Dear Friends,

Just this fall, a little girl came to our office with a book in her hand and told me, “I used some of my birthday money to buy this book for another girl who might not have it. It is my favorite book in the whole world!” Her visit came close on the heels of one from a middle school teacher who, after a long day in the classroom, spent hours selecting books to bring to her students, and another from the workplace team who spent its day off moving thousands of books to a school.

Time and again in 2017, I was deeply humbled by the unwavering spirit of community and generosity that infused every corner of Book Harvest – every program, every school, every parent, every child, and, indeed, every book!

We were ALL TOGETHER this year, and we have had an enormous impact on literacy in our community: 245,837 books were harvested by more than 35,000 children who cuddled up with books of their very own at home, books they will read again and again and keep forever.

In this 2017 Impact Report, we celebrate all of us: families, schools, communities, our beloved volunteers, and our bighearted donors! ALL TOGETHER, we are a powerful agent of change and transformation. Of course, we have more work to do. And until we know that every child in our midst has access to the resources and literacy support that help her unleash her vast potential, we won’t rest.

Thank you so much for continuing to work hard and dream big with me. And thank you for being part of the giant universe that makes up the Book Harvest family, all together turning our joyful endeavors into a precious and powerful reality.

In partnership and with boundless gratitude,

Ginger Young, Founder and Executive Director

“...small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.”

MOTHER TERESA
In 2017, BOOK HARVEST provided 245,837 books to children in our community!

BOOK BABIES
Partnering with parents to help newborns, toddlers, and pre-schoolers discover the joy of reading
- 263 families enrolled
- 783 babies and siblings received books
- 715 home visits
- 8,874 books provided

BOOKS TO GO
Motivating tweens and teens to read by helping them build home libraries of high-interest books
- 6,759 students harvested books
- 42 participating schools and organizations
- 87 participating educators
- 33,796 books provided

BOOKS ON BREAK
Energizing students to read and retain their academic skills over the summer
- 18,867 students harvested books
- 45 participating schools
- 72,693 books provided

COMMUNITY BOOK BANK
Inspiring children to create their own home libraries by sharing books in every corner of our community
- 25,948 children harvested books
- 84 partner organizations
- 130,474 books provided
FAMILIES
LOVING PARTNERSHIPS with parents and children to ignite boundless potential from birth

SCHOOLS
JOYFUL COLLABORATIONS with educators to energize student reading and book ownership all year long

ALL TOGETHER

COMMUNITIES
STRATEGIC ALLIANCES with dozens of partners to build book-rich environments everywhere we go

VOLUNTEERS
DEVOTED CHAMPIONS of literacy who are the steadfast bedrock of all we do
## 2017 Leadership

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  John Stanley  
  Tim Tyson  
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### Staff
- Victoria Arrivillaga  
  Book Babies  
  Team Member
- Meytal Barak  
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  Team Leader
- Daniele Berman  
  Community Partnerships Manager
- Isabel Geffner  
  Advancement Coordinator
- Rachel Stine  
  Education Partnerships Manager
- Charlia Vance  
  Executive Assistant
- Kenitra Williams  
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### Parent Advisory Teams
- **Book Babies**  
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  Yesenia Carlon Gonzalez  
  Elizabeth Valencia  
  Verenisse Vargas Villegas
- **Books on Break**  
  Kellen Crosby  
  Nichole Crosby  
  Salomon Cruz  
  Elizabeth Garcia Castro  
  Hyewon Grigoni  
  Tiara Lassiter  
  Mirna Lopez  
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