



Reading Is  
Fundamental  
**Pittsburgh**

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Pittsburgh



2013 - 2014 Annual Report





# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Recent studies have shown that in low-income communities there is only one book available for every 300 children. In fact, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) reports that nearly two-thirds of economically disadvantaged children do not have books in their homes.

The situation here in Pittsburgh is no different. According to A+ Schools' 2014 *Report to the Community*, a significant literacy gap exists for economically disadvantaged students in Pittsburgh, placing thousands of our city's children at risk of academic failure. This report shows that more than 50% of economically disadvantaged children in the Pittsburgh Public Schools' elementary schools cannot read at grade level.

Reading Is FUNdamental (RIF) Pittsburgh addresses these critical needs in our community by offering consistent, high-quality "pushed-in" literacy experiences and resources for the economically disadvantaged students in our community. We focus our efforts on the early childhood centers, schools, community centers, and after-school programs serving our city's most economically disadvantaged children.

**Together, our four programs reach over 21,000 children and families in our local community, putting more than 75,000 self-selected books into the homes of the children and families that need it most.** We also gave away an additional 11,000 books at events throughout our city.

Our goal each year is to ensure that all of our programs work in tandem, building upon each other to create a web of services aimed at mitigating the literacy gap. We will continue to saturate targeted neighborhoods with as many of our programs as possible, creating an environment that will enable a child to be exposed to RIF programs from two years of age through 6th grade.

**"STUDENTS OFTEN BRING THEIR BOOKS TO LUNCH, RECESS, OR EVEN BACK TO THE LIBRARY TO TALK ABOUT THEM OR CONTINUE READING THEM. THEY ARE VERY PROUD OF THEIR NEW BOOKS! THEY OFTEN ASK WHEN OUR NEXT RIF DAY WILL BE!"**

*Jennifer Salvatore-Garrett,  
Pittsburgh Arlington*

**Our mission is to provide children with the resources, motivation, and opportunities to develop a life-long love of reading.**

"They are the first books they pull out in class. I even see students borrowing each other's books."



# WE SERVE....

- More than **21,000 economically disadvantaged children** and families in Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities through our programs and **an additional 11,000 through community events**
- More than **140 sites**
- **Seven targeted neighborhoods:** East Liberty, Hazelwood, Hill District, Homewood, Northside, South Side, and Wilkinsburg

Our core programs:

- Bring **innovative, high-quality literacy experiences** to children and families
- Support students as they **build literacy skills and work to develop a life-long love of reading**
- Provide more than **86,000 books each year** to the children who need them the most

## NORTHSIDE

*Books for Keeps, Read to Your Family, Everybody Wins! and Storymobile programs*

8,379 Children Served  
33 Sites Visited  
19,046 Books Given  
2,037 Books Loaned  
94 Mentors Recruited

## SOUTH SIDE

*Books for Keeps, Read to Your Family, Everybody Wins! and Storymobile programs*

3,258 Children Served  
17 Sites Visited  
9,432 Books Given  
1,860 Books Loaned  
41 Mentors Recruited

## REST OF CITY

*Books for Keeps and Read to Your Family programs*

8,883 Children Served  
35 Sites Visited  
22,893 Books Given

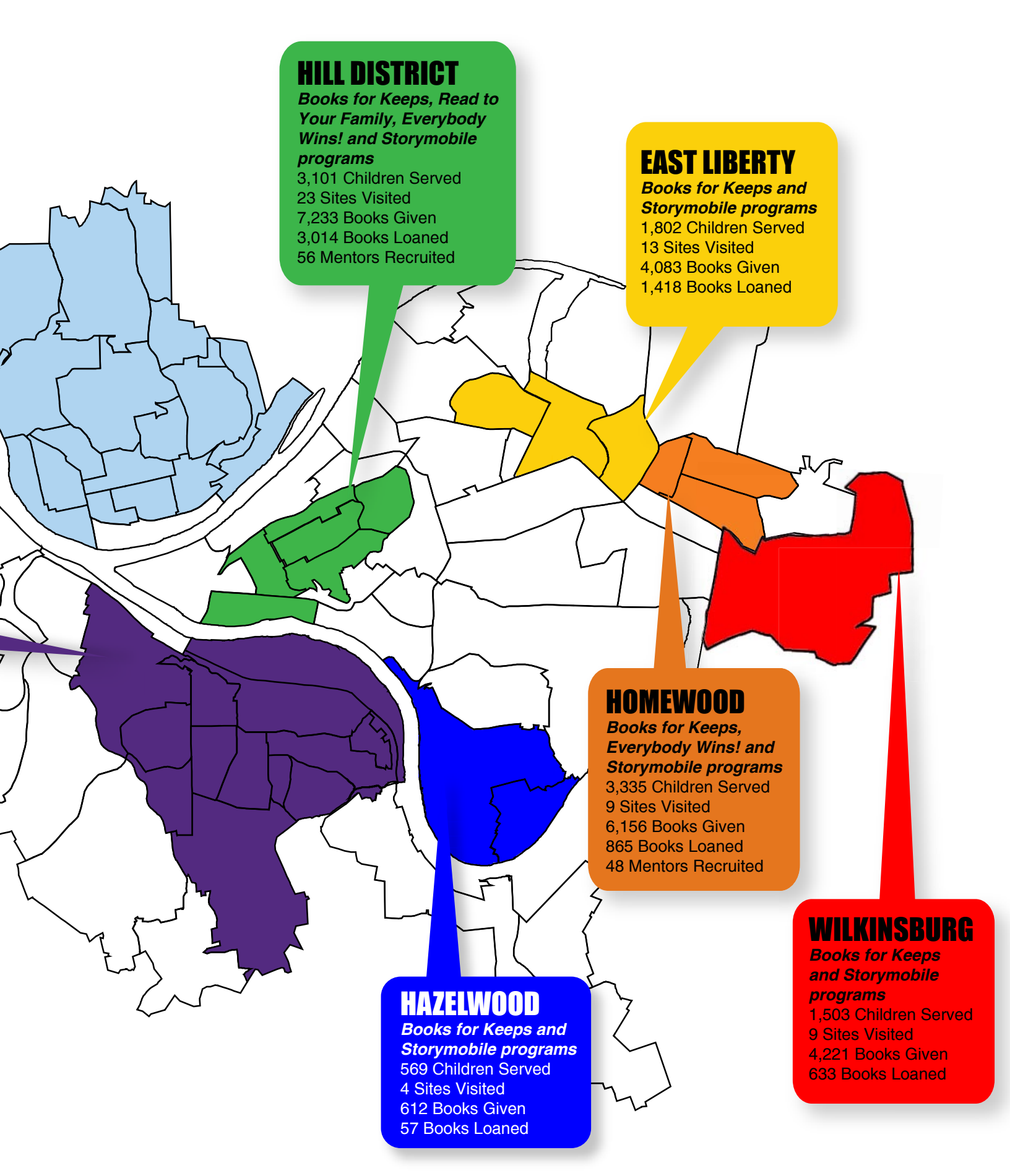
## OUTSIDE OF CITY

*Books for Keeps program*

943 Children Served  
3 Sites Visited  
3,107 Books Given

\*Program Year 9/13 - 8/14

"My favorite part of RIF was getting a book [that] I got to choose."



**HILL DISTRICT**

*Books for Keeps, Read to Your Family, Everybody Wins! and Storymobile programs*

3,101 Children Served  
 23 Sites Visited  
 7,233 Books Given  
 3,014 Books Loaned  
 56 Mentors Recruited

**EAST LIBERTY**

*Books for Keeps and Storymobile programs*

1,802 Children Served  
 13 Sites Visited  
 4,083 Books Given  
 1,418 Books Loaned

**HOMEWOOD**

*Books for Keeps, Everybody Wins! and Storymobile programs*

3,335 Children Served  
 9 Sites Visited  
 6,156 Books Given  
 865 Books Loaned  
 48 Mentors Recruited

**HAZELWOOD**

*Books for Keeps and Storymobile programs*

569 Children Served  
 4 Sites Visited  
 612 Books Given  
 57 Books Loaned

**WILKINSBURG**

*Books for Keeps and Storymobile programs*

1,503 Children Served  
 9 Sites Visited  
 4,221 Books Given  
 633 Books Loaned

“My favorite book from RIF is *Matilda* because I got to compare the book to the movie.”



# BOOKS FOR KEEPS

Our oldest and largest program, Books for Keeps, engages children in 3-5 Reading Celebrations each year. Designed to engage children in the joy of reading and learning, Reading Celebrations pair story times with fun, motivational activities such as crafts, games, and even science experiments! At the end of the Celebration, each child selects a book of their very own to take home and keep!

By combining literature with art, music, creative writing and STEAM themes, **RIF Pittsburgh works to ignite a passion for reading and learning that will follow children throughout their lives.**

Annually, this program:

- **Partners with more than 100 sites**, including early childhood centers, schools, afterschool programs, and community centers
- Serves **20,000 economically disadvantaged children** in Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities
- Provides **more than 58,000 new, high-quality books** for children to take home and keep through Celebrations and events



"She always brings home age appropriate books that are very colorful and fun for her to read."



# MATH AND SCIENCE

Our Books for Keeps Math and Science Program takes advantage of the integrative nature of reading to combine math, science, and literacy together in a meaningful way. By engaging children in hands-on math and science activities that complement our regular Reading Celebrations, **we encourage curiosity and a passion for discovery in children and help to plant the first seeds for a life-long love of learning.** This unique program introduces children to new books that explore the world through the lens of math and science.

By hypothesizing, estimating, observing, predicting, and measuring, children form meaningful connections between what they experience through reading and what exists in the world around them.

In the 2013-2014 program year, our Books for Keeps Math and Science Program:

- Provided high-quality STEAM educational experiences to more than **2,200 children at 25 sites**
- Introduced children to challenging subject matter in a way that they embraced and enjoyed, **helping to support broader academic goals**
- Brought **special guests**, like ALCOSAN and Snapology, to help with fun experiments and talk to the children about careers in STEAM-fields



"They were so excited, they didn't realize that they had just learned science concepts!"

# EVERYBODY WINS!

Everybody Wins! is a lunchtime literacy mentoring program that pairs 2nd and 3rd grade students with a caring adult to build a meaningful relationship while sharing conversation, good books, and literacy-related activities for one hour a week.

**These consistent, one-on-one experiences increase a child's opportunity for success, both academically and in life.**

Formal evaluations of Everybody Wins! have shown the program to be one of the very few programs to effectively impact low-income students in reading comprehension, motivation, and achievement, as well as overall academic performance, classroom behavior, self-confidence, and social skills.

In the 2013-2014 program year, Everybody Wins!

- Facilitated **ten reading sessions each week at four Pittsburgh Public Schools elementary schools** (Faison, King, Phillips, and Weil)
- Matched **217 children with 234 volunteer mentors** from local companies and organizations
- Supported our students and mentors as they read more than **3,800 books** together
- Brought **special guests**, like local author Paige Green, to reading sessions to talk with students



"I noticed a tremendous change, for the positive, in my student's abilities and confidence."





# STORYMOBILE

Our Storymobiles are a lending libraries-on-wheels that take books and literacy resources to early childhood centers, schools, afterschool programs, housing communities, and community events across our city. Bi-weekly visits allow us to build strong relationships within these communities and tailor programming to their unique preferences and needs as we strive to develop our Storymobiles into a gathering place for positive, multi-generational interaction.

In the 2013-2014 program year, our Storymobiles:

- Served **3,900 children and families at nearly 60 sites** in the community
- **Loaned nearly 10,000 books** and **gave away 9,300 books** to the children at our sites
- Visited **nearly 60 community events** throughout the city, providing an **additional 7,500 books**.



“The Storymobile exposes children to literature in a fun and interactive way.”

# READ TO YOUR FAMILY

Read to Your Family is a program that engages families in their children's reading development and encourages children to become proficient readers. This program gives families the opportunity to share in the excitement of reading books together, which also strengthens the learning experience at home.

RIF Pittsburgh works with schools and teachers to provide public recognition, prizes, and educational incentives to reward students when they read at home with their families. The program emphasizes the importance of literacy to families, while adding another layer of reading motivation for children.

We have continued our **Storymobile STARS reading incentive program**, which we piloted last year. In partnership with the Beverly Jewel Wall Lovelace (BJWL) afterschool programs in Bedford Dwellings, Northview Heights, and Oak Hill, we challenge children to read 10-15 books on their own, write book reviews summarizing their thoughts, and reward the children each time they reach 5-book benchmarks. We also encourage parents and families to get in on the fun by reading at home with their children.

Last year, students and families who participated in this program **read more than 8,000 books together!**



"I do not always have money for books for my children. In fact, 90% of the books they have were given through these types of programs."



# INDIVIDUAL DONORS

## Collection Level (\$1,000+)

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Nancy Bernstein and  
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Melissa Dodge  
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Pace and Michele  
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Lovely Ladies Book Events  
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Elliott Oshry  
William Recker  
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## Series Level (\$250 - \$999)

Anonymous (3)  
Andrew Arnt  
Chester and Mary Louise  
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Memorial Fund  
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Suzan Obagi  
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Andrew Pugh  
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Aaron and Miranda Rapport  
Jerry and Mary Raupp  
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Susan Regan

J. William and Mariam  
Richardson  
Robert Riordan  
Steven Ritter  
James Elson and  
Kathleen Ryan  
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Leonard Silk and  
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## Novel Level (\$100 - \$249)

Anonymous (8)  
Holiday Adair  
Sohini Advani  
Jean Alexander  
Kevin and Erin Allen  
Michael and Terri Aquilina  
Louis Astorino  
Joann Aurand  
Joanne Beckman  
Saul Bendersky  
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Anna Bogue  
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Abe Bretton  
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Buckwalter  
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Sidney and Sylvia Busis  
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Judith Caplan  
Karl Casey  
Louise Cipriani  
Mary Jane and Fred Colen  
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Margaret DeArdo  
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John and Nancy Delaney  
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Stephen Gagne  
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William and Margaret Ghrist  
Elliot Gill  
Amy Gillin  
M. Christine Gove  
Gail Gratton  
David and Barbara  
Greenberg  
Charles Greenberg  
Zonda Gsell  
Paula Hall  
William and Melissa Hallett  
Marcus Haney  
Anna Harbin  
Dick and Sue  
Herchenroether  
Rick Homistek  
Lawrence and Elizabeth  
Howard  
Mary Ellen Hoy  
Tim and Wendy Husni  
Donna Isaac  
Elizabeth Jobe  
Edward and Marge  
Johnston  
Philip Joyce  
The Easler Family

"Students bring their books to lunch, recess, or even the library..."

Fay Kane  
Natalie Kaplan  
Joseph Karas  
Jeffery Hritz and Ann Kelton  
Katie Kirkpatrick  
Matt and Norna Kissane  
Lawrence Kotler  
Valerie Kramer  
Donald and Beverly Lamb  
Mary Beth and Chris Leech  
Alan and Sharon Lesgold  
H. Kennedy and Hope Linge  
Roslyn Litman  
Irene Luchinsky  
Louise Lytle  
Neil and Ruth MacKay  
Louise and Michael  
Malakoff  
Lawrence Marcello  
Janet R. Markel  
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Kathleen K. Miller  
Stuart and Linda Miller  
Muriel R. Moreland  
Janet Moritz  
Kirk and Leslie Morrison  
David and Jo Ann Morrison  
William and Judy Morrissey  
Richard and Martha Munsch  
Mary Anne Murphy  
Richard Binsacca and  
Duanea Myers  
June Nimick  
Tom and Diane O'Connor  
Lee O'Nan  
Sandy and Gene O'Sullivan  
Richard and Margaret  
Oswant  
William Ott  
Barbara and Robert Park  
David Sogg and Lisa Parker  
Robert and Donna Paul  
Gabe Pellathy  
Patricia Perhacs  
Jeffrey and Melanie Phillips  
Abigail Ploeger

Gregory and Patricia  
Polansky  
Shannon Poliziani  
Alan Pretter  
Jacqueline Primas  
John and Marirose Radelet  
Steven and Carolyn Radelet  
D. Raja  
Constance Rapp  
David Rhing  
Jeffrey Rivard  
Jean A. Robinson  
Julie Wolff Rost  
Ellen Roth  
Jim and Louisa Rudolph  
Laverna Saunders  
Joseph and Katherine  
Scherer  
Linda Schmandt  
Patrick and Julie Seiffert  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard  
Shallberg  
Katy and Fred Sherman  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven S.  
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Marion Silbert  
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Robert and Sally Skillen  
Joseph M. Smierciak  
Timothy Smith  
Stephen and Margaret  
Snively  
Francis Soen  
Mel and Marcia Solomon  
Ernie Springolo  
Gary and Charlene Stanich  
Donald Stapor  
Suzanne Steitz  
Rona and Gary Sterling  
Lori Stiefel  
Hayes and Patricia Stover  
Eric Thiele  
Phyllis Timins  
Spencer and Wendy Todd  
Dana Tomcanin  
Lauren Troutman  
G. Richard and Rae Tucker  
Malik and Barbara Tunador  
Katherine Vargo  
Nancy Ott and James Viel  
Robert Wagner  
Lara Washington  
Pamela Weiss  
Philip and Marianne Wion  
Dr. and Mrs. G. Frederick  
Woelfel

Keith Wolters  
Louise Kay Woodside  
Ken and Caroline Zenkevich  
Robin E. Ziegler

### Chapter Book Level (\$50 - \$99)

Anonymous (2)  
James Adair  
Pipitone Group  
Ties and Jorunn Allersma  
Madalon Amenta  
Harry Back  
Joe Balaban  
Ron Barchfeld  
Robert Barmen  
Patricia Bauccio  
Kati Bazzano  
Loretta Benec  
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Bill and Sophea Chapas  
Wolfgang Choyke  
Mark and Lynn Cimino  
Lynn Clarke  
Jamie Cole  
Laurence Comden  
Judy Conroy  
Fran Cook  
Valerie Cooper  
Joseph Cope  
Carol and Gary Cozen  
Peter Crespan  
Margaret Curry  
Timothy F. Clark and  
Anne K. Curtis  
Lucille Dabney  
Judith Davenport  
Jackie Dempsey  
Lisa Dennis  
Barry and June Dietrich

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Veronica Dristas  
Elyse Eichner  
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Eva M. Engler  
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Fidoten  
Madeleine Fitch  
Elizabeth L. Fleischer  
James Frantz  
Christina Friday  
Michael Golia  
James Greenberg  
Jan Grice  
John and Karla Groninger  
Glenn and Kristin Groninger  
Tim Gross  
Janice Henry  
Joe and Sue Herman  
The Hitchins Family  
Mr. Edgar Holtz  
Catherine Hornak  
Leroy Indorato  
Walter and Irene Jacob  
Doris Jacobs  
Gloria Janavitz  
Barbara Johnstone  
David Joyce  
Ralph and Linda Juhascik  
Donald and Ellen Jukes  
Joan Kaplan  
Ann Karayusuf  
Doug Klaber  
Donald Kosy  
Avis and Kenneth Kotovsky  
Mollie Lang  
Thomas Cummings and  
Mary Lang  
Mr. and Mrs. Mario Lanna  
Mark and Lisa Laskow  
Sheldon Levine  
Nathan Longstreth  
Patrick Lynch  
Kathleen Mahoney  
Gerald Malecki  
Martin and Anita Markowitz  
Barbara Marryshow  
Wendy McAfoose  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert C.  
McCartney  
Chris McCaughey  
David and Margaret  
McKeown  
Priscilla McNulty  
Eugen Mesaros  
Seana Miller

"They are excited about books, the stories/activities and they fact they get to keep their book."



David and Momoko Mills  
Karen Mollenberg  
Barbara Moore  
Josephine Moore  
Carol J. Mueller  
Terry Murphy  
Alex and Elsie Murray  
Edward Nelson  
Daniel Nydick  
Arthur Pang  
Scott and Kate Parker  
Joyce Pearl  
Jacob Phillips  
Katie Phillips  
Randall Rains  
Marc Unangst and  
Illysa Ringold  
Pamela Roberts  
Laraine Rodney  
Gerald Rosenfeld  
Joyce Rothermel  
Farrell Rubenstein  
Robert and Susan Rudzki  
Abby and Reid Ruttenberg  
Eugene and Loretta Ruttle  
Nadene Sales  
Laurice and Janet Sargert  
Anthony Saveikis  
Catharine Schmidt  
Ellie Schoenberger  
David and Elizabeth Segel  
Aurora Sharrard  
Shimkus Family  
Mark Silvey  
Marvin Sirbu  
Paul and Mary Beth Sklar  
Walter and Marisa Smith  
Suzanne Smolin  
Jeffrey Spear  
Kathy Kahn Stept  
Leslie Stokan  
Jane Susak  
Erin Thompson  
Leigh Tivol  
Theodore Todd  
William Toland  
Beverly and Neil A. Townsend  
Michael and Clare Vranesevic  
Michael Wagner  
Sean Walsh  
Arthur and Barbara  
Westerberg  
Charles and Elise Yanders  
Johanna Yoho  
Alice Young  
Florence and Harvey Zeve

## Picture Book Level (\$25 - \$49)

Anonymous (2)  
Lucia Aguirre  
Charles Allerton  
Barbara Andrews  
Margie Bachman  
Matthew Bachman  
Ralph Bangs and Marian  
Kennedy  
Beverly Barkon  
Theresa Bauer  
Rose and Ed Berman  
Charles and Patricia  
Bluestone  
Bob and Jane Bracken  
Donna Brett  
Jessica and Jeff Brown  
Shanese Brown  
Ron Carmassi  
Joan H. and Harold Chelemer  
Don and Catherine Ciccone  
Meredith Colaizzi  
Christina Davidson  
Michael Devanney  
Joyce Diamondstone  
John Disney  
Elisabeth Dorman  
Lauren M. Dorsch  
Jeanne Drennan  
Dan Earley  
Sandra Early  
Anita Fingal  
Seth Finn  
Roslynn Fitzgerald  
Jane Fleischauer  
James Fogarty  
Nicholas and Patricia Galizia  
Arlene Grubbs  
Jeanne Hanchett  
Nancy Harris  
Marshall and Eleanor  
Hershberg  
Karen Howe  
Tim Hull  
John and Adrienne Hunter  
Linda Iams  
Ellen Teri Kaplan Goldstein  
Mark and Darlene Krynicki  
Kyle Leboutz  
Kevin Leghart  
Scott D. Lehman  
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Barbara and Paul Menner  
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Nathanson  
Jacinda Oberdick  
Toby and Kathleen O'Brien  
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Paul O'Connor  
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Marisa Pompeo  
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Jennifer Schnakenberg  
Esther Schreiber  
Nancy Sheehan  
Marjorie Silverman  
Sonja Simonson  
Peter and Susan Smerd  
Emmett and Christine Smith  
Amy Spear  
Mark Staib  
Charles and Danielle  
Staresinic  
Andrea Stein  
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Gene Strassburger  
Danielle Stump  
Linda M. Tobat

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Allison Tucker  
Katie Vought  
Joseph Schreiber  
Margaret Whitmer  
Helen Wigger  
Gregory Winokur  
Tobey Wolken  
Danila Woolley  
Barbara Wright  
Jeff and Laura Young  
Marquerita Young-Jones

## Other Level (<\$25)

Edith Blattner  
Tyris Chapman  
Maria Erb  
Mary Kay Frey  
Kimberly Crayton  
Elmer Herman  
Tom Hodotage  
Shelley Kendall  
Gloria Klein  
Teresa Ann Lane  
Elizabeth McLaughlin  
Larry O'Reilly  
Fritz and Goldie Ottenheimer  
Gerard and Diane Patterson  
Ina G. Sable  
Mary Salzmann  
Ken Scherer  
J. Gary Sutton  
Fred and Susan Utech



"[My son] reads more at home now and has an easier time comprehending the things he reads."

# FOUNDATIONS AND CORPORATIONS

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Duquesne Light  
Eat 'n Park  
Eden Hall Foundation  
Emerson Charitable Trust  
EQT  
ESB Bank  
Fine Foundation  
The Forbes Funds  
Frank & Mary Gorell  
Memorial Fund of The  
Pittsburgh Foundation  
Gailliot Family Foundation  
The Goldstone Family  
Foundation

The Grable Foundation  
H&R Metals  
Heinz Endowments  
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Hillman Company  
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The POISE Foundation  
IBACOS  
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Kinder Morgan Foundation  
LANXESS Corporation  
Laurel Foundation  
Macy's  
McAuley Ministries  
McSwigan Family  
Foundation  
Merck Partnership for Giving  
Metra - Construction  
Division  
Millmont Foundation  
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Norman Alan Company  
NOVA Chemicals  
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Foundation

The Pittsburgh Foundation  
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The Program to Aid Citizen  
Enterprise (PACE)  
The Rubinoff Company  
Queequeg Foundation  
Reed Smith  
Shannon Wilson Memorial  
Fund of The  
Pittsburgh Foundation  
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Be a Middle School Mentor  
Beverly Jewel Wall Lovelace  
Afterschool Programs  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Greater Pittsburgh  
Boys and Girls Club of  
Western Pennsylvania  
Carnegie Library of  
Pittsburgh  
Children's Museum of  
Pittsburgh  
Communities in Schools

Cornell Elementary  
Department of Human  
Services  
The Ellis School  
Family Resources  
Forbes Family Practice  
The Fred Rogers Center  
Greater Pittsburgh Literacy  
Council  
Hill District Education  
Council  
Homewood Children's  
Village  
Housing Authority of the  
City of Pittsburgh  
JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc.  
Kappa Kappa Gamma

KEYS Service Corps  
Mattress Factory  
The Mentoring Partnership  
of Southwestern  
Pennsylvania  
Mount Lebanon Junior  
Women's Club  
Mt. Ararat Childhood  
Activity Center  
New Hazlett Theater  
Office of Child Development  
PAEYC  
Pittsburgh Beechwood  
Pittsburgh Miller  
The Pittsburgh Project  
The Pittsburgh Promise  
Pittsburgh Public Schools

Propel Charter Schools  
Public Allies Pittsburgh  
Read to a Child  
Reading Is FUNdamental,  
Inc.  
Ready Freddy  
Saturday Light Brigade  
Sister Thea Bowman  
Catholic Academy  
Snapology  
Sprout Fund  
Union Project  
Urban League of Pittsburgh  
Charter School  
Urban Pathways Charter  
School  
WQED

"The children love the stories, and they love to retell the stories."



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*Listing includes individuals who volunteered between 6/13 - 5/14*

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Mimi Botkin	Kyra Forman	Joseph Karas	Kathleen Newmeyer
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Ed Brett	Malke Frank	Anna Kasunic	Amy Ogren
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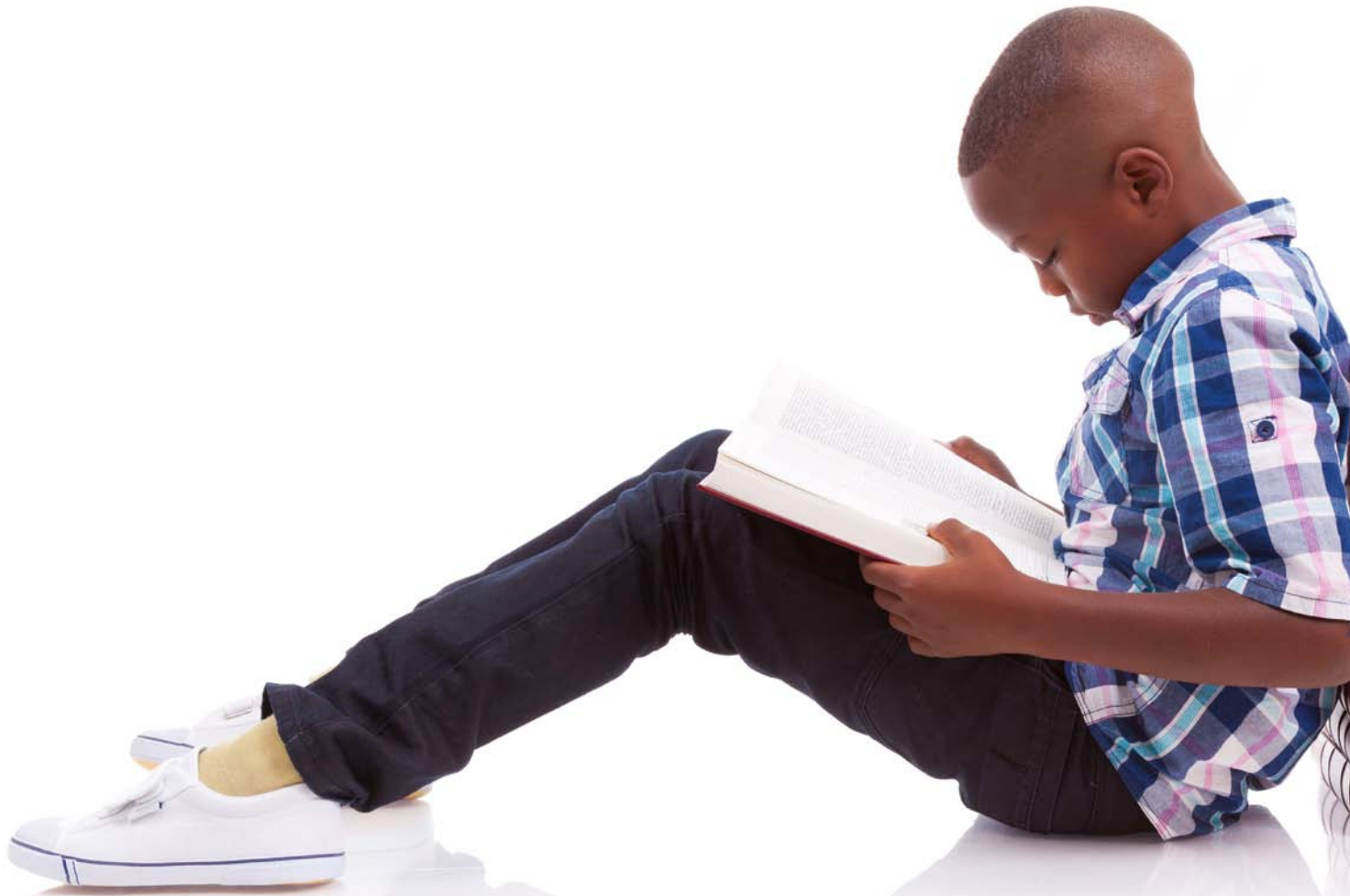
"I had fun working with [my Reading Buddy] and he helped improve my reading skills."

Kim Reilly  
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Laraine Rodney  
Brian Romine  
Sharon Rosenfeld  
Jack Rowley  
Christine Salera  
Liz Salisbury  
Jan Sapotichne  
Paul Scherrer  
Catharine Schmidt  
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“We progressed to chapter books, which was very satisfying for both of us.”

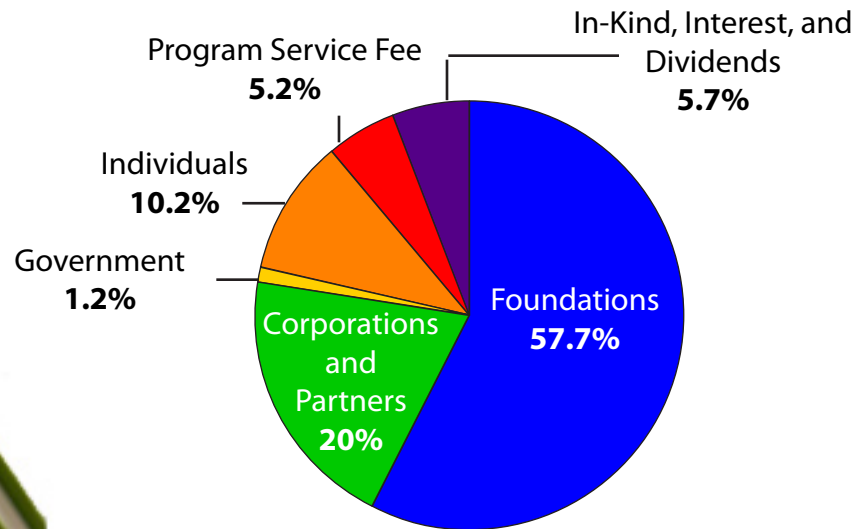
# FINANCIALS

## Total Revenue:

\$1,288,360

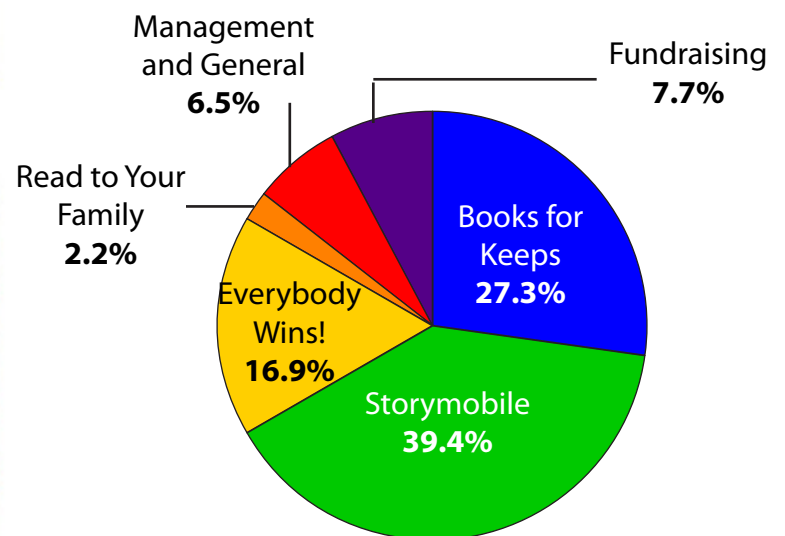
## Adjusted Revenue:

\$953,360\*



## Total Expenses:

\$761,474

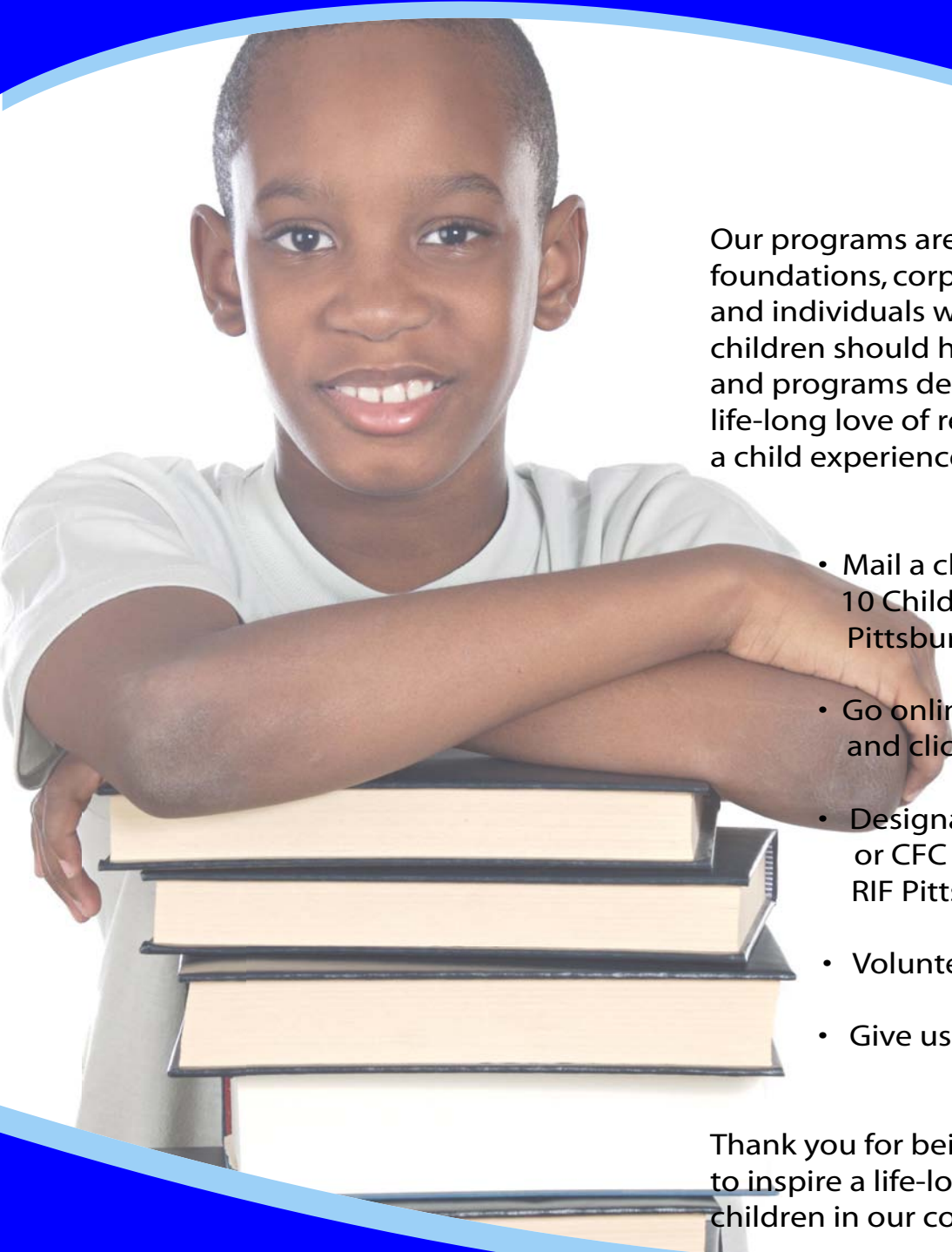


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