



## Did you know...

Studies show that having books in the home is one of the greatest predictors of academic success, but 61% of low-income children have no books at home?

The mission of Bright Star Books, Inc. is to promote a culture of reading by increasing access to and ownership of books for limited-resource children in the Greater Akron region. We aim to do this at the earliest possible age to ensure children grow up habituated to the potential of books as sources of learning and joy.

### Bright Star Books gives books these ways:

- ✓ We build libraries in transitional housing shelters, so young children displaced by poverty or violence can still experience the joy of reading;
- ✓ We give children's libraries to teen mothers with limited access to books;
- ✓ We partner with service agencies like Women, Infants & Children (WIC) of Summit County to distribute gently used, developmentally appropriate children's books through their clinics, serving thousands of low-income women and children from pregnancy through age 5.



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