Dear Friends,

Six years ago, when we dreamed what Book Harvest might be, we never imagined that we could touch the lives of thousands of children. And yet, it’s happening! As you’ll see in this report, 2016 was an extraordinary year: an estimated 32,247 children harvested 166,559 Book Harvest books. Perhaps even more spectacularly, our 500,000th book went home with a young reader.

At Book Harvest, we believe that books – lots of them! – are essential resources for every child. With your support and with the many collaborative partnerships we have had the privilege to cultivate, we have accomplished much. Yet there is still urgent work to do.

Many children in our community – children who imagine a boundless future for themselves – still go to sleep at night without a bedtime story. These children are waiting for the opportunity to unleash their vast potential. It’s our goal – and our responsibility – to provide the basic resources that can ignite their imaginations and enable them to realize that potential.

JUST IMAGINE what we can do together in the year ahead!
Thrilling, isn’t it? Let’s get to work!

In partnership and with deepest gratitude,

Michele Lynn
Board Chair

Ginger Young
Executive Director

JUST IMAGINE... what our community would look like if all of our children had equal access to the resources that are the building blocks of success in life.

500,000

IN 2016, A CHILD TOOK HOME OUR 500,000TH BOOK!

We are overflowing with gratitude for every donor, volunteer, staff member, and community partner who helped us reach this milestone. And special thanks to the children in our community who are reading more than ever and fueling their limitless imaginations!

It’s delightful when your imaginations come true, isn’t it?

L.M. MONTGOMERY, ANNE OF GREEN GABLES
**AT A GLANCE**

**TOTAL BOOKS HARVESTED**

BY TRIANGLE CHILDREN IN 2016

166,559

**2016 FINANCES**

**CASH REVENUE**

- Foundations $330,866 59%
- Individuals $113,228 20%
- Sponsorships $60,361 11%
- Businesses $45,472 8%
- Civic/Congregations $11,407 2%
- Other $2,751 <1%

**TOTAL** $563,905

**CASH EXPENSE**

- Book Babies $164,380 36%
- Books on Break $93,646 21%
- Community Book Bank $57,968 13%
- Events $46,945 10%
- Fundraising $42,512 8%
- Administrative $32,195 7%
- Books to Go $17,831 4%

**TOTAL** $455,477

**OUR MISSION**

Book Harvest provides books to children who need them and engages families and communities to promote children’s lifelong literacy and academic success.

**OUR VISION**

Book Harvest believes that books are essential to children's healthy development and well-being and that all children deserve to grow up in book-rich homes. To that end, we will remove barriers to book ownership to fuel a lifelong love of reading among America’s children that will enable success in school and in life.

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COMMUNITY BOOK BANK
Inspiring children to read by creating book-rich environments in every corner of our community

- 68 Community Book Bank partner locations
- 19,121 children harvested books
- 95,603 books went home with children and families

BOOK BABIES
Helping newborns, babies, and toddlers discover the joy of reading with their parents

- 206 families enrolled
- 347 home visits
- 620 babies and siblings reached
- 7,243 books provided

2016

BOOKS TO GO
Motivating tweens and teens to read by helping them build home libraries of high-interest books

- 27 schools and nonprofit partners
- 3,808 middle and high school students participated
- 19,041 books harvested by students

IMPACT

BOOKS ON BREAK
Energizing students to read and retain their academic skills over the summer

- 3,949 book-filled backpacks went home with students
- 9,057 students selected books
- 44,302 books chosen by participating students

- 493 volunteers
- 8,069 volunteer hours logged
- $176,549 value of volunteer hours
- 137,600 Twitter impressions
- 59 MLK Day Dream Big Sponsors
- 18,816 most books delivered by a single volunteer
- $1,022,873 value of all cash and in-kind donations
- Countless moments of reading joy
“My baby gets access to plenty of books now. Every new book puts a smile on her face.”

“Books make you think and they take you anywhere in the world. You can be a pirate, a prince, a mummy, a robot, a pop star.... even a Big Red Dog!”
"Your books are the best I have ever seen in my life. I love you guys."

"Thank you for giving our students the gift of reading...for helping them to travel to new places...for not only giving them the physical books, but opening their world to endless possibilities."
The man who has no imagination has no wings.

MUHAMMAD ALI
I hope we can give our children a world in which they will read, and be read to, and imagine, and understand.

NEIL GAIMAN