

2022 Impact Report



a message from our board president

As an educator, creating opportunities for students, especially from under represented communities, to meet and hear from children's book authors and illustrators has long been a dream of mine. I have witnessed the excitement and engagement in reading and writing that happens after a school author visit. At Readers To Dreamers, representation truly matters and we keep that at the forefront when connecting authors to schools. We believe that when a student sees someone who looks, acts, or experiences life like them, it makes that child feel included in society, and it reinforces positive views of themselves, what they can achieve, and what they have to offer.

What an amazing first 12 months of Readers To Dreamers. My heart is full and my spirit is energized as we reflect on this year and look towards 2023!

Corinne Jolley
Co-founder + Board President



Impact Snapshot

309

K - 5 students met an author of color

2

Atlanta public elementary schools visited

365

Signed books donated to students + teachers





Where Your Donation Goes:



We raised almost \$9200 in 2022. Nearly 100% of our donations are from individuals + organizations.

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It wasn't until 2019 that I met a young Black author for the first time by the name of Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah and that's what made me realize that I could be an author too. People talk about representation, and I don't want it to get diluted and lost, because for me, it changed my life.
 Antwan Eady”

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I can relate to [Sherri Winston and her character's] hair! Because when my hair is down, it's pretty puffy and curly. And she has brown eyes. And she likes pie...and I like pie!
 Maryah, age 10”

Author	School	Impact
Antwan Eady <i>NIGEL AND THE MOON</i>	Toomer Elementary <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	[228] K - 2 students [240] books donated
Sherri Winston <i>LOTUS BLOOM AND THE AFRO REVOLUTION</i>	Hutchinson Elementary <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	[81] 3 - 5 students [125] books donated

We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

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