One little girl couldn’t believe that she could keep the books. When asked if she had books at home, she answered “Yes, I have one and now I will have three.”

In 2017, we held 640 events in 150 communities. We have provided our free programs to 200,000 young readers and writers.

We remain one of the most cost-efficient organizations that has generously supported CLiF’s work for over 20 years. Together, we have accomplished a tremendous amount over the past two decades:

➤ CLiF’s professional presenters (authors, illustrators, poets, storytellers) have personally inspired more than 200,000 readers and writers.

➤ We have provided our free programs to children and families in more than 600 communities in virtually every corner of New Hampshire and Vermont.

➤ We have donated more than $1 million in new, high-quality children’s books to children, many of whose homes have no books at home.

➤ CLiF received local and regional awards for our work; and is recognized as a leader in northern New England in promoting and supporting children’s literature, particularly at-risk populations.

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Dear Friends of CLiF,

This annual report serves two very important purposes. First, it provides an overview of all the accomplishments CLiF has achieved during our first 20 years of service. Over that period, we have accepted and creatively redefined ideas of reading and writing among our audiences, both kids and young readers and writers up to age 12, throughout New Hampshire and Vermont.

Second, it expresses our heartfelt thanks to the more than 700 individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations that generously supported CLiF’s work in FY 2017, and the many hundreds of children who have helped to grow our programs with a total attendance of 300,000 readers.

We are so excited to see what the next 20 years! We will accomplish together over the next 20 years!

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CLIF IS BORN!

Duncan brings books and stories to 500 children at six public libraries in NH and VT via CLiF’s Rural Libraries Program.

The first-ever CLIF Rural Libraries Conference at Dartmouth College brings together 120 librarians from 75 towns across VT and NH.

CLIF begins serving Children of Prison Inmates. By 2017 it has worked with thousands of inmates and their children in 17 prisons.

CLIF begins visiting Head Start and Childcare Programs.

Summer Readers Program brings CLIF storytellers and free books to schools, libraries, and summer programs all over VT and NH.

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Children’s literacy foundation

20 YEARS

OF OPENING BOOKS, OPENING MINDS, OPENING DOORS


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