

# ANNUAL REPORT BOOKS TO DREAMS, Inc.

July 2010 through June 2011

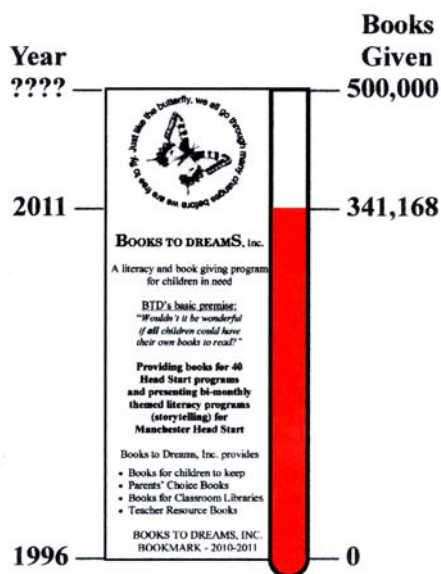
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Starting Our Sixteenth Year!

## NEW BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. FUNDRAISER

Famous Children's Authors' Letters **FOR SALE!**

These professionally framed original letters are from **Beverly Cleary, Sid Fleischman, Marilyn Sachs, Richard Scarry, Charles Schultz, Donald Sobol** and **Bernard Waber** from the **1980's**. They are personal letters written by the authors to my students and me when I was teaching. They reveal some interesting facts about their lives at that time.

The letters have hung in our hallway for twenty years where they have inspired my family, friends and me. Now, I have decided to sell these letters to raise needed funds for my non-profit literacy program for children in need, Books to Dreams, Inc. These economic times have challenged me to be 'creative' in order to keep BTM's doors open. If you are interested in purchasing one or some, please contact us through the website, [www.bookstodreams.org](http://www.bookstodreams.org). THANK YOU!



## BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. – EXCITING GOAL

To date, Books to Dreams, Inc. has donated **341,168** children's books to children in need. Wouldn't it be wonderful to reach **500,000** (half a million!) books given in the next few years! We're putting this idea out into the universe to see what might happen... and you're invited to help us get there, if you like (with new books (**ages birth to five**) or monetary donations). This coming year all monetary donations will go toward the purchase of books only. Postage and supplies will be donated by the director. Thank you!

## IN MEMORY OF DEAR FRIENDS OF BOOKS TO DREAMS

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." J. B. Massieu

...Because you lived in kindness, because you loved to help others,  
we miss you and we will remember you with love.

Remembering ...

**Dorothy Gill**, Manchester  
**Father Tom Goeckler**, Maryknoll, Haiti  
**Jeanne Kornrich**, Baltimore, Maryland  
**Richard Martinik**, Tariffville  
**Lena Peton**, East Hartford  
**Dolores Swallow**, Manchester  
**Elizabeth Thornton**, Manchester



**Books to Dreams, Inc. Statistics**

**Children’s Books Given Since Founding of Program (1996).....341,168**  
**2010-2011 CHILDREN’S BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.....14,346**

We are pleased that Books to Dreams, Inc. has now completed **fifteen** 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 40 HEAD START PROGRAMS.....7,509**

Books to Dreams, Inc. provided books (and literacy programs in Manchester) for **29 Head Start towns** in Connecticut: **Baltic, Brooklyn, Colchester, Danielson, Dayville, East Hartford, East Lyme, Enfield, Griswold, Groton, Jewett City, Killingly, Ledyard, Manchester, Moosup, Mystic, New Britain, New London, Norwich, Plainfield, Preston, Putnam, Salem, Stonington, Taftville, Uncasville, Vernon, Waterford & Willimantic.** (*Many towns have 2 or more programs.*)

<b>HEAD START PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Children's Books</b>	<b>Parent's Choice</b>	<b>Teacher Resource</b>	<b>Classroom Libraries</b>	
East Hartford	551	226	99	47	
EastConn	243	220	49	24	
Enfield	235	161	100	46	
Manchester	684	221	95	61	
New Britain	773	497	96	66	
Norwich	1062	673	136	75	
Willimantic	225	212	94	41	
*Even Start, Willimantic	67	65	14	27	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>7,185 BOOKS</b>

**B. BTM PRE-SCHOOL 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 programs. (These **324** books are in addition to the numbers in the Head Start Table above.)

**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 (8 organizations).....2,065**  
**Books to Dreams Family Outreach, Ohio (75); Ebony Horsewomen, Hartford (52), Hartford Correctional Center (316); Health Collective East, formerly Manchester Area Network for Aids, MANA) (889); NEW – Reading Education Assistance Dog Program (through Tails of Joy) – given to North Windham Safe Home (125); NEW – St. Francis Clinic, Hartford (534); Village for Families and Children – Safe Home, Hartford (14); York Correctional Institution – Adult Library, Niantic (60).**

- 2. Soup Kitchen Book Boxes (located in 4 soup kitchens).....3,787**  
**Cornerstone, Rockville (580); Isaiah 58 Covenant, Willimantic (2,164); Loaves and Fishes, Enfield (50); MACC Shepherd's Place Soup Kitchen, Manchester (993). 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. East Hartford Public Schools.....130**
- 4. NEW – SANTA CLARA INDIAN DAY SCHOOL, Espanola, New Mexico.....595**
- 5. Books for International Programs (2 countries) .....260**  
**Arm 2 Arm (BONNIE LENDER), Dominican Republic (130) & Maryknoll (FATHER TOM GOECKLER), Haiti (130) – In order to assure delivery to these countries, these books were hand-carried by BTD volunteers. Other countries receiving books from BTD in the past were Costa Rica, Cuba, Honduras, Iraq, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Tanzania & Uganda (and Dominican Republic, Haiti).**

**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. (Also **AMY HENRY**, **PAMELA HORROCKS** & **NORENE SWEET**).

**EMILY BEDARD**, Manchester, **JOANNE BEDARD**, Ellington, **JANET, DAN, GABRIELLE & MARY CLAIRE COMEAU**, Manchester, **JOAN DOWER**, Manchester, **BRENDA & SAVANNAH LaFLEUR**, Manchester, **SANDY MAY**, Glastonbury, **ANNETTE MURPHY**, Mansfield, **LINDA PAQUETTE**, South Windsor, **BRENDA ROSEN**, South Windham (Isaiah 58 Covenant Soup Kitchen, Willimantic), **LIZ THORNTON**, Bolton.

**BOOKS and/or READING BUDDY DONATIONS**

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

**TRICIA GRENIER**, Vernon (B, D) & (NEW! RB), in memory of **MARIETTA SIGNOR**; **GEORGE TORELLO**, Essex (B, D); **LISA KROPP**, Manchester (B, D); **BRENDA ROSEN**, South Windham (B, D); **DKG Theta Chapter** (B, D) (**ANNETTE MURPHY** delivered); **SMITH FAMILY**, Manchester (B, D); **MARIE WEBER**, Coventry (B, RB, D); **PAT MacDOUGAL**, Manchester (B, D); **DENISE DUPELL**, Manchester (B, D); **PAM BLASS**, Manchester (B, D); **SUE & CLIFF MOON**, Woodstock (B, NEW! RB, D); **LINDA CAROSELLA**, Farmington (NEW! B, D); **BARBARA HAMILTON**, Manchester (RB, D); **CONNIE GILLIES**, Middletown (B, D); **SHARON BARTLETT**, Coventry (B, D); **CAMERON RICHARDSON**, Manchester (NEW! RB, D); **Highland Park School Student Body, Highland's Helping Hands**, Manchester (B, D); **CHARLEEN KNAPP, Chapter 5, PEO**, Mansfield Center (NEW! B, D); **LISA CORDOVA**, Glastonbury (RB, D); **LINDA PAQUETTE**, South Windsor (RB, D); **Porter Players Dinner Theatre, JAN STICE**, director, (**Horace Porter School**, Columbia) (NEW! B, D); **Mansfield Public Library** (B, D) (**BRENDA ROSEN** delivered); **MIRIAM EPSTEIN**, Manchester (B, D); **KRISTIN, JORDAN & OLIVIA MANOS**, Frederick, MD(B, D); **DEE HAMMON & Adult Fellowship, First Congregational Church**, Windham (B, D); **JOANNE & SAM BEDARD**, Ellington (B, D); **BRITTANY, CHARLOTTE & CLARA COVILL**, Manchester (NEW! B, D, donated for Charlotte's birthday in lieu of presents); **NORWICH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN, MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT**, Book Collection: "Helping Children Read for Fun and Future", **CONNIE & PETER GILLIES** (donated & D 1,000 books!).

**OTHER DONATIONS**

Pillow Pals were sewn by **MARIE KARNOLT**, Manchester, **LISA STEIN**, Glastonbury, **FRANCES PARENTEAU**, Wallingford, **KARALEE CASAZZA**, Glastonbury, **NANCY OTT**, Ellington, **NOELLE KARNOLT**, Manchester and **HEIDI VAN FLATERN**, Willimantic; **LINDA HENCE**, Windham, & "**Baroco**", bookmarks; **PAULINE GREGOIRE (Dr. Caye)**, Manchester, toothpaste; **LINDA CAROSELLA**, Farmington, pencils bookmarks & journals; **GEORGE TORELLO & KIM LANGLEY, Torello Engineers**, Essex, printed BTM literature. Thank you all very much!

**E. BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. FUNDING: JULY 2010 – June 2011**

Adult Fellowship - 1st Congregational Church - Windham - Dee Hammon	\$145.00
Eileen & Leo Bonetti	\$50.00
Etta Brewer	\$25.00
BTD Holy Family Volunteers	\$175.00
Janet & Dan Comeau	\$972.00
CIVITAN CLUB of Simsbury & the Farmington Valley, Inc.	\$100.00
Linda Clark	\$100.00
Janet DeCarolis	\$50.00
Susan & John DeWolf	\$100.00
Miriam & Howard Epstein	\$1,039.74
Connie Gillies	\$100.00
Horace Porter School - Panther Players (Jan Stice)	\$200.00
Mary Elizabeth & Richard Long	\$50.00
Barbara McAllister	\$15.00
Roxanne McAlvany	\$100.00
Judith Merrick	\$100.00
Ann Messecar	\$20.00
Bobbi Miller	\$50.00
Mystic Meditation Group (Laura Zaglio)	\$295.00
Private Foundation	\$1,500.00
Linda & Steve Paquette (& Travelers)	\$2,811.54
Cynthia Palmer	\$50.00
Janice Pikal	\$25.00
Sharon Puntly	\$10.00
Brenda Rosen	\$15.00
Margaret Russell	\$25.00
Amy & Bob Silliman	\$125.00
Gai Tungdeetesud	\$100.00
Soroptimist International of Willimantic	\$100.00
Simsbury Woman's Club	\$150.00
Mary Talaga	\$50.00
Kathleen Weston	\$25.00
Ruth & Arnie Zackin	\$25.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,698.28</b>

**F. BOOKS TO DREAMS, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2010-6/30/2011**

Brought Forward from 2009-2010		\$2,345.00
<b>INCOME</b>	Grants and Donations	\$8,698.28
<b>EXPENDITURES (all details available)</b>		<b>TOTAL FUNDS: \$11,043.28</b>

	Program	Spec. Funds	Book Grants	Totals
Books	\$7,331.05		\$500.00	\$7,831.05
Postage	\$205.99	\$854.28		\$1,060.27
Office Supplies	\$232.32	\$135.46		\$367.78
Incorp. And other Fees	\$50.00			\$50.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,469.36</b>	<b>\$989.74</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$9,309.10</b>

<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>(\$9,309.10)</b>
		<b>\$1,734.18</b>

## G. PRESENTATIONS ABOUT BOOKS TO DREAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **Soroptimist International of Willimantic** – Invited speaker at January 2011 meeting (donation made in June)
- **Simsbury Woman's Club** – BTD recognition and monetary donation - April 2011
- **Horace Porter School, Panther Players** (Columbia) Dinner Theatre, **Jan Stice**, director, – BTD recognition and monetary donation - April 2011

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

Books to Dreams, Inc. Board Members for 2010-11 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 **fifteen** years. Thank you **Linda & Evelyn Clark** of **Lovable Huggables** have provided BTD with **552** reading buddies this year bringing the total to over **24,000** 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 BTD 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. BTD is a 501c(3) non-profit corporation.**