

Oh, The Places You'll Go! Read to a Child volunteer program celebrates 10 years of support

More than 40 employee volunteers from Boston, Everett and Wellesley took part in the Read to a Child lunchtime reading program this past year. Each week, employees went to local elementary schools to read to students during their lunch hour, including at the Madeline English School in Everett, the Adams School in East Boston, and the Whittemore School in Waltham. Together, they recorded 560 hours of volunteer time and earned a company match of \$5,600.

A community partner since 2004, Read to a Child has received nearly \$200,000 in funding through the BNY Mellon Charitable Giving Program, including a \$40,000 grant for the 2013/14 school year from the Alice P. Chase Trust.

Bruce 'Bo' Brugel, vice president in Asset Servicing in Everett, has been a Read to a Child volunteer for 10 years.

"The Read to a Child program is a fantastic opportunity to pass along my love of reading," Bo says. "Over the years I've been fortunate to see the direct impact my efforts have had on the lives of four different children – and counting. Not only does each of them have a much larger interest in reading, but their reading abilities have markedly improved, as well as their confidence and social skills.

"It's always a highlight of my week. I'm proud to volunteer and glad that BNY Mellon is so active in the community through organizations like Read to a Child."

To learn more about Read to a Child, or to sign-up as a reader for the 2014/15 school year, please contact Katie Meyer in Corporate Affairs at katherine.meyer@bnymellon.com or (617) 722-3824.



Tina Dennehy and Bo Brugel with a student from the Read to a Child program.

