

# 10 YEARS OF IMPACT



2,177

Total Children  
Served

231

Total Interns  
Who Served

2,108

Total Volunteers  
Who Served

*"Giving back to the community I live in gives me a sense of satisfaction like nothing else! I'm a retired reading teacher, so this opportunity was a perfect fit for me — and I think it benefited the kids too."*  
- 2020 Volunteer

*"The best things about PT are the relationships built and the transformation experienced for the Kingdom of God and the betterment of our communities."*  
- Aleythia, 2021 Intern Alum

*"I'd recommend that any college student intern with PT because it's such an impactful experience that challenges you in new ways and helps you grow both personally and professionally."*  
- Journey, 2021 Intern Alum

26

Foundation Partnerships

87

Partner Churches

815

Generous Donors



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# IMPACT REPORT 2025

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Dear Friends and Partners in Ministry,

As I reflect on this 10-year milestone for Project Transformation Rio Texas, my heart is filled with deep gratitude and awe for what God has done through this ministry. What began as a vision to connect children, college students, and churches in meaningful service has grown into a movement of transformation that has touched myriad lives across South and Central Texas.

This 10-Year Impact Report celebrates both the story and the substance of that journey. Within these pages, you will find highlights from the Summer of 2025—a season marked by record participation, measurable reading growth, and countless moments of joy—as well as a summative look at the past decade of impact. Every number, testimonial, and photograph reflects the faithfulness of God and the dedication of people who believed that together, we could change lives.

We stand on the shoulders of many who came before us. To the churches who opened their doors, the foundations and donors who invested generously, the volunteers and college interns who poured out their hearts, and the families who entrusted their children to us—thank you. Your faith, partnership, and perseverance have made this ministry what it is today.

As we look ahead, our mission remains steadfast: to serve more children, empower more young adults, and strengthen more communities than ever before. We believe that God continues to call us forward—to dream bigger, reach further, and deepen the ways we nurture literacy, leadership, and faith across the South Texas and beyond.

At the core of all we do is our unshakable belief that God has a unique call on every life—child, college student, and community member alike. It is that conviction that fuels our work and sustains our hope.

Thank you for walking this journey with us, for your unwavering belief in what is possible, and for being instruments of God's transforming love. Together, we celebrate where we have been and look with joy and faith toward the decade ahead.

With deep gratitude and hope,  
Sharla Bell  
CEO, Project Transformation Rio Texas



# PT RIO SUMMER 2025

**212**  
Children

**32**  
Interns

**157**  
Reading Buddies

**1,631**  
Books Given Away

**3,491**  
Books Read

**113,850**  
Minutes Read

**6,796**  
Meals Served

*"My daughter loved EVERY moment at PT! It is such a well-organized program for children. Excellent and caring interns who make everything memorable and fun!" - Parent*



*"I feel like I've realized a lot about myself. I've made a lot of special connections and interactions with others that I never realized would be possible. This experience turned out to be so much bigger and more impactful than I would have ever imagined." - Myriam, Intern*

*"Everything in the program was very well thought out. From the activities and rotations of the groups to the food the children ate. It was a great experience for my child." - Parent*



*"I have watched a team of 8 strangers become some of the best teachers and friends I can imagine." - Cristian, Intern*



*"Watching a child experience happiness from something as simple as successfully reading a book. The smile on the face and the sense of pride and accomplishment experienced was transformational for me as well as the children." - Volunteer*



*"I loved seeing all the kids grow and the interns increase in self assurance. Joy was all around and it was an all around win win this year." - 2025 Volunteer*



*"Working with children isn't just being with the kids—it extends beyond that. The impact reaches their home. I saw that come alive as one intern caught one of our campers teaching and showing his family what he had learned." - Adriana, Intern*



**74%**

Children who entered our program below the grade level reading goal

**99%**

Regular attendees who maintained or improved in their reading level

**100%**

Attendees who maintained or improved in their social-emotional skills