading buddies. Over the years they have provided BTM with over **26,000** reading buddies!

I am most grateful to the thousands of inspiring and brave **children** 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, especially in these times. BTM is a 501c(3) non-profit corporation.