



The Bridge Ministry Receives \$13,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Adult Literacy

Charlottesville, VA – 5/18/17 – This week, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded The Bridge Ministry a \$13,000 grant to support adult literacy. This local grant award is part of more than \$7.5 million in grants awarded to nearly 900 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

The Bridge Ministry will use these fund to support the educational programs. While students are in the program, they participate in financial literacy and budgeting classes, family literacy, practical life skills, addiction recovery, and many other classes. The Bridge Ministry is a certified GED testing location, so students are also able to earn their GED while in the program.

"Dollar General is excited to provide these organizations with funding to support literacy and education throughout the 44 states we serve," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO. "Providing these grants and supporting the communities we call home reflects our mission of *Serving Others* and it's rewarding to see the impact these funds have."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$135 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 8.6 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

About The Bridge Ministry

The Bridge Ministry works in Virginia to transform the lives of troubled men and their families by providing mentoring, vocational skills, education, and the relationships they need to bridge the gap from addiction to productive community and family life. The Bridge has a two-phase program which 1) receives men into an eighteen-month residential program in Buckingham County; and 2) allows certain men the opportunity to complete the last six months of the program in the Intern House in Charlottesville, Virginia. For more information about the Bridge Ministry, visit www.bridgeministry.info.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education as part of the company's mission of *Serving Others* for nearly 25 years. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$135 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 8.6 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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