Mission Statement

The guiding purposes of National Braille Press are to promote the literacy of blind children through braille and to enable blind people to participate better in their work, family, and civic affairs through information.
We have lived through an extraordinary year in the history of our organization, and are embarking on a new phase of our 81 year journey. Our longtime leader, Bill Raeder, has retired after 32 years of shepherding National Braille Press from a small job shop producing braille to an internationally renowned braille publishing house.

And we have now welcomed our fifth president, Brian MacDonald, who has assumed the mantle of our strategic vision for the future and will inform it with his own leadership. We appreciate that you have been by our side as we cross this threshold.

This past fiscal year has been a dramatic one in which we:

- Released the seventh and final book in the *Harry Potter* series on the same day as the print edition, receiving international media attention.
- Produced 15,210,287 pages of braille that were distributed worldwide.
- Conducted path-breaking research with families focusing on the introduction of tactile graphics to young blind children, which resulted in a landmark publication for parents and teachers called *Because Pictures Matter*.
- Introduced new computer publications that addressed invaluable aspects of modern life, such as *Google It! A Guide to the World’s Most Popular Search Engine*.
- Increased our revenue by almost 10% from $4,125,593 to $4,527,935.
- Raised over $860,000 for the *Bill Raeder Strategic Legacy Fund* which we have begun to invest in the early building blocks of our strategic plan.

We were able to move forward on these programmatic enhancements because of the support of thousands of donors around the country, who made donations ranging from $1 to one quarter of a million dollars to all aspects of our fundraising, from the annual campaign to the *Vision 5K* and *Hands On!* events. This invaluable support allows us to produce braille and have the deep effect that we do on families all across the country. Thank you for the role that you play in our literacy work.

Sincerely,

Paul V. McLaughlin
Board Chair

The invaluable support of thousands of donors allows us to produce braille and have a deep effect on families all across the country.
As a child during the 1950s I could read large print and although it was likely that my vision would deteriorate I did not learn braille. There were no special education opportunities at that time. I struggled for many years reading print and large print. I was an avid reader and always had a book in my lap. From adolescence into adulthood reading remained an integral part of my life.

By the time I entered my forties my vision began decreasing rapidly. I could no longer read print but was enthusiastically listening to talking books. I would listen as fast as I would receive the books from the talking book library!

The spoken words were a blessing but I felt such sadness not holding a book, turning the pages, and feeling the comfort of holding it near to me. At age 45 I decided to learn braille. Now, several years later, I continue to be a child of braille and I am able to hold a book and read again.

As a barista, I began a monthly Story Time at a Starbucks in Arizona using print/braille books from National Braille Press. Their books also accompany me as I travel to local schools talking to students about blindness, guide dogs, and braille.

It is absolutely imperative that our visually impaired and blind children learn to read braille and that materials be readily available for them. Without this opportunity we can not prepare these children for success in a sighted world.

Thank you National Braille Press!
Noah came into our lives on August 26, 2003. He was an exceptional child from the start but his life has not been without obstacles to overcome. Shortly after Noah was born we received the diagnosis of a gene disorder that would leave him blind. Although we were at first daunted, we were determined that our son’s life would be filled with the normalcy of a sighted child and would not be restricted by preconceived boundaries that often hold blind people back.

We heard about the National Braille Press’s Children’s Braille Book Club and decided to subscribe. We were then accepted into a pilot program at National Braille Press for three- to five-year-olds. The program had thirty days of lesson plans that introduced Noah to two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes, their functions and the corresponding braille words. These tactile books stimulated Noah’s reading and curiosity even more!

We were so impressed with what National Braille Press had to offer Noah and other blind and visually impaired children that we decided to find a way to give back. We traveled seven hours down from Maine to take part in last year’s Vision 5K Run & Walk. We formed a team called Noah’s Peeps and raised almost $4,000 for National Braille Press!

We are looking forward to staying involved with the Vision 5K this year and finding other ways to stay connected to the Press. As parents, we watch Noah thriving, reading, and exploring tactile books and it is an invaluable experience for our whole family!
Since 2006, Starbucks Coffee has supported the National Braille Press in our *Bumpy Basics* program through *Make Your Mark*, a Starbucks volunteer program that supports and encourages partners’ (employee’s) efforts in their local communities. *Make Your Mark* provides grants to qualifying non-profit organizations in correlation to the number of hours volunteered. A team of Starbucks partners, led by Boston-based Michelle (Germain) Bligh, donated over 100 volunteer hours and various grants through the *Make Your Mark* Program. Cindy Rogers, a braille reader and barista at an Arizona Starbucks, has also been a tireless advocate for braille literacy, visiting schools and incorporating National Braille Press’s print/braille books into story hours at her local Starbucks (*see full story on page 2*). National Braille Press is grateful to the dedication and energy of Starbucks volunteers like Michelle and Cindy!

“I love the fact that not only am I able to help others in my community through the Starbucks Make Your Mark program, but I get a chance to hang out with my peers outside of our stores.”

- Jack Eldridge

For over a decade, the George B. Storer Foundation, Inc. has been a loyal and committed donor thanks to braille reader and trustee of the foundation, James Perley Storer. Jim Storer has enjoyed a longtime relationship with retired president, Bill Raeder, and often spoke with Bill at length about National Braille Press programs and publications that he felt were vital to the braille reading community.

Jim is an avid reader of *Syndicated Columnists Weekly* (an NBP periodical) and a fan of National Braille Press’s tactile graphics program. He has often expressed his enthusiasm for the tactile maps that we have produced and the importance of “visual literacy” for the next generation of braille readers.

The George B. Storer Foundation has funded so many initiatives that have helped National Braille Press to become an innovative braille publisher: from programs that promote literacy of blind children to our tactile graphics initiative to publications for adult readers that provide useful information for independent living.

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**George B. Storer Foundation, Inc.**

We are pleased to make these funds available again this year. Your identification of the importance of this gift to Sophia, one of your many braille readers, brings home to me again the importance of what we are able to do to assist visually impaired and blind readers.

- George B. Storer
The CVS Caremark’s signature giving program “All Kids Can” is a five-year $25 million commitment to making life easier for children with disabilities and an inspiring testament to the abilities of all children. This commitment is no surprise to National Braille Press.

CVS Caremark has been supporting National Braille Press’s literacy work on behalf of blind children since 2001. From underwriting children’s books in braille so blind kids can succeed in school to supporting the Vision 5K Run and Walk where children, blind or sighted, are encouraged to participate, CVS Caremark has been a partner that believes in the abilities of all. CVS Caremark, National Braille Press, and other agencies collaborating on the Vision 5K, will be working together this fall to outreach to the blind and visually impaired community about the CVS Caremark Downtown 5K. This inspirational event embraces people of all abilities and is another great opportunity for blind and visually impaired people to take part in an activity that will promote good health and an active lifestyle.

“CVS Caremark is committed to supporting the communities where we live and work and to providing effective ways for children with disabilities to reach their greatest potential and succeed in life. We are proud to support National Braille Press and its innovative solutions in bringing the joy of reading to children who are blind. We applaud and share NBP’s vision for inclusion of all children, both blind and sighted, in the activities that make childhood fun and rewarding.”

- Eileen Howard Dunn  
Senior Vice President
Bill Raeder was preparing to retire from the presidency of National Braille Press after 32 years of leadership, he hoped these words would hold meaning for many generations of the National Braille Press community. He wanted to leave a philosophic legacy, but he also wanted to augment the financial strength of the organization. Bill helped guide the creation of the Bill Raeder Strategic Legacy Fund, which he saw as relieving the “pressure to further build and strengthen infrastructure.” As Bill put it, “He or she should be free to stand at the helm of this great organization, charting and directing our course with full confidence that our engine room below is powerful and fast to respond.”

Over 300 donors responded to Bill’s retirement through gifts to the Bill Raeder Strategic Legacy Fund, which to date totals over $860,000. These funds can be applied to the strategic initiatives outlined in the Board’s Strategic Plan, with particular emphasis on building infrastructure to support our literacy programs.

In fact, Bill’s Legacy Fund is already helping to jumpstart activities of the Press’s strategic vision, with $307,000 having been invested during Fiscal Year 2008 in these strategic initiatives.

As our new president, Brian MacDonald, and our board of trustees evaluate the appropriate next steps of National Braille Press’s strategic plan, we will be announcing a fundraising campaign to raise the remaining funds over and above our annual operating needs. This initiative will offer the Press more financial autonomy, and also will create countless opportunities for the blind children and adults we so proudly serve. We look forward to working with our existing loyal donors and with new donors whom we hope to engage and inspire around our mission. Together we can ensure that blind children have access to books and educational materials in braille and that blind adults have the lifelong learning publications that create a full life.
For many eager readers, the high point of last summer was the July 21 release of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. National Braille Press hosted a group of braille-reading youngsters at the Press on the eve of the release. At the stroke of midnight children were each given their own braille copy of the last chapter of the popular series. Several children sat down right on the floor to commence reading, until finally coaxed home by tired parents. We thank Scholastic Inc. and J.K. Rowling for making it possible for blind children to enjoy the magic of reading at the same time as their sighted peers.
**Vision 5K Run and Walk '08**

The VISION 5K Run and Walk helps thousands of people with severe vision loss and helps to educate our community about the capabilities of people who are blind or visually impaired. At the 2008 race, to help dramatize the potential of blind and visually impaired employees in the workplace, we introduced the CEO Blindfold Challenge. A diverse group of CEOs from the Boston area raised funds and awareness and made a statement about the need to erase barriers—on the track and in the workplace. Our sincere thanks to these CEOs, our sponsors, teams, runners, and walkers!

### National Braille Press Vision 5K Sponsors (as of May 1, 2008)

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## Vision 5K Supporters (from June 30, 2007 to May 1, 2008)

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*City Councilor Mike Ross competing in the 2007 Blindfold Challenge.*
Leona Friedman
Bernie Frist
Yvonne Gamboa
Shelly Gelman
Christopher & Paula Ann George
John & Elizabeth Gescheidle
Rick Gioia
Robert Giordano
Stephen & Ellen Godzik
Joyce Gore
John F. Grant
Tina & Ken Greenberg
Carol Hahn
Craig Halterman
Jane Haynor
Lianne Hebblewaite
Kim Holmes
Leilani Homelvig
Joell Ireland
Simran & Paul Jackson
Kerry C. Jerrier
Kristina Johnson
Joan Kelly
Nancy & Guy Kent
Don Kesler
Josee Klentak
Elizabeth B. Koenigsbauer
Robert Landry
Patricia J. Lavery
AnnMarie Leonard
Betty Levine
Kathleen Lippard
Kathy Little
Patrick & Serena Low
Mai Luc
Dorothy Majors
Mary Majors
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Kelli McNatt
Dr. Arlene Metha
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Mike & Deb Miller
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Carol & John Nolan
Leslie Nordin
Kevin O’Brien
Joanne & Daniel O’Connor
Paradigm Properties
Elizabeth Parkinson
Karen & Chris Paul
Claudia Peart
Tracy Perregaux
Verlon & M. Jean Ponto
Linda Rees
Shannon Reid-Mayette
Debra Reno
Guy R. & Lynn U. Roberge
Jean & Pauline Roberge
Denis Robitaille
John Roies, III
Nicolle Roman
Lesley Roth
Paul & Sandra Ruble
David Salit
Lisa Savage
Donna Schmidt
Jennifer Schmitt
Jan & Charlie Schwartz
Tom Shanabrough
J. Michael & Mary C. Sherer
Matthew Silberman
Ethel & Bob Singer
Patrick J. Smock, II
Patrick & Nancy Splinter
Judge & Mrs. George R. Sprague
Erica Stamos
Greg & Linda Stern
Jeanne M. Sullivan
Carol Ann & James Surette
Marissa Sutton
Joseph Sweeney
Kenneth J. & Christine A. Theriault
Lisa Thomas
Carolyn & Timothy Tierney
Gary & Jane Tyacke
Robyn van den Bemd
Jacqueline Ventura
Lori Watkin
Steve, Dana & Shannon West
Sandra Westerberg
John A. Woidlya, Jr.
Peter Woodbury
Michael Young
Jeanne M. Yturri
Gregory & Jill Zucco
Jay Leno hosted National Braille Press's third annual Hands On! Books for Blind Children gala on October 26, 2007. Donors and guests were inspired by Lina, a middle school student who presented the Hands On! award on video to J.K. Rowling, as well as by the energizing bidding on a rare complete signed set of Harry Potter books, donated personally by the author. Dr. Karen Gourgey and Mr. Steven Landau accepted the award for the first Louis Braille Touch of Genius Prize for Innovation for their work in creating the Talking Tactile Tablet. A special raffle of a 2008 Cadillac CTS, donated by Jay Leno, also created quite a buzz among guests.

Last year’s campaign was the most successful to date, raising over $1.1 million dollars for Hands On! with over 700 guests attending. Thank you to the leadership of our four co-chairs Tom Sullivan, Joe Campanelli, Jim Roosevelt, and Jonathan Kraft, and the support of all of our donors who helped us raise the funds to provide more books for blind children.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress Lily Tomlin, as she hosts this year’s Hands On! gala on Friday, October 24, 2008, for what is sure to be another evening filled with laughter and literacy.
Sources and Uses of Funds for Operations

Revenues

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<td><strong>Net Assets, All Funds</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,057,808</strong></td>
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<td>Events net of expenses</td>
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<td>Net assets released incl. Strategic initiatives &amp; gifts to the Bill Raeder Legacy Fund</td>
<td>$475,928</td>
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<td>Other Individuals</td>
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<td>$62,394</td>
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<td>Braille Readers &amp; Customers</td>
<td>$43,640</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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