



# ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT

# SUMMARY

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**We need to reimagine learning and support for students in underserved and under-resourced communities. Every child deserves an excellent education.**

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**CHRIS MCGILVERY**  
Founder + Executive Director

## **MISSION**

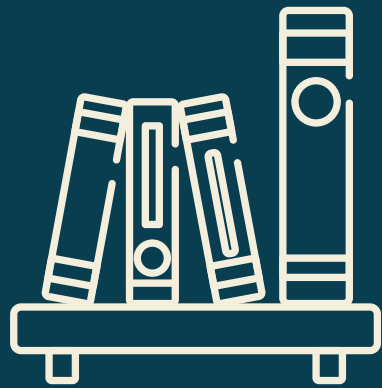
Cultivate a national network of leaders who provide books, supplies and projects to support early literacy in underfunded schools.

## **VISION**

Empower teachers and students to be lifelong advocates for creating equal access to educational opportunity for all children.



# IMPACT



**175,000**

Books to Students



**2,652**

Trained + Mentored  
middle school, high  
school, and college  
students



**1,960**

Educators to implement  
literacy + service  
projects in their  
classrooms + schools



**419,500**

Volunteer Hours



**53**

School Districts Served



**United States**



**Dominica**



**Dominican Republic**

Locations Served



**12+**

Years of Service

# PRESS

The New York Times



 **Killeen Daily Herald**  

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**kdhnews.com**

# PROGRAMS

Student Ambassador Project

Literacy Fellowship

Classroom Library Project

Pennies for Literacy

Teacher Appreciation Events

Annual Educator Conference



# PARTNERSHIPS







# TRAILER

Watch our impact in action

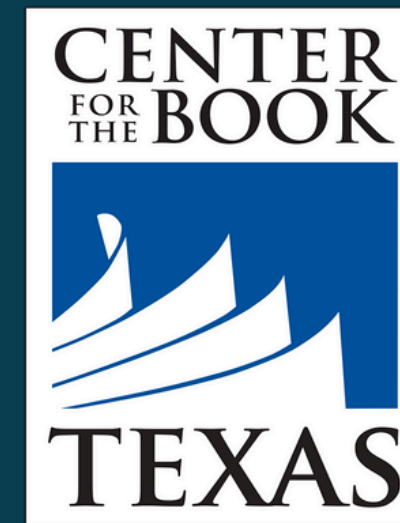
# ACCOLADES



2022 + 2023



2020 Winner



2020 Honorable Mention



# CHARITY GROWTH

## 2012

In 2012, we established our projects (school supply and book drives) to support students and teachers in Dominca and Texas.

## 2014

In 2014, the Student Ambassador Program was launched to mentor young people to become changemakers in their communities.

## 2016

In 2016, our team continued to grow and our partnerships expanded to include Angelo State University., United Way of Central Texas, and Edgewood ISD. We were able to provide 2,000 students with new backpacks. We held our first leadership retreat, created an annual book drive, and celebrated World Read Aloud Day.

## 2013

In 2013, our supply drives expanded to include Oklahoma and even more ciities in Texas.

## 2015

In 2015, we received our first grant (thank you, The Pollination Project!) Our projects expanded to provide books to students in the Dominican Republic and when Tropical Storm Erika devastated Dominica, we launched the Dominica Strong campaign to support relief efforts.

## 2017

In 2017, we worked with Microsoft in San Antonio, Regeneron in New York, Literacy Texas, Students of Service, and Un-Included Club (all in Texas) to further our mission, completing service projects and supply drives. We collaborated on read-alouds and book drives and back-to-school events. We expanded book fairs, supported, Houston schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and mobilized Dominica Strong in response to Hurriance Maria.

# CHARITY GROWTH

## 2018

In 2018, we returned to Dominica, supporting schools and community partners with books, supplies, and more read-alouds. Our annual supply drives continued and we partnered with more local and national organizations to support our work. We attended the Texas Book Festival.

By year's end, we had provided over 7,000 brand new books, and 2,500 backpacks, and activated over 7,000 service hours with 30 student ambassadors and community partners.

## 2020

In 2020, we welcomed a record number of student and teacher ambassadors, while rebranding to The Leaders Readers Network. We expanded our Teacher Appreciation Week Programming and developed a partnership with First Book. We received the 2020 Grand Prize for the Freedom Through Literacy Award and we were recognized by the Texas Center for the Book as a 2020 Honorable Mention. We provided over 26,00 service hours with 20 teacher ambassadors, 30 student ambassadors, and community partners.

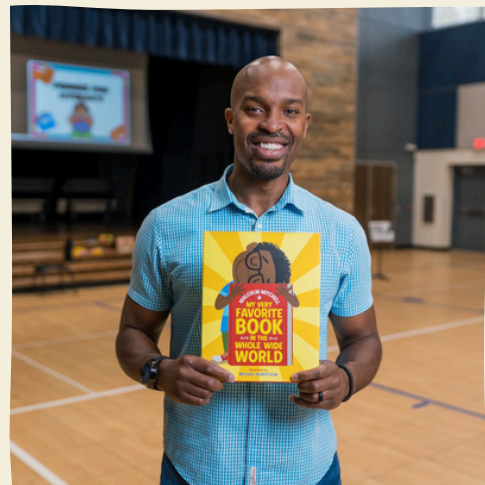
## 2019

In 2019, we launched the Teacher Ambassador Program (now the Literacy Fellowship) and hosted our first teacher retreat. We held the first back-to-school celebration in the Kalinago Territory in Dominica and provided backpacks for students there, San Antonio, and Amarillo. After moving our headquarters to Canyon, TX, we expanded our projects throughout the Texas Panhandle. We provided over 13,000 brand new books, 3,000 backpacks, and activated over 13,000 service hours with 14 teachers and 30 student ambassadors.


## 2021

In 2021, our work was featured in the New York Times, which led to many strong partnerships. Our team and generous supporters provided over 35,000 brand new books, 5,000 backpacks, activated 17,500 service hours, partnered with 32 student ambassadors, 34 teacher ambassadors, and 117 educators to provide over 1,500 classrooms with books for students to take home.

# OUR WORK IN ACTION




# TESTIMONIALS




"{It's}...fun, inspiring, and amazing to witness the infectious joy of discovering the power of stories."

**Ivory Bennett**  
**TLRN Board of Directors**




"The resources Leaders Readers Network provided heled our students to become better leaders and readers." .

**Kami Collins**  
**Amarillo ISD**



"The most rewarding thing is seeing the pictures and the videos of the kids who've gotten books, who've never actually taken a book home for themselves."

**Rashar Steward**  
**Student**



Our school goal is to increase the love of reading for all students by finding books of interest which is often found when characters are relatable.

**Michelle Wheatfill**  
**Clark County School District**

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