

MARCH 2021

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The [Literacy Council of Frederick County](#) teaches adults reading and other English language skills they need to provide for their families and contribute to the well-being and prosperity of our community.

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UNITY CAMPAIGN: March 10-21, 2021

The Literacy Council is again honored to be one of 31 nonprofit organizations participating in the [Unity Campaign for Frederick County](#), hosted by United Way of Frederick County. The Unity Campaign supports **over one in three households** in Frederick County that struggle to afford basic human necessities!

The Unity Campaign is a collaborative project between nonprofit partners, sponsors, and the greater Frederick community to support our most vulnerable neighbors by giving to a nonprofit organization of their choice.

Through the generosity of our Incentive Match sponsors, 100% of your contribution goes directly to the designated Nonprofit. In addition, your individual gift is boosted because a portion of your donation is matched by the sponsors.

To donate online to the Literacy Council **TODAY through March 21**, [please visit our Unity Campaign fundraising page](#) or [download the Mail-in Donation Form](#) to send a check.

You may also donate by texting [Unity202144](#) to 71777.

Check out our window display during the month of March at FCB Bank, the corner of Market and Patrick in downtown Frederick! Many thanks to FCB Bank for making this space available to the nonprofit community!



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In Memoriam



In Memory of Karen Nagy

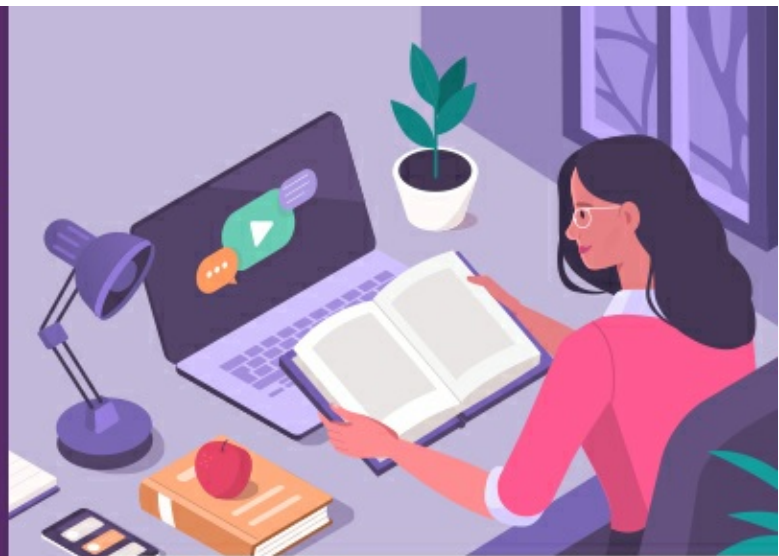
On February 26, 2021, Karen Nagy passed away at the age of 77. After retiring in 2015 as an ESOL teacher, Karen began volunteering with the Literacy Council in 2016 as a tutor. In 2017, she became one of the Council's ESL Tutor/Student Coordinators, helping to match students with tutors and providing support to tutors.

She gave generously of her time weekly in the office, in addition to faithfully tutoring her two students. Karen was our friend, our colleague, and a beloved teacher to many.

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We invite you to meet "Amilcar"

I am Amilcar from *A Purimac-Chalhuanca*, in the Andes Mountains of Perú. For twenty-five years I served in the special forces of Perú's military. When I came to the United States, I was introduced to the Literacy Council by my wife, Silvia. I enjoy



cooking, especially on the grill, and in the summer, gardening is my passion.

I continue to pursue my first goal of learning to speak more English. My long-term goal is to one day develop my own company, Amilcar's Tree Service.

Read Amilcar's story **Knowing the History of the United States** from *Reflections...*

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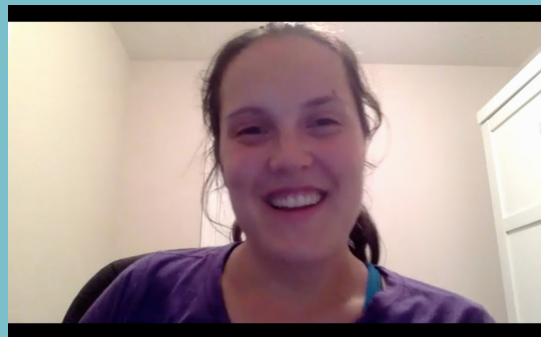
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VOLUNTEER
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Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Flavia Abele, ESL Program Tutor

Flavia Abele joined the Literacy Council in 2019 as a volunteer, helping weekly in the office to welcome adult learners and tutors as they arrived at the office, answer telephone inquiries, and help support day-to-day operations.



Flavia soon became a tutor for the organization's [English as a Second Language Program](#), specifically supporting the [Parent Literacy Program](#) which helps parents of young children with limited English skills.

Read about Flavia's experiences tutoring her student Kari, their work, and friendship together. You can also hear their interview on [YouTube](#).

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Upcoming Events at the Literacy Council



Volunteer Information Session

- Monday, March 22 @ 7–8 pm
- Tuesday, April 6 @ 7-8 pm
- Friday, May 7 @ 11 am-12 noon
- Monday, May 24 @ 10–11 am

****Attendance of a Volunteer Information Session (via Zoom) is required prior to registering for our Tutor Training Workshop.**

Register HERE!

Tutor Training Workshops

- Saturdays, April 17 & 24 @ 9 am–2:30 pm (must attend both sessions)
- Saturday, June 5 @ 9 am–2:30 pm, Tuesday, June 8 & Thursday, June 10 @ 7-9 pm (must attend three sessions)

****Attendance of all above-mentioned Tutor Training Workshop sessions (via Zoom) is required to become a Literacy Council tutor.**

You will receive registration instructions for workshops after attending a Volunteer Information Session.



Student Class Schedule

- Spring Classes begin in April - Contact our office to inquire about class registration!
 - View our [Winter Schedule](#) for general class information

****For questions about participating in our tutoring or classes, contact info@frederickliteracy.org or (301) 600-2066**

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 18-24, 2021

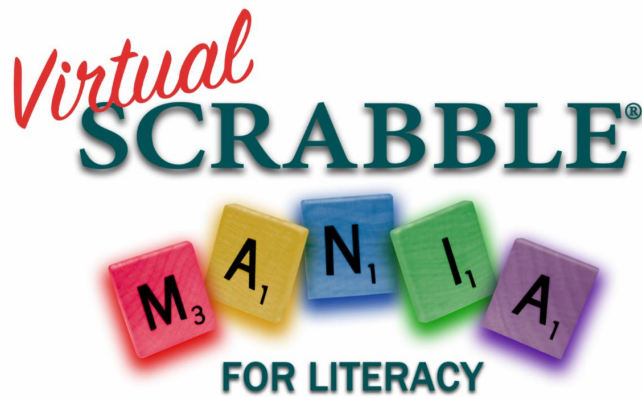


**2021 Virtual
Scrabble Mania!!**

**SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 15, 2021**

Two opportunities to play!!

**Your choice of afternoon or
evening:
2-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.**



Scrabble Mania will be different this year, but we will still have FUN!

The Literacy Council is excited to partner with **Surelocked In Escape Games** to bring you ***Virtual Scrabble Mania for Literacy*** this spring!

- Fast-paced Scrabble play for Teams and Players
- Appetizer options
- Silent Auction
- Prizes
- Sponsors welcome!

Registration OPENS on April 1st!!

Click [HERE](#) to read past issues of our e-newsletter!

Please consider a donation to the Literacy Council of Frederick County.

**Your financial gift is vital to help sustain our programs
during these challenging times. Thank you!**

- **CARES Act: New Charitable Giving Incentives:** Above-the-Line Deductions: Available to all individual taxpayers, \$300 donation in 2020 tax year, Lift AGI Cap (for itemizers). Corporate donations: raises cap to 25% of taxable income.
- Gifts can be made by cash or online by credit card.
- Gifts of Appreciated Securities can provide tax advantages.
- Retirement Plan Giving for those age 70½ and over may provide substantial tax benefits.
- Consider a Planned Gift to the Literacy Council.
- Our Giving Societies are special charitable opportunities to champion the Literacy Council's mission.
- Access our Annual Reports.

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