



Seedlings

BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Annual Report 2022

**CELEBRATING
38 YEARS
OF BRINGING
BRAILLE BOOKS
TO CHILDREN
AROUND
THE WORLD!**

Calvin, 2

A close-up photograph of an 18-month-old baby, Vinny, looking intently at a book. The baby is wearing a grey t-shirt and is reaching out with their right hand towards a large illustration of a red tractor on an orange background. The tractor has a large red wheel with a black hub and a red body. To the right of the tractor, there is a small cartoon character. Below the tractor, there are three large, stylized grey leaves. The book page is orange and features Braille text. A hand is visible on the right side of the page, pointing to the tractor illustration. The background is a wooden table.

Vinny, 18 months

“You can see the wonder in his face as he feels the braille and the tactility on each page.

Thank you, Seedlings for making books fun and accessible for my son!”

—Vinny’s mother, Kiki

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From a parent and board member

Along with the rest of the world, Seedlings worked toward a new “normal” in 2022, and despite some continued challenges resulting from the pandemic, it was another amazing year for our organization. Seedlings produced a record 37,695 braille books and articles for our readers, with 63% of that total given away for free. This is an amazing accomplishment that continues to build year after year because of the dedication and generosity of our staff, volunteers and donors.

Seedlings has held a special place in my heart for nearly 13 years – my daughter, Avery, started receiving Seedlings’ braille books as a baby. Early on, we practiced guiding her fingers over the braille in the hopes of building the foundation for a love of reading. Once in school, her TVI introduced countless creative and effective approaches to teach a child who is both visually impaired and cognitively disabled how to read and write braille. It hasn’t been an easy road, but it is a skill I am determined to maintain so she has the same opportunities as her sighted peers. And Seedlings has been there every step of the way to support us – from the various free programs, to being the source for family and friends to purchase affordable books for her as gifts. Seedlings has provided Avery with independence and joy that she wouldn’t get elsewhere.

Every child deserves access to literacy and I’m proud to be a small part of an organization that has been expanding opportunities for children with vision loss for nearly 40 years. I have had the privilege of serving on the Board since 2015, and in turn, meeting the wonderful people who help make this mission possible.

Thank you for your continued support of Seedlings Braille Books for Children and helping us grow our reach in 2023!

Ann Devereux

Board Member, pictured above with her daughter, Avery



For every
20 books a
sighted child
has, a blind
child has
just 1.

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Board Members serve 3-year terms as unpaid volunteers.

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Seedlings is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy and education by providing high-quality, free and low-cost children’s literature in braille.

2022 By the Numbers

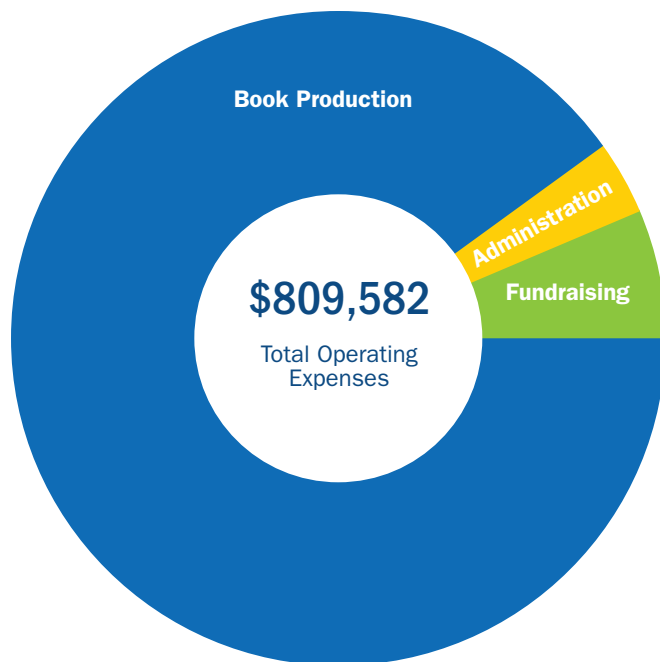
37,695 = The record number of braille books distributed in 2022 (up 7% from 2021)

681,953 = The total number of braille books distributed to children with vision loss since Seedlings began in 1985

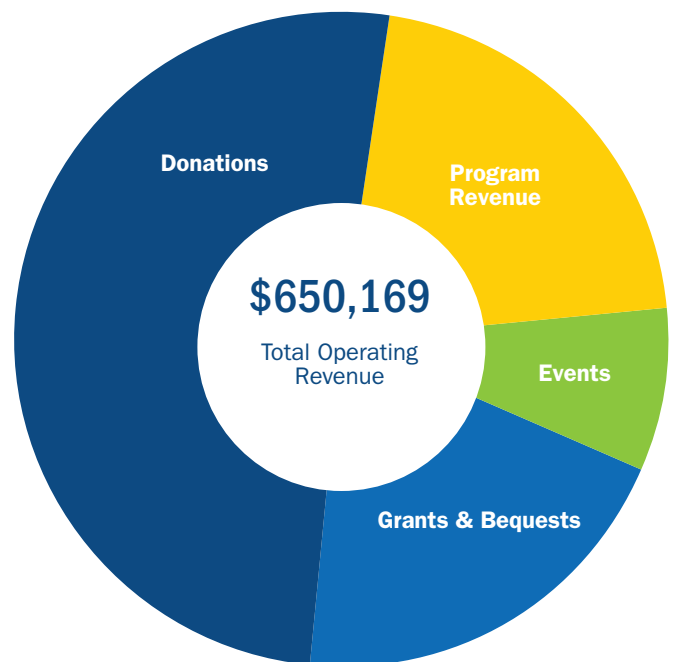
23,879 = The record number of FREE books distributed in 2022 (63% of the total)

\$10 = All books are now \$20 or less, averaging only \$10 each

80/755 = In 2022, 80 titles were converted to the new braille code (UEB), bringing the total to a record 755 children's titles in UEB, making Seedlings a leader in this area



- **Braille Book Production:**
\$735,361 = 90.8%
- **General & Administration:**
\$25,653 = 3.2%
- **Fundraising:**
\$48,568 = 6.0%



- **Donations from Individuals, Groups & Corporations:** \$331,623
- **Grants & Bequests:** \$133,127
- **Events:** \$52,871
- **Program Revenue:** \$132,548

2023 Goals

39,000

Produce and distribute over 39,000 braille books for children.

25,000

Give away at least 25,000 books while keeping the subsidized price of the rest to an average of only \$10 or less.

80

Add at least 80 new titles to Seedlings' UEB selections.

Website

Launch a new, improved website!



Nadiya, 13

"I really like learning new knowledge by reading nonfiction books. I like how Seedlings' books are in contracted braille, and how they have a whole bunch of choices."

Nadiya has received books from Seedlings' Adopt-A-Reader Program (AAR)

FREE Book Programs

The Book Angel Program (BAP)

BAP enables every child with vision loss in the U.S. and Canada to receive 5 free braille books from Seedlings per year (up from 4 books in 2021).

In 2022, a record 9,614 books were sent to children through this program, bringing the total to nearly 84,000 free Book Angel Books since 2002.

The Adopt-A-Reader Program (AAR)

Donors can make a big impact on a child's life through this program. By donating just \$100, they are matched with a child from MI, OH, IL, or IN who then receive a box of 10 free braille books from Seedlings.

In 2022, a record 800 books were sent to AAR children with vision loss, bringing the total to 5,245 free books since 2011.

Teachers of The Visually Impaired Program (TVIP)

Our hearts go out to the teachers who all too often have very few materials available to help them teach braille to their students.

Through TVIP, teachers across the U.S. were the gracious recipients of over 4,100 free books, bringing the total free TVIP books to 17,870 since 2019.

Braille for Beginners (B4B)

Getting our books into the hands of toddlers and preschoolers with vision loss became a priority when we realized that success in school and beyond, depends heavily on children and their families having braille books at an early age. Through the B4B program, hundreds of Print-Braille-&Picture Books are sent to Early Intervention programs across the U.S. to share with the families they serve.

In 2022, over 5,000 free beginning books were placed in the homes of children with vision loss, bringing the total of free B4B books to 11,235 since 2019.

The Rose Project

Rose, our oldest free program, was established through a bequest in 1994 and it enables children access to free World Book Encyclopedia articles in braille.

In 2022, 100 braille articles were transcribed, printed, and sent to children across the U.S. thereby helping broaden their knowledge and assist with their schoolwork.

Several giveaway programs occurred during 2022, bringing the total number of free books to a record 23,879 in 2022!

Thank you to all of our generous donors for making these programs possible!



Founder Debra Bonde pictured above with Khara, 11.

“Thank you, you are amazing! Many of our families have no books at all and we are always looking for ways to help them. Thank you for making this possible!”

—Tracey, Early Education Manager & B4B Recipient

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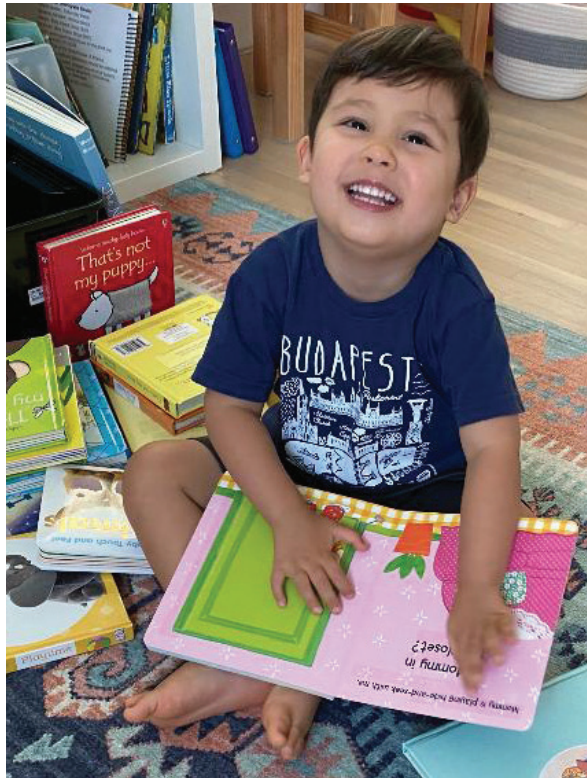
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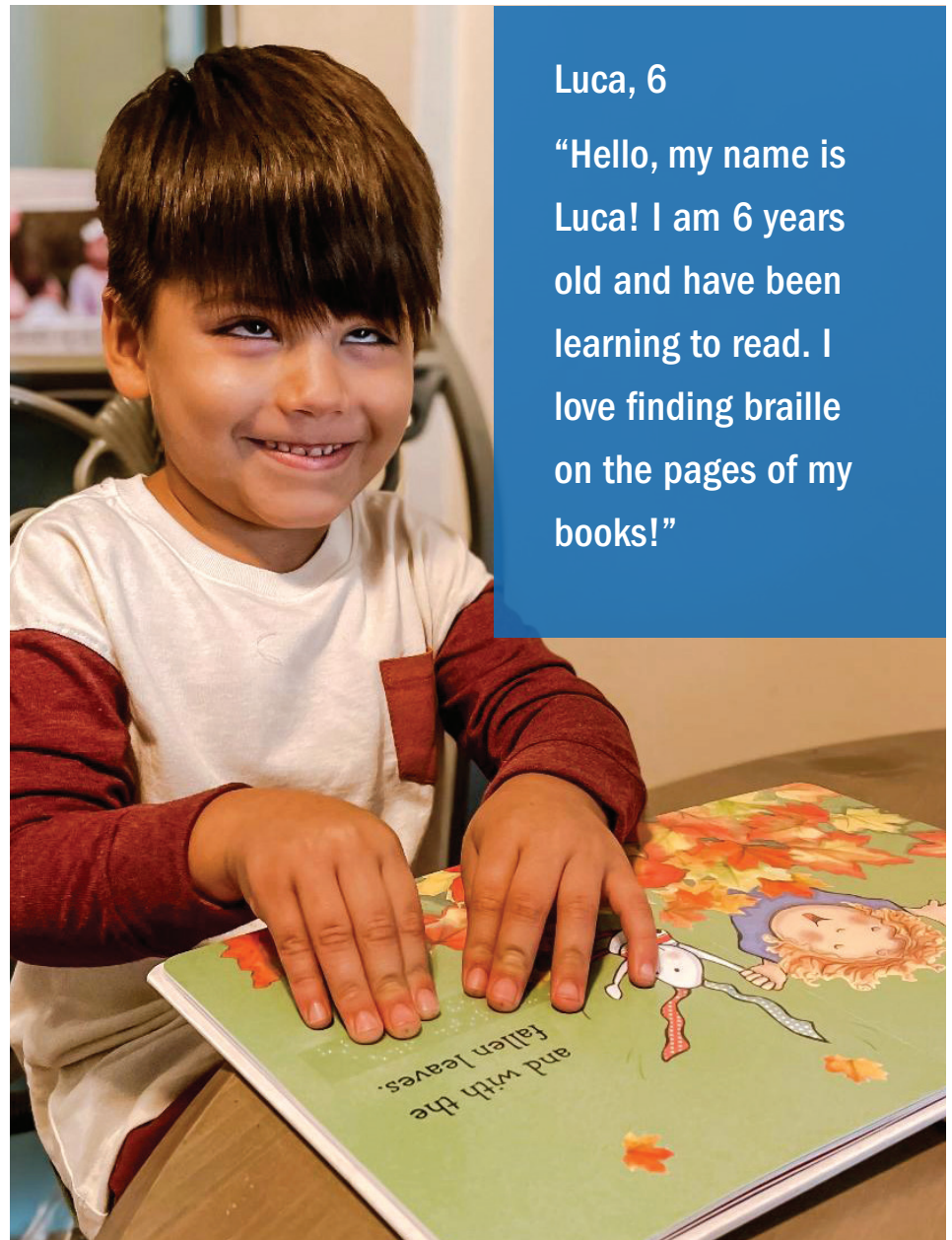
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Luca, 6

“Hello, my name is Luca! I am 6 years old and have been learning to read. I love finding braille on the pages of my books!”

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The process of transcribing new titles into braille is very time-consuming and costly. In 2016, the new Unified English Braille Code (UEB) was adopted in the U.S. which meant we needed to convert our existing titles to the new code. This is also an expensive and time-consuming process, so we turned to our loyal supporters for help ... *and as always, we were overwhelmed by your response!*

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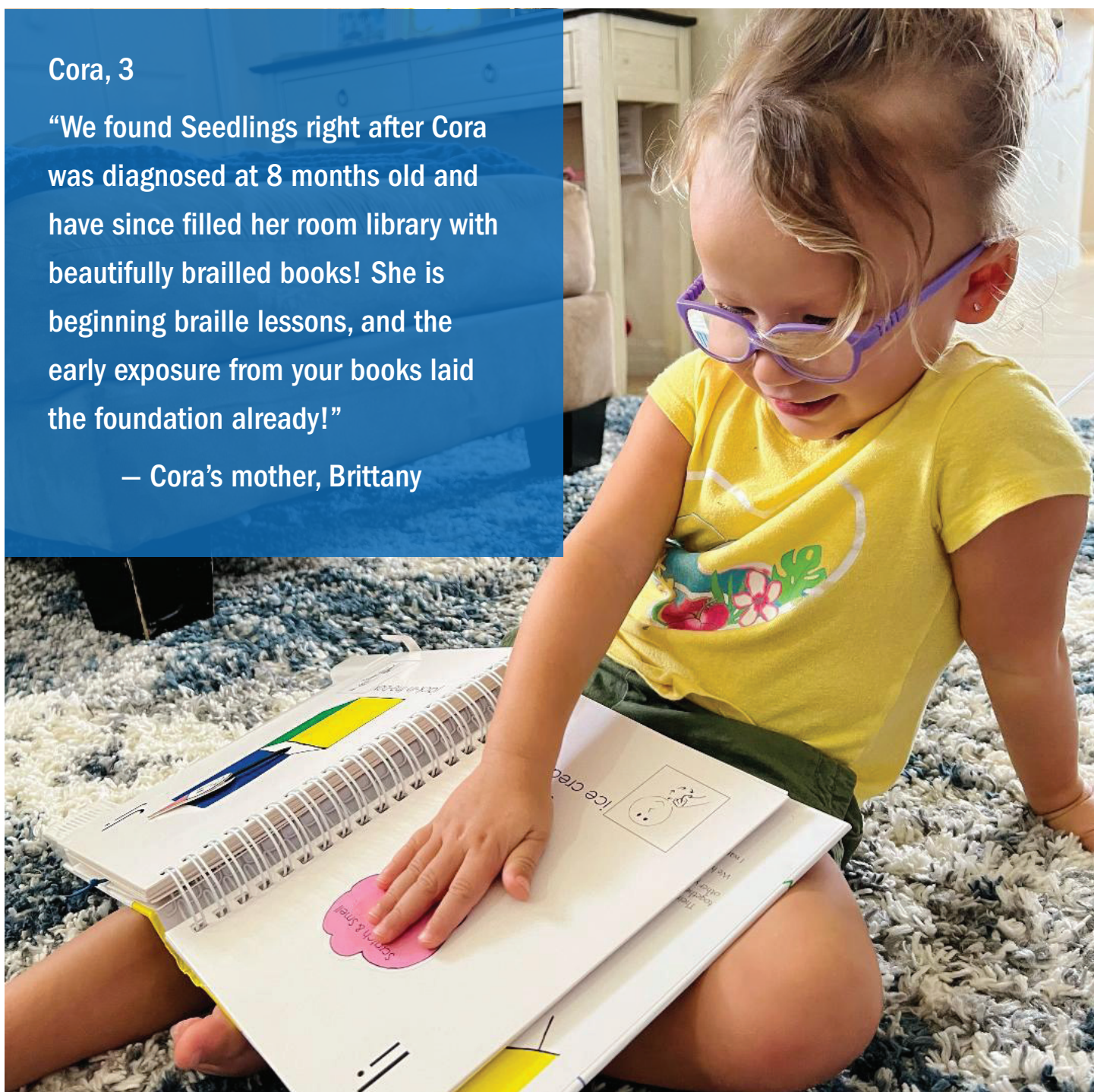
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Cora, 3

“We found Seedlings right after Cora was diagnosed at 8 months old and have since filled her room library with beautifully brailled books! She is beginning braille lessons, and the early exposure from your books laid the foundation already!”

— Cora’s mother, Brittany



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Seedlings' Annual Online Auction was held on November 7-13, 2022 and raised over \$51,500 — a record breaking amount! Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors and bidders, we were able to make and distribute more than 5,100 braille books to children with vision loss! **We are so grateful to YOU!**

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Lionel, 3

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Through the Years



1979

Debra Bonde learned how scarce and expensive children's braille books were so she became a Certified Braille Transcriber.



1984

Seedlings Braille Books for Children, located in a tiny office in Debra's basement in Detroit, was incorporated as a Michigan Nonprofit.

1985

A small braille printer made by Debra's father arrived and the first 221 braille books were printed and sent to children in need.

1990

Production expanded to 5,000 books per year, leading to a move to a bigger facility in Livonia, MI.



1994

With its first bequest, Seedlings added the first giveaway program: The Rose Project (free encyclopedia articles in braille).

1997

Continued growth led to a move to a bigger office at the MetroPlex complex in Livonia.

2001

The Detroit News honored Seedlings' Founder as a Michigianian of the Year.



2002

The Book Angel Program was launched, enabling thousands of children with vision loss in the U.S. & Canada to receive free books each year.

2004

Production grew to over 20,000 free & low-cost braille books per year.



2015

The prestigious Bolotin Award was given to Seedlings by the National Federation of the Blind.

2022

Seedlings placed more than 37,000 free and low-cost braille books into the hands of children worldwide!



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—Vivian’s mother, Lindsey

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