

Read to Dream...

EVERYBODY WINS DC

MARCH 23, 2023 | PLANET WORD MUSEUM

Read to Dream was an amazing success! Over 200 guests gathered at Planet Word Museum for EWDC's annual celebration of our students, our partners, and our impact. The evening also raised more than \$270,000 to bring EWDC's unique programs - Power Readers, StoryTime, and The Book Project - to kids and communities across the DC region.



READ TO DREAM BY THE NUMBERS

\$270,000 RAISED

**35 CORPORATE AND
INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS**

3 PROGRAMS SUPPORTED

5,000 CHILDREN REACHED



READ TO DREAM HONOREES

EWDC's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Arielle Elliott, President of Bloomberg Government. As the immediate past Chair of the Board, Arielle's commitment to our students ensured the organization stayed true to our mission while navigating new obstacles presented by the global pandemic.

EWDC also recognized Karl Racine, DC's first elected Attorney General, with the Community Champion Award. Karl is a long-time EWDC volunteer and supporter and has made a lasting impact on our students and school partners by sharing his love of reading and learning.

Finally, EWDC honored the 20 trade associations that participated in the 2021 & 2022 Association Book Drive Challenge. Combined, these organizations donated more than 10,000 new and diverse books to EWDC for distribution to children and community partners across the region.



KARL RACINE
COMMUNITY CHAMPION HONOREE

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EWDC, our programs, and our impact](#)

READ TO DREAM SPECIAL GUESTS

The highlight of the evening were the 5 current and former EWDC students who took the stage to highlight how important our work is to the communities we serve.

Laila, Gidget, Curtis, A'Iyah, and Mia all spoke to the positive impact of EWDC programs and the joy our mentors bring to children's lives.

Guests also heard from Dr. Jasmine Brann, principal at Tyler Elementary School, and Renee LaRue, librarian at Savoy Elementary School. Both spoke to the sense of community and joy that EWDC bring to their schools and how EWDC programs enrich students' lives.



Read to Dream has a direct and tangible impact on the academic and social-emotional development of thousands of elementary school children across the region. The funds raised support day-to-day program delivery as well as targeted expansions that address high need communities.



EWDC SY22-23 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

THE BOOK PROJECT



5,000 children served



9,625 books distributed



72% diverse books

POWER READERS



1,000 mentoring hours



7 service sites



106 weekly sessions

STORYTIME



700 children served



32 reading events



26 books presented

DATA AS OF APRIL 2023

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