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## LEARNER Spotlight

### Meet Lupita



On March 23, Hilda Guadalupe "Lupita" M., realized a lifetime dream when she gained her American citizenship.

She and her tutor, Gary Bennett, began studying for the citizenship exam in February. The Literacy Council was instrumental in providing excellent study materials for the citizenship exam, including flash cards for the civics test and reading and writing samples. Lupita and her brother and sister-in-law all earned citizenship on the same day.

"Lupita has been an excellent student and has really come a long way since we began our tutoring relationship in 2019," said Gary.

[Read More Here](#)

# VOLUNTEER Spotlight

## Meet Janet

When asked to describe her background, volunteer literacy tutor Janet Millward replies, “My background is pretty varied.” “I got my degree in microbiology and worked in the biotech industry for years.” She also became a dedicated piano teacher, and volunteer teacher in an academic enrichment lab for first graders.

The teaching experience “sparked an interest to work with adults,” which led her, in 2019, to the Literacy Council, and to her student, Ana, who was determined to renew her nursing credentials. Janet and Ana were recognized at the Celebration of Achievements event for Ana's milestone achievement.



[Learn More Here](#)



## Scrabble Mania for Literacy THANK YOU!

A record twenty-nine teams competed in this year's annual Scrabble Mania for Literacy fundraiser on May 8th, led by Gamemaster Chris Sparks from Surelocked In Escape Games.

Thank you to our teams and players, and our hosts and caterer, Steinhart Brewing Company and Union Mills Public House for supporting critical literacy programs for adults in our community through the proceeds from this event.

***Congratulations to our winning teams,  
and special thanks to Our Sponsors!***

*Congratulations to our 1st and 2nd place winning teams: Team Hesley (below), and The Frederick News-Post/Frederick Magazine Team (right)!*



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While our auction has ended, we still have some great deals available on our [BiddingOwl auction site](http://BiddingOwl.com)! If you are interested, please reach out to Vicki French, at [vfrench@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:vfrench@frederickliteracy.org) or (301) 600-2055.

**CHECK OUT GREAT DEALS TODAY**

## UPCOMING Events

**Save The Date: June 17 -  
July 30**

Join the Literacy Council in helping to collect school supplies this summer! Each year, United Way of Frederick County works with local community partners to collect donations of school supplies to provide students with the supplies they



need to start the school year.

The goal of United Way's Stuff the Bus program is to ensure that students in Frederick County have the tools and support they need to learn.

**100% of your contributions will support Stuff the Bus!**

**Here are some examples of what your donations purchase:**

**\$15 buys pencils, markers, and crayons for one kindergarten student**

**\$30 supports one elementary student with basic supplies**

**\$50 provides a middle school student with basic supplies and notebooks/binders**

**\$100 buys a high school student basic supplies and some of the required learning tools**

*The Literacy Council will be a drop-off location again this summer.  
Stay tuned for more details as they become available!*

## 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 Spring/Summer **Volunteer Training Schedule**. Please register [HERE](#) or contact us at: [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org). We have just added more sessions and workshop!

### Attend a Volunteer Information Session

**Thursday, June 13, 2024, 1 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 7 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Monday, July 8, 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, July 15 & 17, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Monday, July 22, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions) Virtual.**

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

## English Classes for Adults Spring Schedule

Spring 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 Spring/Summer Volunteer Training schedule below!***

[Learn More Here](#)

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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](#).

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



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