



Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

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Greetings!

Time, Talent Treasure, how often we hear these words in the context of giving back to our communities. At the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia it could be a tagline. LCNV has thrived and survived because of our generous supporters giving us their time, talent and treasure. In this newsletter, we highlight the record-breaking financial contributions received this year to support our work, the gifted artist who volunteered her time to creatively display the annual student essays, and an LCNV talented teacher who won a national best-teacher award during Blackboard's teacher-recognition month. I have a few more to share. [More](#)

Sincerely,



Patti Donnelly, Executive Director

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LCNV'S 54TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT

In June, we held our 54th Annual Recognition Event, recognizing our learners, volunteers and community partners. With over 200 attendees including adult learners and their families and friends, instructors, volunteers, staff and members of LCNV's Board of Directors, it was a great night!

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BLACKBOARD'S TEACHER APPRECIATION MONTH RECOGNITION: CONGRATULATIONS, KAT!

LCNV-AmeriCorps Instructor Kat Contreras received Blackboard's prestigious Teacher Appreciation Month recognition in May. "I am ecstatic to be recognized by Blackboard for Teacher Appreciation," says Kat. "As an ESOL teacher for a small nonprofit that serves the most vulnerable populations in the Northern Virginia area, I am so thrilled this grant will go toward enhancing our classrooms."

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LCNV APPOINTS XAVIER MUNOZ AS NEW FACULTY SUPPORT MANAGER

Welcome to our new Faculty Support Manager, Xavier Munoz! Xavier succeeds Lindsay Bouie and reports to the Director of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Carole Bausell. In his new position, Xavier will coordinate the content development for the academic program, manage instructor training and professional development, and provide ongoing instructional guidance and support to teachers.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEET LCNV VOLUNTEER, LIZ CASTILLO

As a volunteer, Liz provides office and administrative assistance. For LCNV's Annual Recognition Event, which celebrates the successes of learners, Liz created the beautiful backdrop for the event bulletin themed, 'When I Learn English, My Community Grows.' "It was so much fun to be given the task of creating a bulletin board to display the learners' writings," says Liz.

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FROM FRENCH-LISH TO ENGLISH: MEET LCNV LEARNER, CHARLES

Charles Yeklin is an adult English language learner at the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia. Born and raised in Ivory Coast in Western Africa, Charles speaks four languages - two native African languages, French, and English. Actually, Charles speaks English fairly well. Talking with him, one wouldn't know that Charles requires beginning-level English classes.

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FALL CLASSES AND REGISTRATIONS

Back to school season is here! We are all set to begin fall classes. Registrations will be held between September 13 and 23rd. Check out our [Fall 2016 Schedule](#) to learn more about our classes and help spread the word to current or potential students.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

LCNV closed last fiscal year on June 30, having received 643 gifts totaling over \$1,173,000, representing an increase of 16.4% from the prior year. On behalf of the Board and staff, LCNV would like to use this Donor Spotlight to thank all 507 donors, including 52 foundations, corporations, and government agencies, for their outstanding generosity. Without their support, LCNV would not be able to make powerful changes in the lives of those we serve.

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KNOW-HOW

What is English? How is it learned? How can we teach it? With this new KNOW-HOW section, we will explore different aspects of the English language. Today's topic is, 'What's the Use of Grammar? Indefinite and Definite Articles.'

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. [Fall 2016 Class Schedule](#)
2. [Student Assessment Specialist Training \(BEST Plus Tester\) on September 10, 2016](#)
3. [Instructor Training on September 24, 2016](#)
4. Work with us: Seeking Classroom Lead Teachers, a Volunteer Coordinator, and a Program Assistant. [View full job descriptions.](#)
5. From the Librarian's desk: The LCNV Library appreciates donations of books and other items made by volunteers to the library collection. During this period of transition to the new program focus on workforce- related literacy, we are experiencing space limitations in our library shelving capacity. We would

appreciate it if tutors could hold their potential donations until we are able to determine next priorities for a library collection that will serve the ongoing LCNV programs. Thank you!

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