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## LEARNER Spotlight

### Meet Helon



We invite you to meet Helon, our featured student this month in our Learner Spotlight.

*"I have been studying in Frederick Literacy Council for 3 years already, the time flies! I gained and learned a lot from the Literacy Council, and I contacted many people who come from diverse backgrounds during this period. This learning experience will be a great help to my future academic study and work."*

Helon also writes about the impacts and benefits of reading to children. *"Reading books to children is the best solution for parents to prepare their children for elementary school. It is beneficial for children's future school life and their academic learning."*

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# VOLUNTEER Spotlight

As the Literacy Council celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, we recognize that our volunteers have been the driving force behind six decades of impactful work. George Conly is one of those passionate volunteers, having contributed over 1,100 hours of volunteer time. This month's Volunteer Spotlight honors his commitment.



A retired systems analyst, George joined as a volunteer in 2011, becoming certified as a Literacy Council Tutor a month later. His first student, Sripanjalingam, is an anesthesiologist originally from Sri Lanka, and his wife, Rohini, is a high school accounting teacher. George and Sri's time together in tutoring quickly grew into a lasting friendship including the entire family.

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## UPCOMING Events

### Unity Campaign 2023: March 8 - 19



*Unity Campaign 2023*

**Proud Partner  
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**March 8 - 19, 2023**

[UnityFrederick.com](http://UnityFrederick.com)

***Literacy is a survival skill—  
Knowing how to read, write and communicate  
saves lives.***

The Literacy Council is one of 30 nonprofits in the [Unity Campaign for Frederick County](#), led by the [United Way of Frederick County](#). 100% of individual contributions go to the designated nonprofit and every gift will be matched by the Incentive Match Fund.

The campaign is now accepting donations! To donate online, please visit the [Team Literacy Council Unity Campaign page](#). You may also donate by texting **Unity202340 to 71777** or download the [mail-in donation form](#) to send a check.

**Many thanks to the Campaign's Incentive Match Sponsors!**

Ausherman Family Foundation  
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## Scrabble Mania SAVE THE DATE: May 3

We are excited to partner again with Chris Sparks from [Surelocked In Escape Games](#) as our Game Master at [Steinhardt Brewing Company](#), in Downtown Frederick. Team/Player registration opens in March. Details coming soon!



**FOR LITERACY**

Sponsorship opportunities are now available! Check out our sponsor levels and benefits [HERE](#).

We are also seeking donations for our auction! Contact Laurie Fisher at [lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org) or Maggie Clingman at [mclingman@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:mclingman@frederickliteracy.org) for more information.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Recruiting Workplace Literacy ESL Instructors



The Literacy Council of Frederick County is now accepting applicants for experienced ESOL instructors. We are looking to build a collaborative team of people who display professionalism, intercultural sensitivity, a belief in lifelong learning, and a commitment to adult learners.

Instructors will teach workplace classes using a curriculum concentrating on English language literacy and life skills. Each class will be made up of adult English language learners who work for local businesses participating in our Workplace Literacy Program.

**Does this sound like you or someone you know?**

[Learn More Here](#)

## Recruiting Volunteer Tutors and Community Class Instructors

Join the Literacy Council to help adults in our community gain literacy skills! We are recruiting **volunteer tutors** to work with adults one-to-one or in small groups. You do not need to have previous experience, we will give you the training and teaching materials you need! We are also seeking **volunteer class instructors** with ESL

teaching experience for our growing community class program. Tutoring and classes are conducted in person as well as remote formats.

*Congratulations to our January Tutor Training Workshop Graduates!*



For upcoming **Volunteer Information Sessions** and **Tutor Training Workshops**, check out our Winter/Spring [Volunteer Training Schedule](#) or contact us at: [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org).

## Attend a Volunteer Information Session

**Wednesday, February 8 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, February 21 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 21 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

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

## Attend a Training Workshop for Tutors

**Saturday, February 25 • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**& Tuesday, February 28 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.\***

OR

**Tuesday, March 28, Thursday, March 30**

**& Tuesday, April 4 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \*\***

*\*Attendance at both sessions (via Zoom) is required.*

*\*\*Attendance at all three sessions (via Zoom) is required.*

## Attend an Orientation for Class Instructors

*If you are interested in more information about teaching a class, following attendance at a Volunteer Information Session, contact the Literacy Council at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org). Orientations are conducted for instructors in preparation for upcoming class sessions.*

**Register for a Volunteer Info Session Today**

## Student Class Schedule

[Winter classes](#) are underway! Welcome to all of our new and returning students! Many thanks to our amazing class volunteer instructors!

Volunteer tutors and instructors, please get in touch with us if you have ESL classroom experience and are interested in teaching a class! View our current student [Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's class instruction program. We offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced-level

classes.

For registration information,  
contact our office at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org) or (301) 600-2066.

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## The Gift of Literacy: Ways to Give

***Thank you for considering a gift to the Literacy Council! Your financial contribution supports critical adult literacy programs in our community!***

- Gifts can be made in [cash](#) or online with a [credit card](#).
- Become an [event sponsor](#).
- Gifts of [Appreciated Securities](#) can provide tax advantages.
- [Retirement Plan Giving](#) for those age 70½ and over may provide substantial tax benefits.
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