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### **Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report** JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023



CLiF Staff (L to R): Laura, Cassie, Jana, Mary Edith, Sarah, Kat

#### **Dear Friends of CLiF**,

This year, we celebrated CLiF's first quarter-century of service, a proud milestone made possible by you, our incredible network of supporters and community partners. Over the last 25 years, we've accomplished many amazing feats together, and this past year was certainly no different. **Here are a few highlights:** 

- We completed an enormously successful **Building Campaign**, ensuring that we can meet the ongoing and future maintenance needs of the new space.
- We celebrated CLiF's first 25 years, our first leadership transition, and the inspiring achievements of our founding executive director, Duncan McDougall.
- We moved into our beautiful, purpose-built building, providing greatly expanded space for **staff**, **volunteers and books**.
- We awarded **10 CLiF Year of the Book grants** to public elementary schools in New Hampshire and Vermont, providing each partner site with \$25,000 in new books, in-person author visits, and other literacy workshops and events.
- We sponsored **12 Rural Library grants**, fostering connections between the public library and the local elementary school, and supporting librarians in building community around literacy.
- We reached over **400 families** connected with the prison system through caregiver seminars and family literacy events.
- We served **thousands of children** through CLiF's extensive Summer Readers program, providing literacy presentations and book giveaways at more than **75 community sites**.
- We distributed **over 50,000 books!** Our heroic volunteers oversaw the tremendous flow of books into our office, and back out to children all over the Twin States.

As CLiF looks forward to the next 25 years, we remain deeply grateful for your commitment to Duncan's vision, and to our organization. It truly takes **all of us** to encourage bright futures for **all children**.

Laura Rice CLiF Executive Director



"I love books, they bring me to a different world and place. Books are amazing, and thank you for giving us so many!"

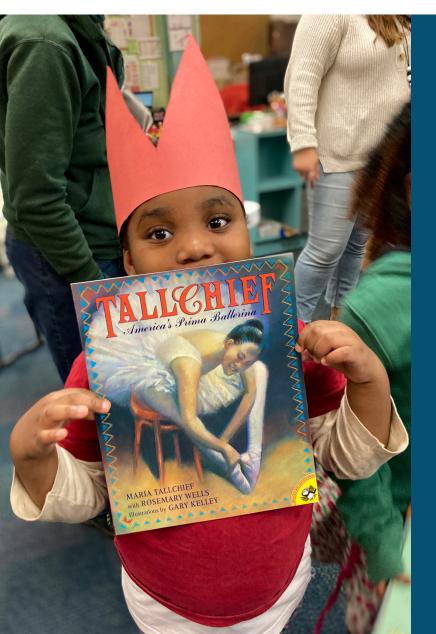
-Year of the Book student

"Literacy is really a social justice issue. Helping young kids develop a love for reading and writing can open so many doors for them."

---CLiF founding executive director Duncan McDougall



**A new leader. A new home. An unwavering dedication to our mission.** We couldn't do it without you. Thank you for being a part of CLiF's story.



"The excitement generated by the CLiF Rural Library grant spurred a new relationship between the local school and the public library, and brought kids into the library who had never been there. Outstanding!"

---CLiF Rural Library program coordinator

"I volunteer at CLiF because I love knowing that we're making it possible for young children to explore new ideas, and gain confidence and empathy through children's literature."

—CLiF volunteer Kim Lincoln

"At one point, after one of the recent CLiF author visits, [a student] turned to me and said, 'We're so lucky to live in Vermont where all of these famous authors and illustrators live!""

-CLiF Year of the Book program coordinator

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#### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, AS OF JUNE 30, 2023**

ASSETS Current Assets Cash Money Market Building Campaign Funds	426,955 48,626 101,829
Inventory Asset - Books Total Current Assets	54,135
	631,544
Fixed Assets Computer/Office Equipment Website Work In Progress- New CLiF Building Total Fixed Assets	2,013 6,750 1,895,190 <b>1,903,952</b>
Other Assets Investment Accounts Investment Annuity Total Other Assets	1,074,594 65,556 <b>1,140,149</b>
TOTAL ASSETS	3,675,646
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Credit Cards	148,889 12,925
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable	,
<b>Current Liabilities</b> Accounts Payable Credit Cards	12,925

