



# LITERACY COUNCIL FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

EMPOWERING ADULTS THROUGH ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Congratulations to our [new tutors](#) who have completed our most recent training workshops.

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In 2013, tutors reported 9,711 volunteer hours! Because many of our volunteers do not regularly report their hours, we conservatively estimated that the actual hours given by tutors is 14,000. Volunteer office staff and other unclassified volunteers gave at least 517 hours; trainers gave 200 hours; and the board gave 2,885 hours, making a grand total of 17,602 hours for all volunteers for the year. This is approximately 440 40-hour work weeks. The average dollar value of volunteer time in 2013 is \$22.55 per hour. This means our volunteers provided service with a monetary value of \$396,925. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers. You make a difference in the lives of our students and in the Frederick community as a whole.

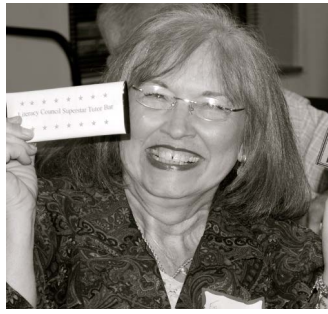
## A Celebration of Achievements

On May 13, 2014, the Council hosted a reception at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center for tutors, students, and their families. Students prepared food from their native countries to share. Twenty-three students were recognized for their significant achievements. Many tutors and other volunteers also received service awards. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to see the complete list of honorees and their achievements. [Milton Whitley](#) was the event's key note speaker. Whitley, who dropped out of school when he was 14 years old, was illiterate most of his life. He learned to read and write at age 52 with the help of a literacy tutor that he met through the Montgomery County Literacy Council. More than 100 hundred people attended the event, which was a fitting celebration to honor the hard work of our students, tutors, and volunteer staff!



## Seventh Elizabeth H. Seligmann Award Given

Freida Pryor is the recipient of the Elizabeth H. Seligmann Award. She has volunteered for the Council since May 2005 when she first served as



treasurer. She has served on the board of directors and many committees, staffed the office, tutored students, and since January 2009, she has been the ESL Coordinator. As treasurer, she updated our accounting system. She has made a significant impact as our ESL Coordinator. Because of Freida, the

number of ESL students the Council serves has increased dramatically. She successfully organized small group classes that have helped meet the needs of more students and reduced our waiting list. She provides support for the tutors and finds or creates new resources for them. The content of our library has greatly increased due to her efforts. She also provides in-service training for tutors. As coordinator, Freida contributed more than 700 volunteer hours in 2013. This is in addition to the 200 hours she devoted last year to tutoring her students.

*The Elizabeth H. Seligmann Award is named for Betty Seligmann who volunteered with the LCFC for 33 years. Recipients exemplify Betty's exceptional dedication to literacy. They have also made sustained and significant contributions to furthering the goals and objectives of the Council.*

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS



We thank the employees of Bechtel for their generous donation to our textbook fund which supplies our volunteer tutors and their adult students with teaching and learning materials. The employees collected money for a 'Jeans Day', and the corporate Community Outreach Program matched the employees' donations. The

Women in Nuclear Engineering Group organized the drive. *Pictured left to right are Debby Corbitt (Bechtel), Sandy Doggett (LCFC), Julia Yard (Bechtel), Andrea Matazinski-Wilson (Bechtel), and Sandy Yearly (Bechtel).*

The Husky Fund of New Market Maryland donated \$175.00.

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We welcome submissions from our volunteers and students. Please [email](#) them to us.

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