



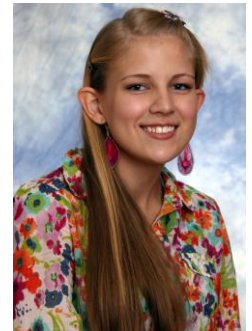
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Young LVSA volunteer wins Governor's Service Award

Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults/Northern DE Inc. (LVSA) is proud to announce that one of its youngest volunteers, Grace Wagner of Wilmington, has received a Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Award for 2011.



Grace, a sophomore at The Tatnall School, started her volunteer service with LVSA in the fall of 2009. Since then she has donated numerous hours of service including extensive work for LVSA's annual fundraiser, SCRABBLE® Spellebration. She also helped prepare the organization's annual Recognition Dinner and, last summer, she electronically catalogued a collection of curriculum materials and resources, more than 1,000 items. She became the "resident expert" on the system and also created a step-by-step guide for the database.

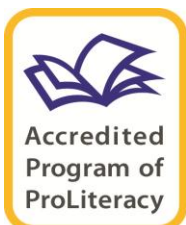
"Grace's commitment, quality of work, responsibility and initiative equals or exceeds that of many adults in similar paid positions," according to LVSA Executive Director Cynthia Shermeyer. "Grace gives 110% to everything task no matter how small or mundane."

The Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards are sponsored by the Office of the Governor, Delaware Health and Social Services, the Division of State Service Centers, the State Office of Volunteerism, the Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service and the Department of Education. The awards are presented in several categories, and Grace's award was in the Education group.

Grace was among only 13 individuals and 10 groups throughout Delaware that were honored for their volunteer efforts. They will receive their awards from Gov. Jack Markell on April 21 at a ceremony and reception at Caesar Rodney High School.

LVSA, established in 1982, trains volunteer tutors to help adults improve literacy skills and thereby realize their potential to be confident, self-sufficient and productive employees and community members. In New Castle County, one of seven adults has only the literacy skills to read a simple child's picture book. LVSA serves annually 135 learners, supports 78 tutors and has a waiting list of 50.

Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults (LVSA), an independent, nonprofit organization, is an accredited affiliate of ProLiteracy Worldwide. LVSA trains volunteer tutors to work with some of the most vulnerable residents of the community, those adults who are nonreaders or have a literacy level below the fifth grade as well as English language learners with limited education and/or lower oral proficiency. Headquartered in the Wilmington Library for more than 25 years, LVSA serves learners throughout Northern Delaware. The organization is dedicated to helping adults improve their literacy skills and thereby reach their potential to become confident, self sufficient and productive employees and community members.



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