

The LVSA Landscape

Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults Newsletter: Opening Minds, Changing Lives

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Combined federal, state, and local funding for adult literacy serves 3 million of more than 90 million needing such training.
- On average, each high school dropout costs the U.S. economy \$260,000 in earnings, taxes, and productivity over the course of their working lifetime.

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And the Award Goes To...



Congratulations to Roberta Headley for receiving the 2011 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award! This award is sponsored by Delaware Governor Jack Markell. Those eligible for the award must serve the Delaware community and are reviewed by an independent Review Committee.

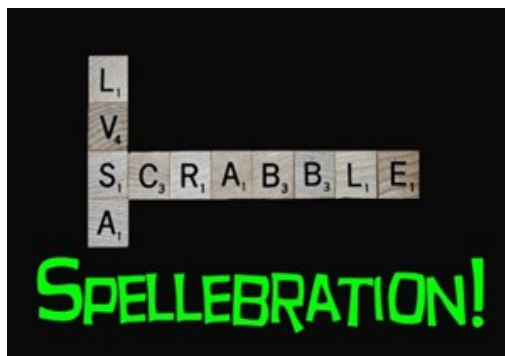
About Roberta
Roberta has been part of our team since fall of 2008. Before joining LVSA, Roberta was a kindergarten teacher for many years. Since 2009, Roberta has volunteered her time to tutoring for over 215 hours. She has helped her learners immensely and will only continue to do so through



Roberta and her learner Konah celebrate her achievement of US citizenship.

her hard work and research. Keep up the good work, Roberta!

LVSA SCRABBLE® Spellebration!



For more information, visit www.litvolunteers.org or call 302-658-5624.

On October 29, 2011, LVSA hosted its annual SCRABBLE® Spellebration fundraiser at Widener University Law School! We managed to raise a grand total of \$8,000, with all proceeds benefiting LVSA.

We had a total of 16 teams playing, with the Beantown Scrabblers winning first place, the Word Witches in second place, and the Wise Guys in third place. Annie Coons, Honorary Chair also attended this year.

Thank you to everyone for your support, and we hope to see you again next year!

Welcome to our Team!

Recently, a few new people have joined our team. Let's meet them!

New Basic Reading Tutors:

- Marsha Henderson
- Patricia Jones
- Mark Herzing
- Claire Fegley
- Karen Bohn



We also have Andrea Muddiman interning on our PR/marketing team. Andrea is a senior this year at the University of Delaware, majoring in English and Psychology. She will be graduating in May of 2012.

Learner & Tutor Accomplishments



Learner-Tutor Pairs Accomplishments for first quarter 2011:

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| Vida Efazat/Louise Smith: Earned driving learner's permit | Jenny Yeh/Dorothy Kalbfus: Selected and checked out library books for the first time | Rosendo Leon/Judy Nock: Wrote 6-paragraph essay | Aurora Colin/Nell Jewett: Learning to navigate medical system in English; became involved in Dream Act with son; became involved in son's high school activities |
| Suwannee Sumatwathinkul & Soowon Eum/Marty Newell: Practiced writing notes to child's teacher | Sungmin Choi/Angela Stotz: Attended back-to-school night at child's school | Gene Boyer/Lorraine Hargarten: Created a resume | Madelein Nino/Jack Winn: Attending a business class at University of Delaware |
| Pattie Taylor/Judy Crescenzi: Bought a laptop | Donna Brooks/Carolyn Brock: Attending daycare certification classes | Karam Mikhail/Roberta Headley: Achieved American citizenship | Joseph Gordon/Ruth Williams: Passed American citizenship exam |
| | Maria Silva/Glenda Myrick: Checking out books for self and child; attended school meetings; started job as caretaker | | Thank you for your dedication to teaching and learning! |

Shop and Help LVSA!

With the holidays approaching, most of us will be spending plenty of time looking for gifts. Luckily, iGive.com provides the opportunity to support non-profit organizations like LVSA while you shop online! In the season of giving, make sure you visit iGive to shop and support a good cause!

Examples of iGive.com opportunities include:

Free membership
iGive.com is totally free. Its network of 800+ stores gives free

shipping deals and exclusive coupons.

Raise a penny per search
By using iGive's search engine, you raise money every time you search for something.

These and other opportunities are provided. Visit iGive.com to see how you can help!

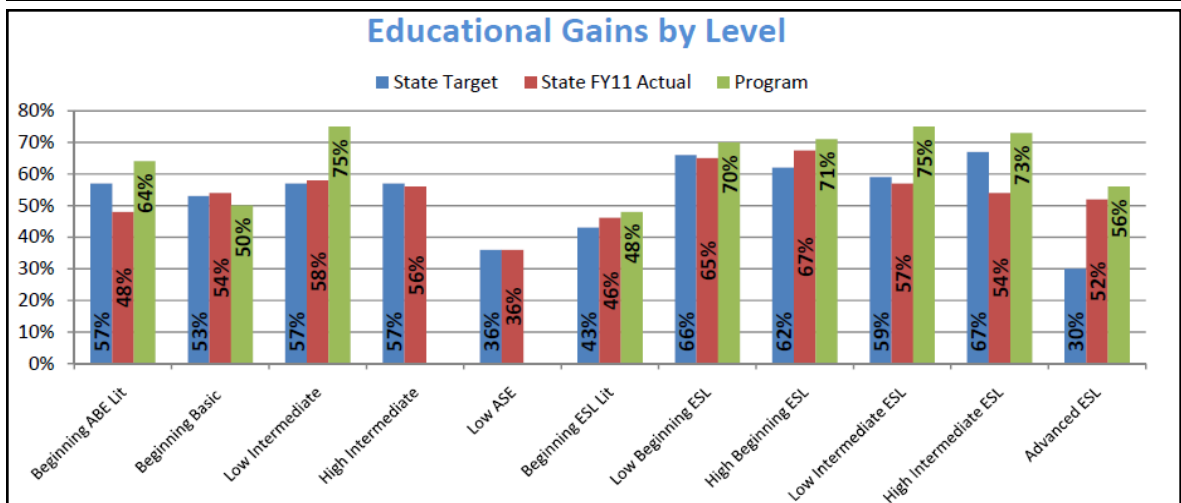


How Did We Do?



Our annual report for 2011 has been published and our numbers are terrific! Keep up the fabulous work everyone, and let's strive to do it again this year, or even make it all 100%!

Total Number Served	133
Average Number of Attendance Hours Per Student	60
Pre-Post Assessment Rate for Students with 60 Hours	95%
Level Completion Rate	61%
Separation Rate	17%
Enter Employment	89%
Retained Employment	100%
Obtained a High School Diploma or GED	*
Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education or Training	100%
Achieved Citizenship Skills	100%
Increased Involvement in Children's Education/Literacy	100%
Increased Involvement in Community Activities	100%
Voted or Registered to Vote	100%



*This program had no students entering at the High Intermediate or Low ASE levels for FY11.

LVSA Horizon: Upcoming Events and Info

Upcoming Events

Oct. 17th - Tutor Training II Begins

Oct. 29th - SCRABBLE® Spellebration, Widener University's Barristers Club 11:30a.m.—4:30p.m.

Nov. 2nd-5th - US Conference on Adult Literacy

November - Individual Donor Campaign begins

Keep Informed, Get Involved, Get in Touch!

Donate at:

www.litvolunteers.org/donate.

Interested in tutoring, volunteering, or learning more? Contact us at:

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The purpose of Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults is to help adults improve literacy skills and thereby realize their potential to be confident, self sufficient, and productive employees and community members. We deliver services and programs in reading, writing, English language, math, and workplace and computer skills. LVSA works to create public understanding of the impact of illiteracy and advocates for literacy solutions.