



*Especially for you –
because you care
about empowering kids
through reading*

THE CODE READER: Your Gifts in Action

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Beautiful books, because of you!

Because of your kindness, something beautiful happened in May in Ifakara, Tanzania.

Together, we placed 13,500 books into the hands of children across 15 schools, nine different titles, each with 100 copies. But these aren't just numbers. They represent moments when a child's eyes light up: discovering a new story. They represent quiet afternoons when students gather around story books you made possible.

Teachers have added these books to their classroom libraries and report that their students' excitement has improved school attendance. Students are now able to bring books home and read aloud to parents and younger siblings.

The impact is real. CODE's Najmul Hossain saw this firsthand...

"During classroom visits, I observed most students reading with confidence and joy."

Their fluency and comprehension have improved significantly. Students were proud to demonstrate their progress and excited to share what they had learned."

This isn't just about getting books into children's hands – it's about ensuring girls and boys see their own culture, language, and experiences reflected on every page. When stories feel familiar, reading becomes personal. When reading becomes personal, learning accelerates.

Nine-year-old Magesa from Kiningina Primary School describes his favourite story, "I love stories about animals, especially the hare, tortoise, and elephant. It's good to have books with those kinds of stories in our classroom because I love to read."

Thank you for helping create these moments of joy and learning. You're giving these children the chance to see themselves as readers, as learners, as people with bright futures ahead. Your kind heart makes all the difference!

See the photo gallery: code.ngo/tanzaniabooks

An update on your gifts: Sallay and Patricia



You may remember two special faces from two of our recent appeals. At the time, we were raising money to help fund critical projects like those bringing change to Patricia and Sallay's schools.

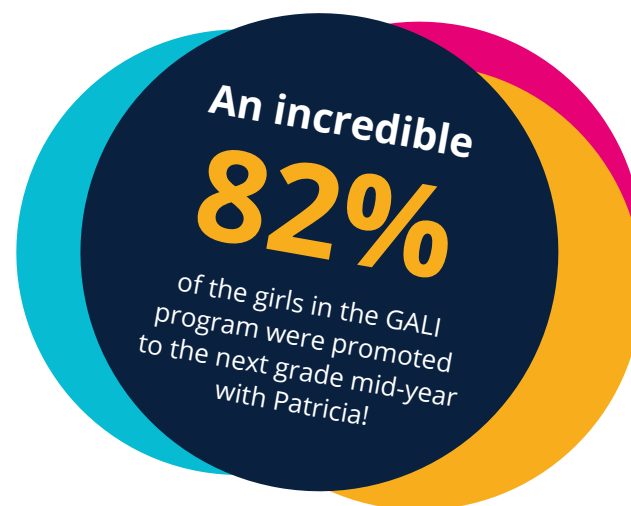
Your response and support of these girls and thousands more like them was greater than we ever expected, with over 1,000 CODE donors showing their support. It warms our hearts to share with you that they continue to thrive!



Your kind heart means Patricia continues to progress in school. Thank you for helping her flourish.

Patricia (Liberia)

You may recall that not too long ago, Patricia started school for the very first time – as a teenager in a kindergarten classroom. With your kind support, she joined *Girls' Accelerated Learning Initiative* (GALI) and was quickly promoted to Grade 3. This Spring we got the wonderful news that Patricia excelled at her midyear exams and was promoted again, this time to Grade 4. Without GALI and your belief in her, she likely would be stuck in Grade 1 and even more likely to not be in school at all. It warms our hearts to see her excelling!



Today, Sallay is confident, happy, and independent. She continues to attend school, and thanks to you, the shelves in her classroom are now stocked with vibrant storybooks.

Sallay (Sierra Leone)

When we first met Sallay, she was struggling to stay in school because of the unfair barriers many girls like her face. When she did attend, it was hard for her to learn with very few books. We visited her last month, and because of you, her classroom now has more than enough storybooks for her and her friends. She wanted you to know that she is working hard in school and will continue to do her best because she wants to be a nurse. Thank you for thinking of girls like Sallay!

A lasting legacy – and a smart way to give



If you're someone who gives to charity, chances are your motivation comes from the heart. You care deeply about the causes you support, and you want to make a lasting difference. Tax savings may not be what drives your generosity, but when it comes to estate planning, they are worth considering.

One of the most effective, and often overlooked, ways to make a charitable gift through your estate is by donating publicly traded securities, such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds. This strategy not only helps support the causes you care about but also offers exceptional tax benefits to your estate.

Here's how it works: If you leave a gift of securities to a registered charity in your Will, your estate will receive a donation tax credit for the full fair market value of the securities. At the same time, the capital gains on those securities will be exempt from tax. That's a double advantage, lower taxes and a larger gift going directly to charity.

Compared to selling the securities, paying the capital gains tax, and then donating the cash proceeds, this approach is significantly more efficient for both your estate and the charitable impact you leave behind.

A gift of securities can be a deeply meaningful part of your legacy. If you own appreciated investments, it may be worth discussing this option with your financial advisor or estate planner. By planning ahead, your legacy gift can go even further in supporting the causes close to your heart and doing so in the most tax-effective way possible.

Visit code.ngo/legacy to receive your special invitation to CODE's upcoming Legacy Giving Webinar.

**"Once you learn to read,
you will be forever free."**

- Frederick Douglass

You're bringing our new vision to life

Literacy is reading and writing, and so much more. It's a pathway to equity, opportunity and empowerment. It empowers children to create meaning and furthers valuable life problem-solving skills. Literacy is not merely a skill to be learned, but a foundational building block in achieving every child's right to a quality education.

With your unwavering support, CODE is uniquely positioned to build these foundations for lifelong success, and our new 2025–2030 Strategic Plan focuses on these strengths.

At the heart of our new plan is a clear goal – to improve children's literacy by creating effective literacy learning environments alongside our partners, schools, and communities.

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It brings a sharper focus to where we believe our efforts can have the greatest impact: early primary classrooms. By centering our work on the foundational years of schooling, we're able to deepen our investments in responsive, context-specific initiatives. This includes:

- Increased attention to classroom instruction that supports every child's success
- The availability of locally relevant teaching and learning materials
- The creation of joyful, inspiring spaces that nurture a lifelong love of reading and learning

In a world facing rising geopolitical and economic challenges, our shared values – equity, collaboration, and community-led change – matter more than ever. This is the time to redouble our efforts, to act boldly and to affirm our belief in the transformative power of literacy. We're so excited for you to join us as we bring our new vision to life!

Learn more: code.ngo/strategy2030

Are you ready for an adventure of a lifetime?

If you're eager to take on a personal challenge and give back in a deeply meaningful way, we invite you to join us for CODE's sixth *Summit for Literacy* slated for July 2026. Join us as we walk in the footsteps of famed explorers – through tropical rainforests, across alpine deserts and glaciers to Uhuru peak located 5,895 meters above sea level.

Although the *Summit for Literacy* offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience for participants, it is the purpose for which we undertake this challenge that is the true inspiration. Much like the view from the summit, the power and promise of literacy also offers limitless horizons for the children CODE works with every day.

Under the inspiring leadership of CODE board members Chris Bredt and Jeff Kehoe, CODE's *Summit for Literacy* has raised over \$1.25 million since 2006. We're looking forward to making our 2026 climb the best yet!

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