



In 2014, we were able to provide 60 agencies serving at-risk children with more than 17,700 books, plus CDs for classroom use and sight-impaired students, and lesson plans for teachers were given out. In addition, our Share Holiday Program provided children with beautiful Hoopoe books in California, the DC area, the Boston area, and Mexico. In addition, through a similar program, the Institute for Cross-Cultural Exchange (ICE) in Canada distributed thousands of Hoopoe Books this year. For more information on ICE in this effort, visit: www.iceeducation.org.

Since we started Share Literacy in 2000, we've distributed over 650,000 books to schools, youth programs, homeless shelters, hospitals & clinics, and community service centers, etc. Many organizations, some of which are listed on the next page, depend on our help every year to brighten up the lives of the children they serve. Educators around the country continue to use our excellent standards-aligned teacher lesson plans available as free downloads on the Hoopoekids.com site.

For the last 13 years, with the help of donors and volunteers we have given Hoopoe books and kits in English and Spanish-English bilingual editions as holiday gifts for young children in shelters and in schools serving at-risk children throughout the country. This holiday season, with the help of volunteer Share Chapters in California, Washington D.C., and Massachusetts, we **exceeded our goal by donating 17,754 books - 2,662 of which were Home Literacy Kits**. Each kit contained a Hoopoe story by Idries Shah, an audio version of the story, and a *Read Together* Newsletter giving tips and advice to parents on reading regularly with their children. And thanks to ICE volunteers in Canada (www.iceeducation.org), Share has also provided books to children in Canada and Mexico.

“Holiday seasons can be tough for our clients as it often reminds them that they have been separated from their families or even forgotten. However, your gesture of fulfilling their ‘wish’ extends beyond a gift--it reminds them that there are people who care about them...”

Nira Singh, Psy. D., Program Director, Refugee Foster Care, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, CA



Children in Berkeley CA assembling 2,662 Hoopoe Home Literacy Kits for the 2014 Holiday Season give-away

Thanks to the generous and continued support of our donors, Share Literacy was able to continue its much-appreciated **Share Holiday Book Program** this year, and over 17,000 at-risk children received their very own copy of a Hoopoe Book as a gift for the holiday season! Many of the agencies we supported last year have been receiving books from Share Literacy for years and they depend upon these gifts year after year to help promote literacy and brighten the lives of thousands of children.

SHARE LITERACY OUTREACH IN 2014

Thanks to the support and donations from volunteers and sponsors we were enabled, once again, to extend our services to help children and their teachers, providing programs for many agencies, including the following:

- **Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, San Jose, CA:** Since 2007, we have provided children in this school district with books of their own, and this year many teachers expressed their gratitude, such as: **“...my Kindergarten class ...wishes to thank you for your kind donation of ‘The Clever Boy and the Terrible, Dangerous Animal’ by Idries Shah...As we strive to become good readers and to learn English, please know that you have made a very special difference in the lives of happy children. We first read the book aloud in class, and then they took home their own treasured copy. Their eyes were big and bright, their smiles were wondrous, and their excitement was ‘priceless’...” –Denise Monlux, Dorsa Elementary School**
- **From Pernet Family Health Service (Worcester, MA):** **“We want to thank you again for the generous donation of 2 big boxes of new children’s books...we are giving them out as free support through our Food Pantry, and clients really appreciate them.” –Sheilah Dooley, Executive Director**

- **From Samaritan House (San Mateo, CA):**
“Today, Hoopoe Books Share Literacy helped ease the burdens of hunger, poverty, and homelessness for San Mateo County’s most vulnerable residents...Thank you for partnering with us to provide support, care and hope to our neighbors in need.” –Bart A. Charlow, Chief Executive Officer
- **From Homeless Prenatal Program (San Francisco, CA):**
“...thank you for your thoughtful donation of children’s books with learning CD. Your continued generosity is appreciated by all our families. Hoopoe Books’ donation helps us service the fastest growing segment of America’s 3.5 million homeless people: families with children...Donors like you help make it possible for us to support these families when they are most in need...” –Sharon Bechtol, Donations Coordinator

Selected Share Programs in 2014

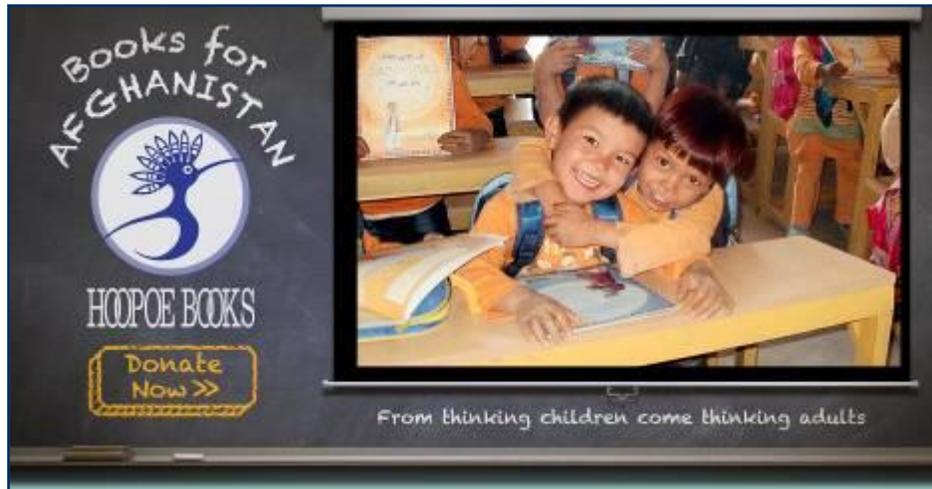
Abby’s House, Worcester Comm. Action Council,
 Worcester, MA
 Alum Rock Union Elementary School District,
 San Jose, CA
 Barbara Chambers Children’s Center,
 Washington, DC
 Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester, MA
 Broad Acres, Fairland, New Hamp. Est. & Roscoe
 Nix Sch., Silver Spr., MD
 CampFire USA, Long Beach, CA
 Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Prog.,
 San Jose, CA
 Community Academy Public Charter Schools,
 Washington, DC
 Doris Santiago, Literacy Activist and Volunteer,
 Dundee, FL
 Ecumenical Hunger Program, East Palo Alto, CA
 Edgewater Elementary School, Edgewater, MD
 El Dorado Elementary School’s ROCK program,
 San Francisco, CA
 Fairfax Futures, Fairfax, VA
 Family Giving Tree, Milpitas, CA
 Family Supportive Housing, San Jose, CA
 Head Start Programs: Falls Church VA;
 Martinsburg WV; Union WV
 Heading Home, Charlestown, MA
 Hildebrand Family Self-Help Ctr, Cambridge, MA
 Homeless Prenatal Program, San Francisco, CA
 Horizons for Homeless Children, Boston
 ICE, Canada (distributed inside Canada,
 Afghanistan and Mexico)
 I Have a Dream Foundation, 4 programs in
 Longmont & Boulder, CO
 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, Falls
 Church, VA
 Loma Vista Immersion Academy, Petaluma, CA
 Loudoun Council Head Start, Leesburg, VA
 Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School, Wash., DC
 Our Place Center for Homeless Children,
 Cambridge, MA



“Thank you for reaching out to us through the Hoopoe Share Literacy program. Many of the books have already been distributed, and the rest will make their way to families’ homes soon; they are in high demand... This is so wonderful!” –Jill C. Dagilis, Exec. Dir., Worcester Community Action Council, Worcester, MA

Reach Potential, Gateway, Jr. Giants Sunnyvale
 CA Police Youth Progs.
 Reach Out & Read, 3 progs. in Boston
 ReadBoston, Boston, MA
 Reading Bonanza, East Palo Alto, CA
 RESPOND, Somerville, MA
 Ridgecrest Elementary School, Hyattsville, MD
 Samaritan House, San Mateo, CA
 Shona House, Washington, DC
 Sleep Train Foster Kids Program, Palo Alto, CA
 Somerville Homeless Coalition, Somerville, MA
 Southeast Family Services, New Bedford, MA
 St. Ambrose Family Inn, Dorchester, MA
 St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children,
 Dorchester, MA
 St. Vincent de Paul, Oakland, CA
 Teach for India, McLean, VA
 Transition House, Cambridge, MA
 Wincester Family Health Center, Wincester, VA
 YMCA Emergency Shelter, Cambridge, MA

Books for Afghanistan Program
Repatriation of Traditional Teaching-Stories to Aid Literacy
www.booksforafghanistan.org



Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have now distributed over 4 million Hoopoe books in Dari-Pashto and English since January 2007 when we first obtained the Afghan Ministry of Education (MOE) approval to provide these books and began our program.

This year we produced new editions of the ten Dari-Pashto Hoopoe titles by Idries Shah, this time with each language in a different color so that children can more easily recognize their own. In addition, this year **we were able to print and donate another 100,000 books to the Asia Foundation for the Ministry of Education's Mobile Library Service!** These libraries, each furnished with hundreds of books, will travel to schools in at least 10 provinces, encouraging the reading and writing skills of all students, and educating them about the importance of reading. Idries Shah's wonderful children's stories will help in this and inspire a love of reading, which is so important. The Library staff will work with the school Shura, parents and administrators to raise everyone's awareness of the importance of reading and how to create an environment in schools in which children are encouraged and motivated to read.



The Public Library Director hands out Hoopoe Books to students in Jalalabad

Our 10 Dari-Pashto, English books and teacher guides are now included in the *Darakht-e Danesh* ("knowledge tree") Online Library for Afghan Educators which was launched in Kabul on October 28. This is the first collection, created by Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, of open education materials for under-resourced Afghan teachers, teacher trainers, school administrators, and other education practitioners. A major impediment to quality education in Afghanistan is the lack of local language educational resources for both

teachers and students. This online library will be an enormous help for those many schools which do not have libraries and lack teaching resources, particularly in their own languages: Dari and Pashto.

Books For Afghanistan Website (www.booksforafghanistan.org) & Newsletters: Our website allows readers to find opportunities to donate easily and to purchase gift cards and greetings cards to use all during the year – and 100% of each gift going towards the print and distribution cost of books for Afghan children. The site also has great ideas for fundraising including an excellent informational film produced by Gerry Cullen and available in UK and USA formats, a PowerPoint presentation, flyers and posters – all downloadable. We maintain a large database of supporters who receive informative periodic newsletters on our progress.



Afghan girls enjoying their copies of *The Old Woman and the Eagle*.



In October, local volunteers took time to represent our program at the Afghan Arts and Culture Festival in Rosslyn VA.

For a comprehensive view of our program, including downloadable resources, great photos of children with the books, copies of articles from *The Washington Post*, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and other media, photos and teacher feedback, and, of course, for ways to help, please visit our website: <http://booksforafghanistan.org>.

Books for Pakistan

Traditional Teaching-Stories to Aid Literacy

This year we have printed 60,000 English-Urdu editions of Hoopoe books, and we've made a small start in providing books to children in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) region. Our goal is to print and distribute a further 100,000 books in the Afghan-Pakistan border regions by the Spring of 2015.

To date, **we have printed and will shortly have distributed 115,000 books in Pakistan** and will print and distribute more just as soon as we have the funds to do so.

PLEASE VISIT our website: <http://www.hoopoekids.com/pakistan.htm>