

EVERYBODY WINS DC

# CELEBRATE!

May 12, 2022 Planet Word Museum

Over 200 guests gathered at the Planet Word Museum, an immersive language experience located in the former Franklin School in downtown DC, to celebrate EWDC's students, programs, and impact. Event proceeds will help thousands of children thrive through reading.

## EWDC Celebrate - By the Numbers!

\$345,000 raised

45 Corporate and Individual Sponsors

12 Members of Congress on Honorary Committee

3 programs supported & 5,000 children reached

## EWDC CELEBRATE SPECIAL GUESTS

Throughout the evening, EWDC Celebrate attendees heard from special guests about why our work is so important.

Here are a few highlights:

Layla, 5th grade: "I love EWDC because it makes reading fun for the student and the mentor!"

James, 5th grade: "Everybody Wins can help a student read better or learn words, but I did it because reading is fun, and doing it with a mentor is really enjoyable."

Tasara, Librarian: "Thank you EWDC for the many opportunities for students to be connected through books and build a love of reading."

## EWDC CELEBRATE HONOREES

EWDC honored CTIA, an EWDC partner for 20+ years, with its Distinguished Service Award. Dedicated CTIA employees have delivered thousands of mentoring hours, participated in StoryTimes, and delivered hundreds of books to children in need. Thank you CTIA!

EWDC also recognized Marcus Manning of the DC Housing Authority with the first-ever Community Champion Award for his work to expand EWDC's reach and our capacity to serve kids and families where they live and play.

[Click here to see our EWDC Celebrate Highlight Reel!](#)

Email [info@everybodywinsdc.org](mailto:info@everybodywinsdc.org) to learn more about EWDC and how you can change a life through reading!



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Since our founding in 1995, EWDC programs have been 100% free for families, schools, and community partners. We believe the ability to pay shouldn't be a barrier to a child's literacy and social-emotional development. It's also why EWDC Celebrate is so important.

With the amazing support of our sponsors, supporters, and friends, EWDC Celebrate raises the funds needed to expand programs into under-resourced communities while keeping activities free and open to all.

## POWER READERS

This school year, Power Readers has delivered 1,000 hours of one-on-one mentoring to children in DC, MD, and VA. Thanks to EWDC Celebrate, the program can expand next year, reaching more students at more schools and giving them the support needed to thrive.



## THE BOOK PROJECT

Since 2018, The Book Project has given away 24,000+ books to children and classrooms. This year alone, EWDC will distribute 10,000 free books, of which 75% elevate diverse and marginalized voices and experiences. EWDC Celebrate ensures we can continue filling children's bookshelves with books that encourage and inspire their growth.



## STORYTIME

In 2021, EWDC launched a new StoryTime series where volunteers shared books that inspired their personal and professional paths. During this first year, 300 children participated in 28 StoryTime events. Funds raised during EWDC Celebrate will allow this new series to expand so more children can see the value books can have in their lives.



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