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LVBC helps clients from the Family Self-Sufficiency Program



In early spring 2022, Kim Grimes with the Washington Housing Authority reached out to us and asked us to be a part of their Program Coordinating Committee. This committee was formed specifically to help clients participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) initiative. FSS is a program that enables HUD-assisted families to increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies. Participants work with an FSS service coordinator, Ms. Grimes, to identify their financial and employment-related goals, including education or training, and that's where LVBC comes in.

Since my first meeting with Kim Grimes and the committee in April, Kim has referred, and we are currently assisting, six students working towards their GEDs. With our help, a seventh student, has completed a course through BCCC, received his Certified Kitchen Cook certificate from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute and has secured employment in this field. These students have been very motivated and consistent in their studies. They demonstrate an eagerness to learn as well as a willingness to work hard and overcome obstacles. LVBC is proud to be a part of their journey.

Pam Deese, LVBC Program Coordinator

Tutors donated 936.5 hours of their time to their students and volunteers donated 662 hours to LVBC for fundraising, recruiting, advertising, and other activities for a grand total of 1598.25 hours. At the rate of \$29.95 (Independent Sector estimate of worth of an hour of time) a total of \$47,867.59 was invested in Beaufort County.

Soup, Pizza, and Ice Cream



L to R: LVBC Board Members: Virginia Jenks, Ellen Angus, Robin Smart, and others sell soup.



L to R: Pizza Inn servers: Bill Angus, Bob Jenks, and Virginia Jenks with other Board members and friends.



Board members and friends sell scoops of ice cream donated by **Simply Natural Creamery**.

Social Media

Thanks to the grant from the NC Healing Communities, we were able to update our website and gain access to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Holly Harrison, with whom we contracted, was a huge help in redoing the website to make it more interactive and easier to use. These social media programs have already generated interest in our program, and we have gained two new tutors!



Sally Love Retires

Longtime friend of literacy and a former LVBC Board member and Treasurer, Sally Love retired from United Way at a party at the Turnage given by the United Way. LVBC Board members took this opportunity to thank her with flowers and a gift card for her years of service!

New Tutors



Literacy Volunteers is pleased to welcome three new tutors. Melanie Simmons, Ernest Carraway, and Shane Cavanaugh, all of whom have already begun to tutor. LVBC needs more volunteer tutors and will hold another training class (online or in - person) in the fall of 2022. The class takes about 15 hours to complete covering teaching techniques and usually meets three times in person with the rest done online at the volunteer tutor's pace. Tutors meet students 90 minutes per week at a mutually convenient time. Call 974-1812 to register.

Governor's Volunteer Service Award presented to Virginia Jenks



Virginia Jenks wears many hats and always does so with a smile! She moved to Beaufort County more than 20 years ago and was one of the first LVBC volunteer tutors. She joined the Presbyterian Church where she has been in the choir and bell choir, and office helper. She also has been a faithful volunteer at the local Blind Center for many years. These three entities were pleased to nominate her for this prestigious award.

As one of the original nine tutors, Virginia tutored seven students from 2005-2015 for an approximate total of 422 hours. She joined the LVBC Board in 2005 and continues to serve. She was President of the Board from 2011-2013 and is now co-Chairwoman of the Fundraising Committee. We estimate that her accumulated hours are 836 to date. Congratulations Virginia!!!

Virginia Jenks accepts award from Pat Lurvey, Exec. Dir.

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Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County

invites you to the

12th Annual Card / Game Party Fundraiser

at First Christian Church

307 East Third Street, Washington, NC

on October 31, 2022, from 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Lunch served at Noon

\$25. 00/ person

50/50 drawing

Reservations: Card table, 5 ft. round, or 6 ft. rectangle?

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