This is the story of Meena. This is the story of CODE. And this is a story about you. You are walking with Meena, every step of the way on her journey with CODE, as she learns and grows.

You inspire Meena to read, write, dream and become whatever she wants to be. And remember that this is one child, one story and you have this same powerful impact on over 1 million children every year.

Every time a child learns to read, you are also helping them learn to thrive in the world around them, express their creativity, fall in love with stories and discover new ideas.

You ignite the imagination of a future astronaut or doctor. You invigorate tomorrow’s entrepreneur who will bring clean water to her village. You embolden a young activist who will grow up to create change in his community. Every time a child learns to read, you are empowering the next generation of global citizens. And you are investing in the betterment of humankind.

Together, we created and published books in 27 local and national languages in 8 different countries. In war-torn Liberia and Sierra Leone, you helped us expand our collection to 31 locally written and illustrated books that children will love. You nurtured local authors, illustrators and publishers.

With your support, we provided professional development for over 2,800 teachers, teacher-trainers, and librarians.

Building on the incredible success of our Burt Award for African Literature, CODE launched the Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature. Together, we will celebrate excellence in native literature and provide engaging and culturally relevant books for youth across Canada.

And we are now expanding the Award to the Caribbean!

Thank you again for your amazing support of CODE.

Scott Walter, Executive Director
See Meena learn.
See Meena read.
See Meena write.
See Meena dream.
See Meena choose.
See Meena teach.
See Charles share.

CODE’s work with authors and illustrators has focused on turning out excellent books firmly rooted in local settings. These books should be familiar and inviting to young readers, and should remind them that they live in a real place… One story at a time, Liberians are slowly rebuilding [their] sense of self…

— Dr. Charles Temple, Hobart and Smith Colleges, Reading Liberia expert volunteer

See Irén share.

Education and reading were always important to our mother, to the end of her life. She knew what education had done for her and how it had freed her from the life for which she would otherwise have been destined. As such, it freed us too. We wanted to share with others our Mother’s dedication to education, and our own as well, to reading and to libraries as essential for free thought. Adopting a library through CODE is something we are proud to have done.

— Irén Moure, who, with her family, adopted a library in memory of their mother, Mary Irene Moure

See Margaret share.

Reading to our children was a very important family activity. When I learned about CODE, I was impressed with the depth of their program and immediately decided we would become donors. When we toured Ethiopia with CODE in 2008, we saw firsthand how effective and necessary the organization’s work is. We will always support CODE, especially since we have witnessed in the field how challenging effective international development aid can be.

— Margaret Casey, CODE donor
You... Supported the national publishing of 437,000 copies of 128 different locally-authored titles, 178,000 of which were in 18 local languages.

Helped purchase 100,000 copies of 600 titles from local book sellers in partner countries.

Helped distribute 261,000 new donated North American books.

Helped provide reading materials for 2,200 school and community libraries and reading corners, 220 of which were established this year.

See your impact.
You... Made it possible for 3,500 teachers, librarians, education officials, writers, illustrators, editors, and publishers to gain the professional skills they need to become more effective at workshops provided by a corps of 13 international experts.

Helped produce 3,000 copies of professional guidebooks for librarians and teachers.

Inspired children 8 countries in Africa – 726,000 children and youth benefitted from CODE’s programs, 581,000 of which were impacted directly.

Thank you.
CODE cherishes each and every gift we receive. Your gift is combined with gifts from other caring citizens, corporate partners, foundations as well as funds from CIDA. Here's how we raise our funds.

Donations 42%

CIDA 56%

Miscellaneous 1%

Surplus 1%

CIDA $3,008,270
Donations $2,277,280
Miscellaneous $45,998
Surplus $46,215
Total $5,377,763

See code grow.
Thank you for entrusting CODE with your gift. We take care to ensure that every dollar we spend advances literacy for the world’s children.

Here’s how we spend our dollars.

The complete 2012-13 financial statements, audited by Deloitte, are available upon request from the Office of the Executive Director. The value of In-kind donated books was $2,272,452.

Overseas Programs $4,544,161
Fund Development $323,193
Communications $67,347
Research - New Programs $44,607
General Administration $306,025
Total $5,285,333
Field Partners
Association pour la lecture, l’éducation et le développement au Mali (ALED)
WE-CARE Foundation
PEN Sierra Leone
Children’s Book Project for Tanzania
National Book Development Council of Kenya
Associação Progresso
CODE-Ethiopia
Ghana Book Trust

Knowledge Partners
International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Canada
Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking International Consortium (RWCT)
Critical Thinking International

Financial Partners
Financial support of the Government of Canada provided through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
Literacy Prizes Foundation

The Read Africa Ball 2012
Corporate Sponsors:
Agriteam
Barrick Gold Corporation
BMO Nesbitt Burns
Lincluden

Affiliates
CODE Inc.
CODE Foundation
International Book Bank

Our Partners.
Major Individual Donors $1,000+
Sherlynn R. Akitt C.A.
Jacques Bérubé
Christopher D. Bredt
and Jamie Cameron
John R. Burrell
Elizabeth A. Carruthers
The Casey Family
Gwynneth Evans
Angela Goyeau
Judy Hauserman
Mark K. Heule
Winifred G. Hoyer
Suzanne Johnson
Thomas W. Lane
John Lehmann
Carol and David Myers
Michael P. O’Keeffe
Barbara V. Ritchie
Cedric E. Ritchie
The Late Loraine Rowan
Andre Sauvageau
Jon Shapiro
Paul D. Stewart
Allan Treasure
Maurice and Gloria Walsh
Eric and Farah Webber
Stephen Williamson
and Margot Hallman

Sixteen donors wish to remain anonymous

Major Institutional Donors $5,000+
The Alberta Teachers’ Association
Fondation Edward Assh
Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario – Humanity Fund
Literary Prizes Foundation
Manitoba Teachers’ Society
Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
The McLean Foundation
Pirie Foundation
Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation
Sisters of St. Joseph – London
Toronto Community Foundation — Taylor Irwin Family Fund
RJL Braydon Charitable Foundation
we(e)press
2 Anonymous

Legacy Leaders
Jean E. Marsh
Margaret M. Walker
Estate of Margaret E. Haines
Estate of Douglas H. Macaulay
3 Anonymous Estates

Our Donors.
Thank you for helping Meena.