



## A MESSAGE FROM JANE LEE

Read to Grow’s fiscal year from July 2023–June 2024 saw the expansion of programming in response to community needs. We celebrate the following highlights:

- Books for Babies distributed 41,175 books to 23,800 expecting families and families with newborns.
- Books for Kids provided 60,600 children’s books to 19,800 children and their families.
- Our highly popular Bookmobile made 94 stops across the state and gave out 9,464 books to delighted children.
- Early Steps to School Success (ESSS) delivered 2,675 books to the children they served. From 2019–2024, Read to Grow partnered with Save the Children to offer ESSS to families in New Haven and Bridgeport. The program helped prepare children for school success through home visits, parent-child playgroups, and school-based book distributions. In 2023, Save the Children informed us that it would discontinue the ESSS program in urban settings and the program was sunsetted in March 2024.
- In September 2023, we announced our fourth season of Popcorn & PJs: Virtual Family Storytimes with sponsorships from Citizens Bank and Connecticut Humanities. The seven author experiences were enjoyed by more than 600 families.
- In May 2024, the Newborn Project expanded to the Hospital of Central Connecticut and the NICU Project launched at St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, the fourth location through which we provide literacy support and books to families of infants receiving care in neonatal intensive care units.
- In May 2024, we held “A Night for the Books” at the Westport Library. Our celebration honored Literacy Champions Kym Powe, Carol Bauer and Susan Weinberger, Representative Dominique Johnson and our first Book Joy Award recipient: PBS librarian-in-residence, Mychal Threats.
- Our dedicated crew of amazing volunteers served a total of 3,387 hours, which is valued at \$123,428.
- We received a clean audit from the accounting firm Whittlesey.

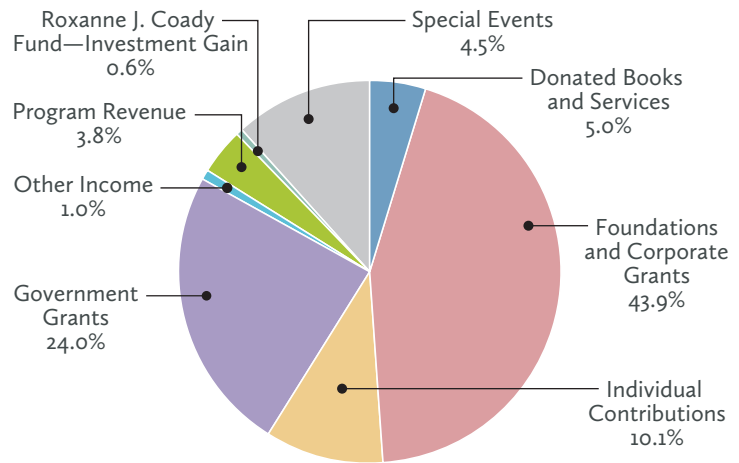
We are humbled and deeply grateful for the wonderful support of our volunteers and donors who enable us to continue our critical early literacy work across Connecticut.

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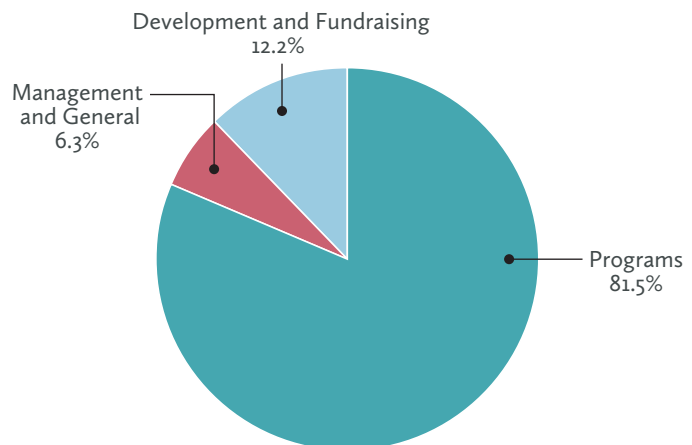
### PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Donated Books and Services	\$ 74,574
Foundations and Corporate Grants	654,877
Individual Contributions	151,261
Government Grants	358,334
Other Income	15,372
Program Revenue	57,317
Roxanne J. Coady Fund - Investment Gain	8,413
Special Events	171,430
<b>Total Public Support and Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,491,578</b>



### FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Programs	\$ 1,126,975
Management and General	87,768
Development and Fundraising	168,131
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>1,382,874</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 108,704</b>





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