



# Annual Report

## 2025



Better Futures Begin With Books

# Friends,

This past year marked many important milestones for Bernie's Book Bank—each one meaningful, and none possible without the passionate, committed support from partners like you. With your support, we accelerated our impact, reaching children from Chicago's Third Coast to the Cream City of Greater Milwaukee and all the way down to Florida's Suncoast. Today, over 16 years after our founding, I'm proud to share that we have now delivered more than 30-million moments sparked by green bags filled with books and possibilities.

We believe that owning a book can open up a world of opportunities for a child, and the lack of book ownership remains a persistent challenge in our communities and across our country. The good news? At Bernie's Book Bank, we're laser-focused on solving this solvable problem—and through partnership and with your support, we will.

The recent findings from a five-year randomized controlled trial, or RCT, completed in partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools, reinforces our belief that better futures begin with books. The study found that students from Bernie's Book Bank schools achieved significant reading gains relative to their counterparts in control schools.

To our knowledge, Bernie's Book Bank is the only active nonprofit organization to participate in a RCT directly evaluating the effectiveness of a comprehensive free book distribution program, and that has been found to produce positive, long-term effects on literacy achievement. **This is big. Books are change-makers, and together, we are changing children's tomorrows, one bag of books at a time.**

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and trust. Together, in 2025 alone, we delivered more than 2.5 million books to 315,000 children. As we embark on 2026, we remain committed to get even more books into the hands and homes of children who need them most with a goal to increase book distributions across all of our Chapters.

## GEOFF SURKAMER

NATIONAL BOARD CHAIR



*Partner with us, and let's rewrite the future.*



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Hand-delivering free high-quality books to children who need them most since 2009. Bernie's Book Bank transforms children's lives through book ownership by sourcing, processing, and distributing free high-quality books to children who need them most.



# Our Story



# Our Story

In 2009, we set out to build an American Institution—a metropolitan-based children’s book bank model that is ultra-effective, efficient, scalable, and sustainable. One that we plan to replicate in every major metropolitan area in the country where we are needed and welcomed.

We focus on communities where children are least likely to have access to books of their own and supply children who need them most with free high-quality books to build in-home libraries of their very own.

Funded by generous individuals, foundations, and caring companies, the secret to the success of Bernie’s Book Bank is our passionate team of partners, donors, and volunteers who believe there’s nothing more important than empowering children to read.

Together, we stand for the transformative power of book ownership, knowing that better futures begin with books. Through our collective efforts, we are making a lasting impact in our communities one child at a time, for generations to come.

# Our Values



## RELATIONSHIP

Committed to giving before receiving, we go all in with each other, sharing a passion for literacy, service, and connection.

## ENERGY

Our pace is urgent, some say unstoppable. And our passion for solving a solvable problem is contagious.

## LIMITLESS

We believe in the power of working hard to do hard things together, positively united in what’s possible.

## SIMPLICITY

We stay laser-focused on our mission, and what we do best.

## EDGE

*Literacy is not a luxury.* Books are not just a nice thing to have. Children are counting on us. We do not take this lightly. We take it personal.



# Why We're Here

## 40%

Nearly 40% of U.S. fourth graders have between zero and 25 books at home.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, 2022

## 5.5X

Children with 60 or more books at home are 5.5 times more likely to read above the level expected for their age.

Source: National Literacy Trust, 2024

## 4th Grade

The 2024 average reading score decreased by 2 points from 2022 and 5 points from 2019. Only 30% of fourth-grade students performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level.

## 8th Grade

Reading scores fell by 2 points compared with 2022. A third (33%) of eighth graders scored below the NAEP Basic level, the highest percentage since 1992.

Source: [nationsreportcard.gov](https://nationsreportcard.gov)

# Timeline

Founded by **Brian Floriani in 2009**, Bernie's Book Bank was inspired by his father, Dr. Bernard P. Floriani, who, never without a book, read his way to a better life.

In our first 12 months, we sourced, processed, and distributed **140,000** children's books. In our second year, we expanded our operation and reach and distributed **350,000** free, high-quality children's books. By the end of 2012, our third year, we had distributed **1 million** high-quality, age-appropriate books into the hands and homes of children in under-resourced communities.

Today, we have hand-delivered over **30 MILLION** free, high-quality books. Our effective, scalable, and sustainable model allows us to source, process, and distribute eight books every year to children from **birth to sixth grade** so they can have a home library of their very own and always have a book within reach.

Funded by generous donors and committed companies and fueled by a passionate team of partners and volunteers, we believe **better futures begin with books.**



## 2009

Bernie's Book Bank was founded and served over 3,000 local children in our first year.



## 2015

We opened a dedicated Chicagoland facility, powered by 1,600 monthly volunteers who help sort, pack, and distribute books.



## 2024

We expanded nationally to Greater Milwaukee, reaching 60 new schools and more than 20,000 additional children.



## 2012

Reached a major milestone: 1,000,000 free, high-quality children's books distributed.



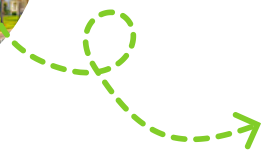
## 2019-2023

With generous funding from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, we conducted a 5-year randomized controlled trial measuring the impact of book ownership.



## 2025

We expanded to Florida's Suncoast with a goal to serve all 343,000 qualifying children across 12 counties.



# The Study

*Generously funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation and conducted by Dr. Geoffrey Borman*

Beginning in 2018, we embarked on a journey to build evidence about the impact of book ownership. Specifically, Bernie's Book Bank participated in a five-year randomized controlled trial (RCT) designed to **measure the impact of Bernie's Book Bank providing free, high-quality books on students' literacy achievement.**

In partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools, the study randomly assigned sixty schools to either receive the Bernie's Book Bank book distribution intervention (the treatment group) or to a waitlist control group that would not receive the books until the conclusion of the study. In the treatment schools, Bernie's Book Bank would provide all kindergarten through sixth-grade students with an average of seven high-quality free books per year, or a total of 34 free books over a five-year period.



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**For more than a century, researchers have observed that children with more books at home generally achieve better educational outcomes than those from homes with few or none. Yet, we do not know whether increasing the number of books at home directly causes better outcomes or if it is merely one of many factors explaining achievement gaps between children from more and less privileged backgrounds. This study demonstrates that Bernie's Book Bank can indeed generate a measurable impact on children's educational outcomes.**

**GEOFFREY D. BORMAN, PH.D.**  
ALICE WILEY SNELL ENDOWED PROFESSOR  
MARY LOU FULTON TEACHERS COLLEGE  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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# The Study Findings

**Approximately five years after the study began, the study found that students from Bernie's Book Bank schools achieved significant reading gains relative to their counterparts in control schools.**

Specifically, the study tracked students who were in grades 1 and 2, respectively, at the start of the study and who remained within the school district over a five-year period (2018-2023), through grades 5 and 6, respectively—and found that students in Bernie's Book Bank schools achieved higher scores on the spring 2023 standardized state literacy assessment (the Wisconsin Forward Exam, the study's primary outcome). **The observed effect on literacy achievement would translate to approximately 25-32% of a school year in additional learning, relative to the control group.**<sup>1</sup>

For those students who attended Bernie's Book Bank schools at the beginning of the study and remained in those schools

1. This estimation of literacy growth is based on the study's findings that, at Grades 5-6, Bernie's Book Bank students' scores were 0.101 standard deviations (SD) higher than control students' scores on the Wisconsin Forward standardized assessment; and national estimates of students' average growth across various standardized literacy achievement tests from Hill, et al (2008). Hill estimates average student growth on literacy would be 0.97 SD in Grades 1-2, 0.60 SD in Grades 2-3, 0.36 in Grades 3-4, 0.40 in Grades 4-5, and 0.32 SD in Grades 5-6 - for an average of 0.53 SD across grades 1-6. Since the Bernie's Book Bank study found an effect of 0.101 standard deviations on literacy growth, one could estimate that the effect would translate to around 1/5 (or 20%) of a grade level. Citation: Hill, C.J., Bloom, H.S., Black, A.R., & Lipsey, M.W. (2008). Empirical benchmarks for interpreting effect sizes in research. *Child Development Perspectives*, 2(3), 172-177. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1750-8606.2008.00061.x> (Full text available online).



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through the five-year follow-up and therefore received multiple years of books, **the impact on literacy achievement was even larger—the equivalent of approximately 52-65% of a typical school year's growth.**

The literacy effect for students also appears to grow over time—meaning the more years that a student participates in the Bernie's Book Bank program the greater the return on literacy achievement; the study posits that this could be due to the accumulation of a home library over time, through the ongoing receipt of Bernie's Book Bank book deliveries. **All at a cost of \$16 per child per year.**

To our knowledge, Bernie's Book Bank is the only active nonprofit organization to participate in a RCT directly evaluating the effectiveness of a comprehensive free book distribution program, and that has been found to produce positive, long-term effects on literacy achievement.<sup>2</sup> It's simple really—we believe better futures begin with books, and we're committed to building the evidence.

2. Prior RCTs have been carried out of free book fairs for elementary school students from low-income families and found to produce suggestive-to-promising impacts on reading achievement (e.g., see Allington, et al. "Addressing Summer Reading Setback Among Economically Disadvantaged Elementary Students." *Reading Psychology*, 2010, vol. 31, no. 5, pp. 411-427). However, those efforts have taken place strictly within the context of research studies, and there does not appear to be an associated organization to carry out the intervention within communities.

# Building The Evidence

*The RCT of Bernie's Book Bank marks a major step in our efforts to understand the impact of our repeated free book distributions on students' literacy outcomes.*

Bernie's Book Bank is committed to understanding and growing our impacts on important student literacy measures, consistent with our mission to supply children who need them with free high-quality books to build in-home libraries of their very own.

Because the study took place during a time period (2018-2023) that includes the COVID-19 pandemic, there are some questions that this RCT cannot answer definitively. For example, due to school closures during the 2020 and 2020-21 school years, students were unable to receive all of the planned deliveries of free books over the course of the study—which means that the study only measures the impact of receiving a smaller portion of Bernie's Book Bank's usual 8-book annual distribution intervention.

Additionally, the study was unable to track literacy outcomes for a number of students who left the school district over the course of the study—which means that the study's impacts apply to those students who stayed within Milwaukee Public Schools.<sup>3</sup>

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**The findings from the RCT suggest that Bernie's Book Bank's free book distribution intervention can meaningfully improve children's reading achievement—and can do so at an incredibly low cost.**

**KIM CASSEL**  
EVIDENCE ADVISOR

3. While all 60 schools remained in this school-level RCT for the full duration of the study, the study sample experienced attrition. Specifically, literacy achievement data were only available at the 5-year follow-up for 50.65% of the students (49.43% of students in Bernie's Book Bank schools and 52.05% of students in control schools) who had been in Grade 1 or 2 at the time the study launched (the 2018-2019 school year).

#### References & Resources

- [Arnold Ventures Summary of RCT Grant](#) >
- [American Idea Foundation - Bernie's Book Bank Grant Announcement](#) >
- [Researcher's Pre-Analysis Plan](#) >

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why did Bernie's Book Bank decide to participate in a research study?

We believe better futures begin with books. This simple belief guides what we do every day. We're a nonprofit that operates like a business, we think about ROI, and it's important to us and to our mission that we understand the effectiveness of our program. Insights gained from the RCT will help us deliver more books to more children and do so in an effective, efficient manner.

## Who carried out the study?

Generously funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, the RCT was conducted by a third-party, independent researcher Geoffrey Borman, Ph.D., Arizona State University. Over the past two decades, Dr. Borman has been an independent consultant to numerous educational program developers, businesses, universities, research centers, and the federal government.

## What is a randomized controlled trial (RCT)?

A RCT is a study in which participants are randomly assigned to either a group that receives an intervention (such as a Bernie's Book Bank books) or a group that does not. By comparing outcomes between these groups, researchers can determine whether the intervention itself caused any observed changes. RCTs are designed with the highest level of scientific rigor.



Morning Message 12-12-25  
Good Morning My Friends! ☺  
Today is Friday, December 12, 2025.  
The weather outside is \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
How do you feel about the Holiday of  
Christmas? I feel \_\_\_\_\_ because



# Stories of 2025



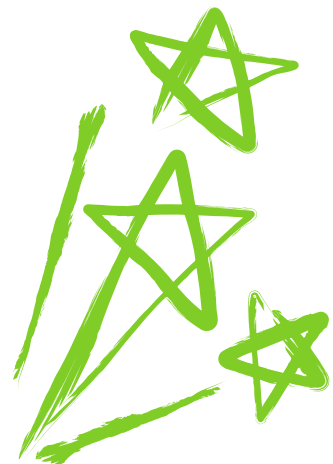
# 30 Million Moments Like These

In 2025, Bernie's Book Bank reached a major milestone: **30 million books distributed to children who need them most.** Each book represents more than a story—it's a tangible investment in literacy, equity, and opportunity.

This achievement reflects the collective power of our volunteers, donors, educators, and partners who make large-scale impact possible.

From our first distribution to our 30 millionth, one belief has guided us: books in the home changes outcomes for kids.

**Thirty million books down.  
Millions more stories ahead.**



# 2025 By The Numbers

We move mountains, and mountains, *and mountains* of books driven by a passionate team of partners, supporters, and volunteers who believe there's nothing more important than getting books into the hands and homes of children who need them most.



**FUN FACT:** Since our founding in 2009, our drivers have officially logged enough miles to have driven to the moon and back.

TOTAL BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

2,541,032

CHILDREN REACHED

315,000





# Our Volunteers

# 46,653

TOTAL VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



# 25,963

TOTAL VOLUNTEER  
CHECK-INS



# 16,774

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL  
VOLUNTEERS

# Volunteers Like You Shape Our World

At Bernie's Book Bank, the joy of empowering more children to read is only matched by the joy of being part of a community of like-minded people committed to the same cause.



## 50-HOUR CLUB: GENEROUSLY GIVING 50 HOURS OF SERVICE ACROSS A 12-MONTH PERIOD

Barbara Abrams  
Ande Andersen  
Mary Anderson  
Stephanie Ano  
Kristin Anson  
Janice Aronoff  
Kirk Baldwin  
Nancy Babendir  
Nancy Bard  
Susan Becker  
Gail Bosman  
Kathy Brady-Blake  
Julie Brame  
Sharon Brock  
Heather  
Buddenhagen  
Rachel Buenaobra  
Nicole Centracchio  
Mary Chase  
Molly-Quinn Chase  
Sheila Connelly  
Suzanne Czosek  
Jerilynn Deerfield  
Terry Demarco  
Andrew Dembitz  
Patrick Doran  
Finn Doran  
Lynn Dyschkant  
Drake Dyschkant  
Roman Dyschkant  
Kerry Eagar  
Susan Eggener  
Amber Emken  
Denise Fiducia  
Nancy Flowers

Mary Lou Foss  
Nancy Frankel  
Carol Gaines  
Rita Gertie  
Anne Girod  
Jennie Gunnerson  
Martha Hall  
Nicole Hewitt  
Elizabeth Hindmon  
Ellen Hurt  
Trish Hutchinson  
Julie Jansen  
Thomas Jones  
Sheryl Kalvin  
Elizabeth Kenkel  
Sandra Kenkel  
Kathryn Kibitlewski  
Ellen Klawans  
Anita Kohn  
Laura Kosmerl  
Becky Kotsinis  
Cece Lasinsky  
Viola Lazar  
Susan Lee  
Irwin Levine  
Wendy Lyons  
Julie Matters  
Keith McDaniel  
Mary Ann Mcdowell  
Lucas McKeon  
Margoth Moreno  
Bill Murphy  
Raymond Nelson  
Miles Paris

Gemma Parker  
Sandra Pihos  
Susan Piro  
Bunny Polovin  
Bharati Rameswaram  
Gay Reid  
Jan Ritz  
Casimir Rodriguez  
Elaine Rodriguez  
Bonnie Roelle  
Sharon Roth  
Sue Rowlands  
John Samuelian  
Eileen Schultz  
Lisa Schurgin  
Maryann Shebelski  
Judy Siegal  
Barry Siegal  
Patti Silverman  
Carol Simon  
Gordon Skogen  
Joe Stoll  
Molly Stoll  
Nancy Tassler  
Celeste Thai  
Dominique Tyrpak  
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John Venson  
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Michelle Wilson



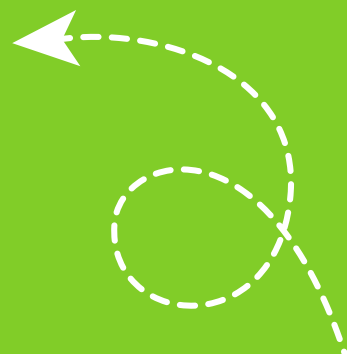
# Our Chapter Highlights

## CHICAGOLAND HIGHLIGHTS



# Where Our Story Began—and Where it Continues to Grow.

As the headquarters of Bernie's Book Bank, Chicagoland remains the heart of our mission and a powerful engine for innovation, partnership, and impact. From celebrating literacy in classrooms to hosting our largest fundraising events, this region continues to show what's possible when community, philanthropy, and purpose align.



**6 COUNTIES**  
ACROSS  
CHICAGOLAND



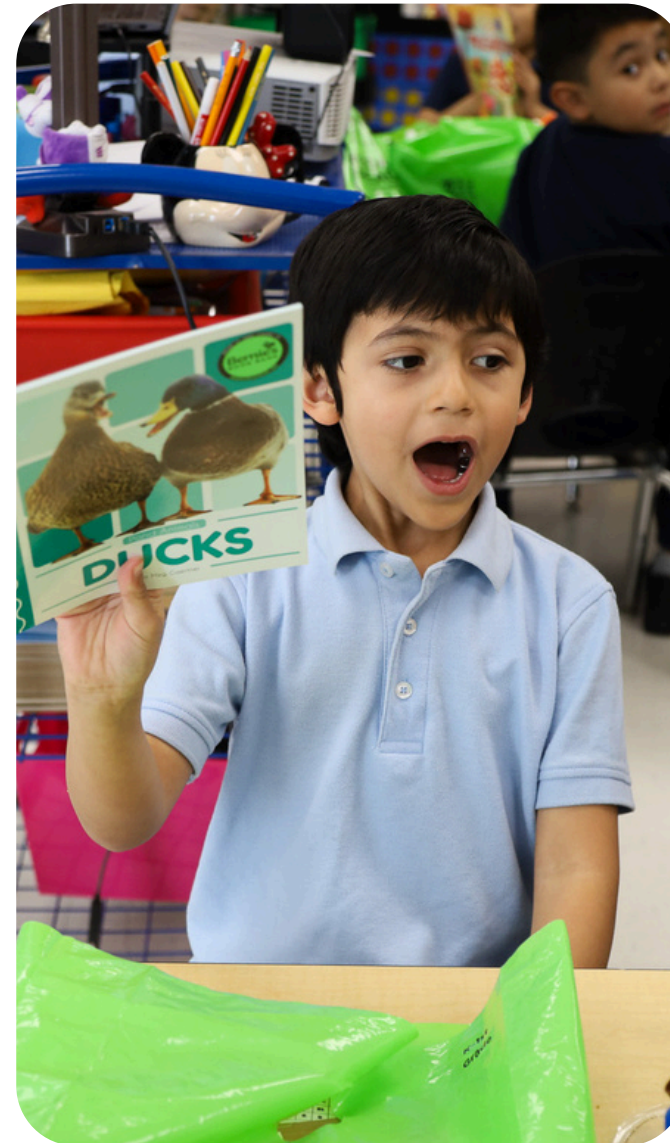
**1,032 DISTRIBUTION**  
PARTNERS



**2,341,348 BOOKS**  
DISTRIBUTED

### CURRENT COUNTIES SERVED:

- Cook
- DuPage
- Kane
- Lake
- McHenry
- Will



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**There's nothing quite like the excitement of a child coming home with a new book, eager to read and share what they've learned. Bernie's Book Bank has truly enhanced the Armstrong community, and we are deeply grateful for their ongoing support and partnership.**

**OTIS DUNSON**  
GEORGE B. ARMSTRONG CPS  
PRINCIPAL

# Celebrating Literacy Month

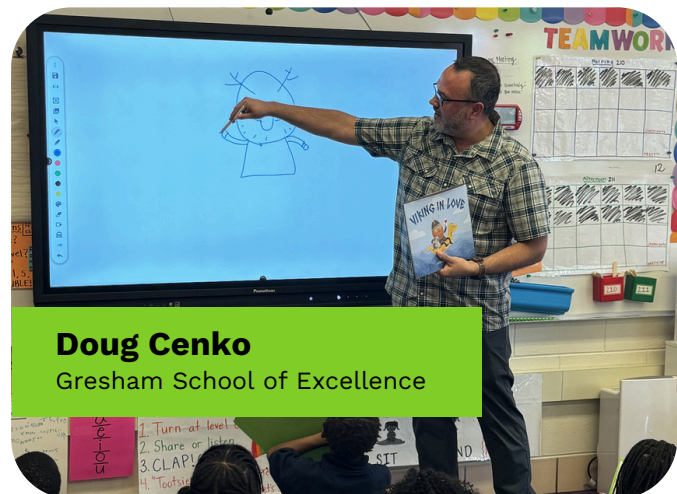
This September, Bernie's Book Bank proudly celebrated **Literacy Month** by bringing stories to life in partnership with Penguin Random House—one of the world's leading publishing houses. Together, we hosted a month-long Author Read-Aloud Series, featuring acclaimed authors Dr. Ebony Joy Wilkins, Shifa Saltagi Safadi, and Doug Cenko, who generously shared their books, voices, and love of reading with our community.



**Shifa Saltagi Safadi**  
Durkin Park Elementary



**Dr. Ebony Joy Wilkins**  
Langston Hughes Elementary



**Doug Cenko**  
Gresham School of Excellence

# Community Traditions That Give Back

Chicagoland rallied for literacy all year long—from our signature events like the **Book Lovers' Lunch** with *Shelby Van Pelt* to our spirited **Bernie Cups** to our fan-favorite **Birdies & Books** held annually at the prestigious Shoreacres. From our second annual **Booksgiving** family volunteering event to our eighth annual Patrick Mannelly Award Dinner, 2025 brought supporters together around one shared mission: children's book ownership.

**Book drives** hosted by individuals, schools, companies, and bookstores—including partners like Barnes & Noble—and even community institutions like the Dunn Museum added incredible momentum, helping provide variety, sustainability, and a way to make every bag of books feel personal.

And across Chicagoland, **VIP Book Distributions** with partner schools allowed our supporters to experience our mission firsthand as they placed our green bags filled with 8 books directly into the hands of K–6 students—sparking joy and reinforcing the power of reading.

Together, these efforts reflect the strength of our Chicagoland roots—and our continued commitment to leading with **purpose, partnership, and impact.**



**Book Lovers' Lunch**



**Birdies & Books**



**Booksgiving Chicago**



**VIP Distributions**



Penguin  
Random  
House

## MILWAUKEE HIGHLIGHTS



Greater Milwaukee Advisory Board

“We’re continuing to build a powerful network of literacy champions united with us in our mission to get books into the homes of every child who needs them.”



JENNA RENNO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
GREATER MILWAUKEE

# Notable Events

## MAY

Bernie’s Book Bank hosted its first **Book Lovers’ Lunch**, a sold-out fundraising event featuring author Renée Rosen, bringing together book lovers and champions of literacy in support of Milwaukee children.



## AUGUST

In a summer of growth, we shared an amazing day at Strawberry Creek hosting a **Bernie Cup** as well as the expansion of the Greater Milwaukee team with our **new development and marketing manager**, Tess Iding.



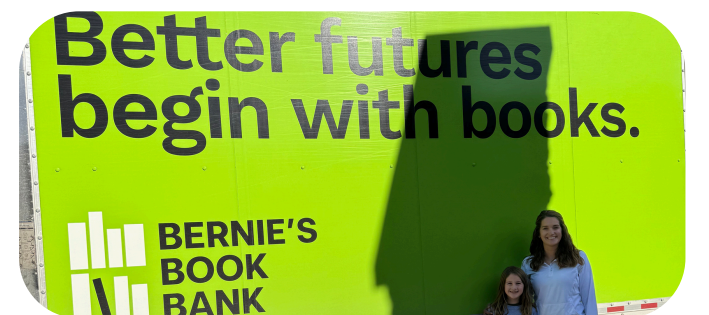
## NOVEMBER

Bernie’s Book Bank hosted its first **Booksgiving** event at Ivy House. We welcomed over 100 people of all ages to learn about impact of volunteering, while enjoying Wizard of Oz themed activities.



## DECEMBER

Bernie’s Book Bank built strong community engagement through **Holiday Book Drives** at Barnes & Noble, Boswell Book Company, Wonderland Bookshop, and with Elsie, a 9-year-old girl who collected **1,250 books!**





## 100 SUPPORTERS

In 2025, our Greater Milwaukee Campaign launched in January, welcoming more than 100 supporters, followed by early corporate pop-up book sorting events that introduced new partners to hands-on impact.



## 8 VIP BOOK DISTRIBUTIONS

Through March and November, we reached K–6 students, reinforcing our commitment to delivering books directly into children’s hands.



## 35,000 BOOKS

A pop-up volunteer book sorting event in June offered a preview of the future Milwaukee facility experience. Over 100 volunteers came together to sort 35,000 books in a single day.



## 60 SCHOOLS

During the 2024–2025 school year, we served 60 Milwaukee Public Schools, reaching 20,000 students, while expanding into CHOICE/Charter schools, Early Learning Centers, and bilingual community spaces.



## BERNIE’S BOOK BANK EXPANSION

Bernie’s Book Bank is expanding its impact with a new **30,000-square-foot** processing center in Glendale, Wisconsin. The facility will serve as a hub for volunteering and distribution, allowing the organization to reach more children across Milwaukee and surrounding counties.

Set to open in **July 2026**, this marks **the grand opening** and the next phase of growth. By the end of 2026, Bernie’s Book Bank hopes to serve **40,000 children annually** in Greater Milwaukee—and double that by 2027—with help from volunteers and community partners.

The cornerstone of this momentum rests in a generous investment made by the late Natalie A. Black in honor of her husband, Herbert V. Kohler, to springboard our efforts in Greater Milwaukee.



## GE POWERING MILWAUKEE FORWARD GRANT

In October, Bernie’s Book Bank was thrilled to join Powering Milwaukee Forward (PMF) as a 2026 grantee! Alongside fellow grantees, we’ll continue PMF’s focus on supporting the Milwaukee community, all while strengthening frontline charity workers, the very people who make this work possible. As PMF—an initiative supported by the GE HealthCare Foundation and the Charles Antenenkomunpo Family Foundation (CAFF)—enters its second year, we are ready to team up and continue powering MKE forward.

## FLORIDA SUNCOAST HIGHLIGHTS



# Building the Foundation

This inaugural year has focused on planting seeds—leadership, governance, and relationships. In the year ahead, those roots will continue to deepen as the Suncoast Chapter expands their service area and builds local infrastructure, moving towards our ultimate goal: distributing books to the more than 300,000 qualifying children on the Suncoast.

In its first year, nearly **2,000 students** have received bags of books—four books per child—placing almost **8,000 new books** into the homes of children across the region.

Distributions in 2025 reached **10 Title I elementary schools** in Sarasota and Manatee counties—the heart of the Suncoast. **Kindergarteners and first graders** were prioritized in this first phase of impact, helping to build home libraries at a critical stage in literacy development.

# Notable Events



## SUNCOAST CHAPTER LAUNCH EVENT AT WATERWORKS, MARCH 2025

The official launch of the Florida Suncoast Chapter took place during a milestone week in March 2025, marked by two signature events held just one day apart: the Bernie Cup and a cultivation event at Waterworks. Both gatherings were intentionally designed to bring together not only donors, but also community members, education leaders, and partners who share a commitment to literacy—including the local education foundation.



## BERNIE CUP AT LONGBOAT KEY CLUB, MARCH 2025

Together, these events symbolized Bernie's Book Bank's first major step into new territory, hundreds of miles from our original home, while affirming our dedication to thoughtful, mission-driven expansion and to building Bernie's Book Bank as a trusted national brand.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMY BOTT

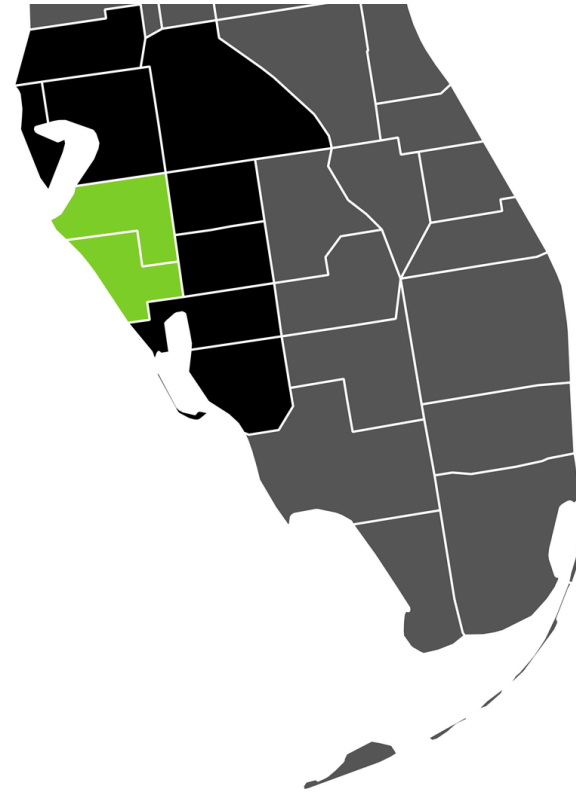
As Florida Suncoast's first local employee and executive director, Amy Bott has a background as both a teacher and nonprofit leader. Amy's career has been shaped by education, literacy, and youth development. Her leadership ensures the chapter's work remains deeply aligned with local school districts and responsive to the needs of children and educators across the Suncoast.



## MORE BOOKS IN THE HANDS OF CHILDREN

To support this growth, a **Facility Committee** is leading efforts to establish a local location by summer 2026. Plans include a **8,000-square-foot** temporary facility as Phase 2, paving the way for a future full-capacity site in Phase 3.

## AS IMPACT EXPANDS, SO DOES THE TEAM

Two additional roles—a **development & marketing manager** and a **partnerships manager**—will deepen relationships with local school districts and community partners and support the projected regional growth.



-  Current Service Area
-  Future Service Area

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From the colorful bags to the sturdy books inside, Bernie's Books were a HUGE hit with our students. They had smiles from ear to ear and didn't want to stop reading! Thank you.

**NANCY MILLER**  
LITERACY COACH, BALLARD ELEMENTARY—SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY

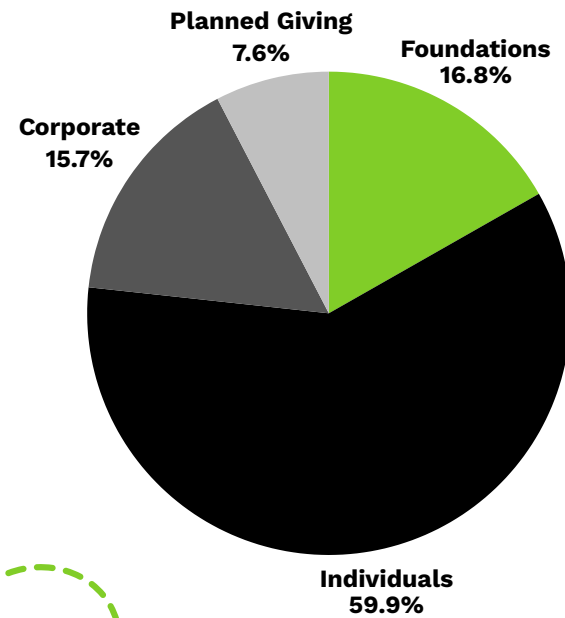




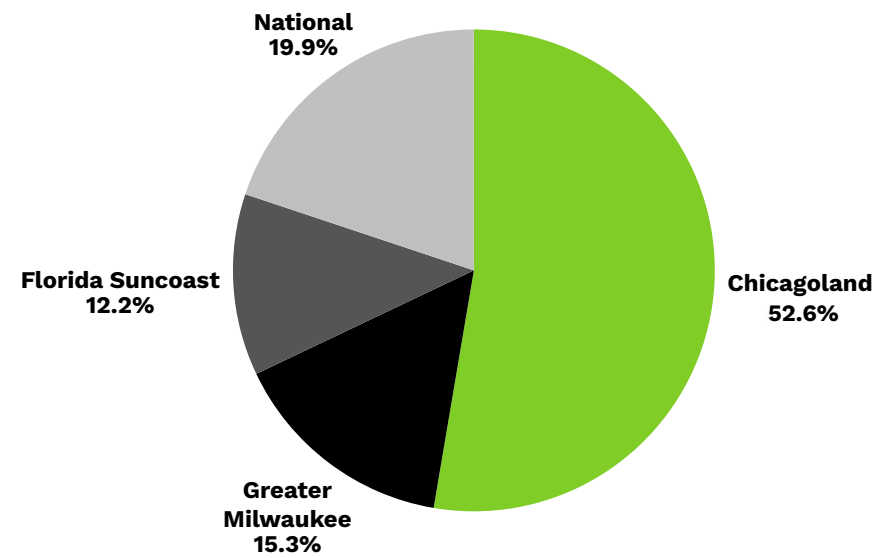
# Our Financials

# \$7.5M Total Revenue

## BY SOURCE



## BY CHAPTER



**\$2,414,013**

in books donated by generous publishing partners and community book drives

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Bernie's Book Bank has been a longtime partner of LEARN, and our scholars look forward to their book deliveries every year. It's always a big day, students love sorting through their bag of books, trading with friends, and discovering new stories. **Bernie's Book Bank makes reading feel fun and exciting, and that joy helps build a real love for books.** Our principals and teachers love having Bernie's Book Bank as a partner too. The books support what's happening in the classroom, and it's amazing to see students so genuinely excited to read. For many of our scholars, these books become treasured parts of their home libraries. We're so grateful for the way Bernie's Book Bank helps bring the magic of reading to our schools.

**ALIDA BARANOWSKI**  
LEARN CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK DEVELOPMENT MANAGER





**2025 Supporters**

# Our Strategic Partners

Investing in today's readers, future leaders

abbvie

**Reed**  
CONSTRUCTION

**KPMG**

 **ZEBRA**

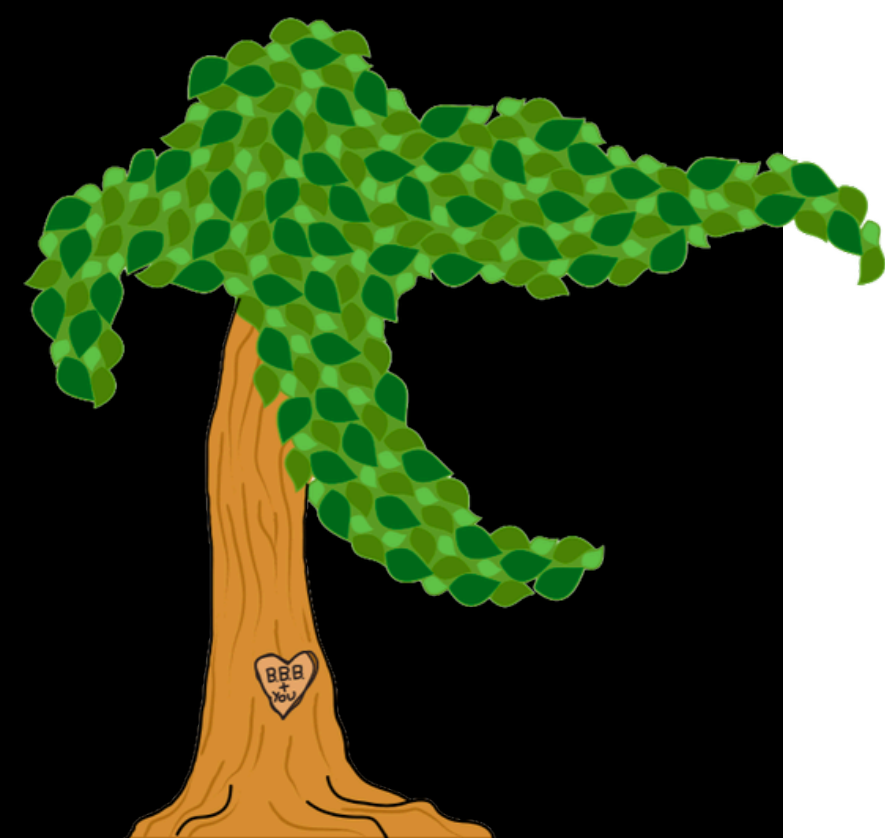
 **Book  
Outlet**

Thank You for the books  
Now I have Plenty to  
read. All these books  
are just what I need.  
Every Single one of them  
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