



Hawassa Reading Center Celebrating 10 Years!

#HRC10Years

Dear Friends,

Spring Greetings!

We are writing to tell everyone about our summer celebration– Hawassa Reading Center is turning 10 this year!

This is what YOU made possible.

Ten years ago, the Hawassa Reading Center opened in the regional capital Hawassa, hundreds of miles from our first children’s library in Addis Ababa. Just our second library, HRC jump-started a decade of expansion for Ethiopia Reads that resulted in 70 more libraries in every region of Ethiopia.

In Hawassa, like most places in Ethiopia, children have extremely limited access to books or places to study. When the Hawassa Reading Center opened the entire community rejoiced, holding a parade through town as families, teachers, and local leaders celebrated together.

We’d like to see HRC’s 10 year celebration be even bigger this year! With your continued support we will be able to commemorate this and other important milestones!

HRC has served thousands of children every year over the past decade, some walking from remote corners of the city to find a quiet and safe place to study. Today, we are proud to say that the Hawassa Reading Center is Ethiopia Reads’ longest continuously running program.

Thanks to donors like you, HRC was just the start. Ten more libraries opened within the next year and, as of today, we’ve built more than 72 libraries across the country! Your support has gone above and beyond, allowing us to grow into a model organization for delivering literacy services throughout Ethiopia.

All Ethiopia Reads libraries have been made possible with gifts of all sizes from donors like you!



Ethiopia Reads provides reading space, materials and instruction to underserved communities. Where there was no access to libraries, we built them. Where there was no access to primary schools, we built them

Public support has allowed us to gain the experience and knowledge we have today, translating into quality reading instruction for over 130,000 kids annually across Ethiopia.

Please consider donating today. You can ensure that the HRC 10 Year Anniversary celebrations are a success and provide even more children with opportunities as we continue to grow.

By contributing you are laying the groundwork for a decade of celebrations. Thank you in advance for your support of literacy through this spring campaign and beyond.

Mail isn't the only way! Visit our website and contribute at ethiopiareads.org/donate.

We invite you to celebrate with us. All through spring we will be sharing retrospectives about Ethiopia Reads and our work over the past decade, culminating with festivities at the Hawassa Reading Center this summer.

Thanks again for all your support and for continuing this journey with us through the next decade of literacy services in Ethiopia.

Have a wonderful spring,

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