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From NC Works

to

Partnership for Children



To113 East 15th Street

With the recent move of the Mid East Commission and NC Works, a 16 year relationship with Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County came to an end. Notified in December that our sublease with Md East would not be renewed, LVBC began to explore other possibilities. The Plan was for LVBC to move with NC Works with whom we have lots of client referrals. In January we found out that the new facility would not be ready for all. NC Works as a state funded entity would have to submit plans and wait for approval. In Late February we were told everyone needed to be out of the building by end of February! In a few short weeks we looked for other accommodations but still holding out hope that we could eventually re-establish our relationship with NC Works in

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the new space. We needed an office and some plan for all our materials! Lisa Woolard, Executive Director for the Beaufort –Hyde Partnership Children came to our rescue! She offered to rent us an office area in her copy room and store our materials. Phew! Then how to move all that stuff? Calling area movers produced no available help within the time frame. Again, Lisa and the Noon Rotary Club came to the rescue. It seems that there are a group of civic minded men in the group who take on special projects. Within hours, Muriel Moore came and planned for the move for 9:00 am on Feb. 20th. In hours we had vacated our home of 16 years. Since then, The United Way of Beaufort County has purchased an office building from Muriel Moore (Formerly known as the Woman’s Club Bldg.) at 113 East 15th Street. LVBC is renting an office there and once again the Rotary Club (Moving Ambassadors) brought everything over from the Partnership Building! Here’s hoping for a long and prosperous stay at this location helping adults improve their reading, writing, speaking, and math skills!



1Susan Lindberg reads at River Road !



Read and Feed Summer Program

Literacy Volunteers partnered with Asbury Methodist Church (sponsor of the River Road Mobile Estates site) and the First Christian Church (sponsor of the Quail Ridge site) along with the Partnership for Children in providing books for children and supplied a storyteller on Tuesdays (River Road) and Wednesdays (Quail Ridge) throughout the summer. The program was funded by a grant from the USDA to provide meals for children from 18 months to 18year olds five days a week for the 10 weeks that school is not in session. Readers at River Road included: Eleanor Rollins, Robin Smart, Jane Weaver, Pat Lurvey, Ann Crew, Coley Hodges, John O’Neill, Ellen Ratcliffe, Mark Smith, Margaret Hudson, Marlene Fariior, Bill Angus, Judi Hickson, Susan Lindberg, Pam Anderson, Joshua Yoder, and Jessica Yoder. Readers at Quail Ridge included Pat Lurvey, Susan Woolard, Judy Everett, Brenda Mitchell, Lou Carter, Jill Gaddy (twice), Margaret Ann Woolard, Melissa Patrick, Kathy Gwynn, Mae Lurvey, Sonia Griffin, Dava Jarman, and Annette Jefferson.. Thanks to these wonderful readers!!

The tenth annual Game/Card party was held on September 29th at the Washington Yacht and Country Club from 11-4:00 pm. Organized by Mrs. Dee Beckman, the group enjoyed lunch of crepes and an afternoon of door prizes from local merchants, 50/50 drawing and the game of their choice. Thanks to all who participated in this annual fundraiser.



New Tutors

Welcome our newest tutors: Eleanor Rollins, Patsy Wallace, Joan Mathis, and Kevin Matsil. They completed the 15 hour training sessions using both video segments, online, and text. They and others are ready to help our adults improve their skills in reading, writing, speaking, and math. From GED and CRC to passing the naturalization test or any goal that they might have.



Susan Wang and Robin Smart,



Susan with Program Coordinator,
Jane Weaver

A New American Citizen

Sometimes it takes two-tutors that is to help a student reach a goal. Susan Wang recently passed the US Immigration and Naturalization tests and became a United States citizen. Robin Smart, pictured on the left was her first tutor with Bill Angus coming to our aid when Robin had to leave temporarily. Bill Angus writes "It has been my privilege and joy to work as a Literacy Volunteer tutor with Susan Wang. Susan is the original self-starter and hard charger. She came from Gouch Fu Zhou China in 2009 after graduating high school, and settled in New York City. When she arrived in the U.S. she had no English reading or speaking ability. Working at a restaurant in the Flushing area of New York City she quickly learned, by herself, sufficient English to serve as a cashier. In 2015 Susan relocated to Chocowinity where she continues to work as a cashier at a local restaurant. One of her goals upon arriving in the U.S. was to become a citizen, and she began to study for the required exam. Susan and I have worked preparing for the exam by studying U.S. history, American Civics, and U.S. geography. In addition we have worked on improving her English writing, a skill set that is a required part of the citizenship test. Susan passed the test in June and then took the Naturalization Oath of Allegiance on August 28."

Susan now plans to continue improving her skills and perhaps go to college. Congratulations to Susan!

It May Take a While But.....

A young lady came into my office and requested a tutor for an on-line course she was taking. I was familiar with this student because she was working with a tutor four years ago when I came on board as the Program Coordinator for Literacy Volunteers.

I was delighted to see her and chat. In the course of our conversation, she mentioned that she began working with a tutor in 2003 so that she could complete her GED. She accomplished that goal and enrolled in Beaufort Community College and continued her education by receiving the CNA 1 and CNA 2. She requested a tutor with each of these courses. While chatting with this student I asked about her son. Her face brightened and she said that he had an academic scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She said” I was told by my first tutor to read to my child everyday and I did.” He was an honors student at Washington High School and will attend UNC in the fall . I am so proud of him and his success beginning in the early grades by my doing what my tutor asked me to do.” Read to your child everyday”.

Presently this student is enrolled in an on-line course in Medical Billing and Coding and is being tutored by a retired nurse.

Just in the four years that I have known this student, it is so rewarding to observe the confidence and determination that she has.

Mrs. Jane Weaver, Program Coordinator

	Literacy Volunteers are United Way partners and our mission is to provide Free tutoring to legal adults in Beaufort County in reading, writing, speaking, and math.	
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