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The [Literacy Council of Frederick County](#) provides adults with pathways to essential literacy skills. Success for the individuals and families we seek to serve rests on a collective community approach.

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## LEARNER Spotlight

### It's Working! Literacy Council Expands Workplace Program



Sometimes the best-laid plans do succeed. This certainly is the case for the Literacy Council of Frederick County. Plans to expand its [Workplace Literacy Program](#) were given the green light last year in the form of a multi-year grant from the [Maryland Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism](#).

The Council is now ready to build on success it has experienced in recent years through workplace programs designed to improve the English language literacy—and everyday life skills—of employees working in the hospitality services industry in Frederick County. The grant started in July, and the first new employer joining the initiative is Cohenterprises, a local, family-owned commercial land development company operating three area hotels.

# VOLUNTEER Spotlight

## Meet Cyndi: Sharing the Legacy of Literacy

Cyndi recently joined as a volunteer tutor in memory of her father, [Gene Beall](#), a long-time tutor. Her own commitment to community service comes from a long legacy of helping others which she learned from her father.

Their legacy of literacy story was recently featured in ***The Frederick News-Post*** with an interview that includes his Literacy Council student Martha Ruiz. Both Martha and Cyndi share how they helping others and giving to the community in numerous ways.

Cyndi also serves as a new member of the Board of Directors, and Events and Finance Committees, where she contributes her accounting and grants management experience.

[Read More Here](#)

## Seeking Development Coordinator



**Development Coordinator** (part-time) to expand our development and fundraising capacity, including expanding donor outreach and stewardship, systems and processes for donor-centered fundraising, and community engagement. This position is perfect for an experienced professional in the development field looking for a part-time job with flexible hours (some of which can be remote).

We are seeking a candidate who is interested in joining a team of nonprofit professional staff and volunteers who are dedicated to

supporting adult basic education and literacy programs for a diverse community of adult learners.

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

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# UPCOMING Events

## Unity Campaign for Frederick County

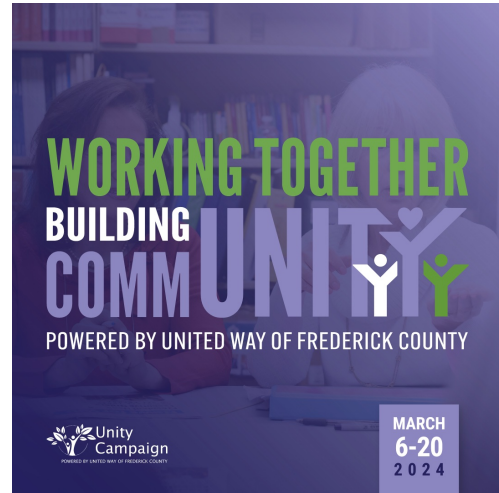
This year marks the Unity Campaign's 10th anniversary in Frederick County, and the Literacy Council 10th year of participation!

The campaign is focused on funding programs directly supporting the health, education, and financial stability of ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed) households.

The Unity Campaign is a collaborative project between nonprofit partners, sponsors, and the greater Frederick community to support our most vulnerable neighbors from March 6 through March 20.

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.

***Please consider a gift to the Literacy Council during the Unity Campaign March 6-20!***



[Learn More Here](#)



## SAVE THE DATE: Scrabble Mania for Literacy May 8!

Get ready to join us for Scrabble Mania for Literacy 2024 at Steinhart Brewing Company with Chris Sparks, Surelocked In Escape Games! Back for another year of fun and games to support all of our literacy programs, we're excited to host teams to compete for prizes during this annual fundraiser.

We are seeking donations of auction items, including gift certificates for family recreation, restaurants, breweries & wineries, theatre and arts events, and more!

## Calling All Sponsors!

Want to become a business sponsor and help support our literacy programs? Game Master Chris Sparks has a special message in the video below for sponsors! Now's the time to make a commitment! Submit payment through our



donation page [HERE](#) and indicate sponsorship level.

Questions? Contact Laurie Fisher at [lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org) for more information. Ticket sales open later this spring for teams and players.

***Help spread the word! Share our Scrabble Sponsor Flyer!***



[Learn More Here](#)

## English Classes for Adults Winter Schedule

Winter Classes are underway! 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. Any questions, please contact LCFC's Office at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org). Many thanks to our amazing volunteer instructors who make it possible to provide these classes!



***Interested in teaching an ESL class at the Literacy Council?  
Check out our winter volunteer training schedule below!***

[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 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 virtual formats.

*Congratulations to our recent Tutor Training Workshop Graduates!*

For upcoming **Volunteer Information Sessions** and **Tutor Training Workshops**, check out our Winter **Volunteer Training Schedule**. Please register [HERE](#) or contact us at: [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org). We have just added more sessions and workshops for the winter!

## Attend a Volunteer Information Session

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**

**Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**

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

## Attend a Training Workshop for Tutors

**Monday & Wednesday, February 26 & 28, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and  
Monday, March 4, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions)  
Virtual.**

***Spring and Summer training dates coming soon!***

*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**

## SPECIAL Thanks

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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.
- Consider a [Planned Gift](#) to the Literacy Council.
- Contribute to [The Betty Seligmann Literacy Endowment Fund](#)
- Our [Giving Societies](#) are special charitable opportunities to champion the Literacy Council's mission.
- Access our [Annual Reports/Newsletters](#).

**Questions: Contact us at (301) 600-2066 or [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org)**



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