

# Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County



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## 20 th Anniversary Celebration!

On October 3, 2021, Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County will celebrate 20 years of tutoring adults in Beaufort County. The group began around the dining room table of Dr. Jim and Frances Pressley, who gathered a group of fellow educators and interested friends. A Steering Committee was formed, non-profit status applied for, and volunteers recruited. Nine volunteers attended tutor training at Pitt Literacy in Greenville. Frances Pressley and Pat Lurvey attended the "Train the Trainer" classes in Harrisonburg, Virginia and were certified by ProLiteracy, the national affiliate of the group. Since that time, about 250 volunteers have been trained. Callie Northern of Jo Link provided our first office-a small carrel with a bookcase- when we visited there to offer our services. As we grew, we moved to a larger office and remained there until Job Link moved to the Market Street location. After a brief stay with the Beaufort-Hyde Partnership for Children, we moved to the present location, owned by United Way, on East 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

To commemorate our anniversary, present and past tutors, Board members, Program Coordinators, students, and special friends are invited to a party on Sunday October 3, 2021, from 2:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church in Washington.

**In Memoriam**

**2020-2021**

**James Andrew**

**Charlie Leuck**

**"Dill" Lynch**

**Alethea Williams-King**

**Phil Becker**

**We mourn the loss of these tutors who gave**

**Fundraisers**

During the Pandemic, we have not been able to do much fundraising. However, with the cooperation of Boy Scout Troop 99 we were able to sell live 25" Christmas wreaths. They were available by preorder, and we sold all fifty that we ordered! Thanks to all who helped sell and to those who purchased them.



Chef and President of the LVBC Board, Kevin Matsil and his crew created a delicious fundraiser. Corn chowder and chicken vegetable soup were prepared in the kitchen at First Christian Church and sold at the Washington Harbor District Market on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Market staff tell us that hungry "soupers" have asked when we will do it again. Stay tuned when the weather gets cooler.



**THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to the community for their financial generosity. Literacy Volunteers came close to closing in the early spring. Not being able to conduct any of our normal fundraisers in 2020 and a reduction in the allotment from United Way nearly depleted the treasury. Gifts from individuals following an article in the Washington Daily News by Karen Thiel telling of our situation generated many gifts both large and small. The Christians in Action group (CIA-FCC) of First Christian Church were most generous. Grants from the Jonathan Havens Charitable Trust, an allotment from Beaufort County government, and the Kiwanis Club helped tremendously as well as an unexpected grant from the NC Community Foundation-Healing Communities assured the future for 2021-2022.

**Hours and Hours and more...**

In 2019 tutors contributed 839 hours and the Board 614 that equal 1453 total hours.

In 2020 tutors contributed 769 hours and the Board 327 that equal 1096 (none during 2<sup>nd</sup> quarantine).

### Workshops

With some restrictions being lifted, LVBC was able to offer several in person workshops for tutors. Ms. Pam Deese showed tutors how to use Zoom early on during the pandemic at First Christian Church with masks, sanitizer, and lots of space between large tables. Since then, Cameron Bowen, Coordinator of HRD at BCCC showed tutors information on the Career Readiness Certificate (CRC). Recently we have had an influx of requests for help on these tests. Most recently, Ms. Deese has conducted a “hands on” session using the computer lab at NC Works for tutors.

### Governor’s Volunteer Service Award

LVBC was pleased to partner with Beaufort-Hyde Partnership for Children in nominating Penelope Radcliffe, Director of College and Career Studies, and the late Alethea Williams-King, retired NC Career Works Assistant Manager for the prestigious award. Both women have made outstanding and lasting contributions to literacy in Beaufort County. Both were local winners in their categories. With Mrs. Williams-King’s death, her certificate was presented at the Ware Creek Community Center, which she helped rescue to her husband, Bobby, with friends and family onlooking. Mrs. Radcliffe’s certificate was presented to her with Dr David Loope, BCCC President and friends onlooking.

### New Tutors.... More needed

Literacy Volunteers is pleased to welcome three new tutors. Ruth De Hoag, Glen Econopouly, and Richard Imbimbo. We are pleased to welcome them, and they have already begun to tutor. LVBC needs more volunteer tutors and will hold another training class (available online or in person) when we have several volunteers. The class normally takes about 15 hours to complete covering teaching techniques such as phonics, sight words, word families, language experience stories, comprehension, and lesson planning. We usually meet three times in person and the rest is done online at the volunteer’s pace. Tutors usually meet students 90 minutes per week at a mutually convenient time. Call 974-1812 to register.

## Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County

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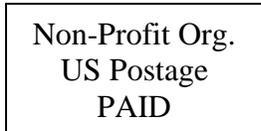
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Invites you to the  
13th Annual Card / Game Fundraiser  
At First Christian Church  
307 East Third Street, Washington, NC  
On Friday, October 29, 2021, from 11-4:00 pm  
Lunch served at Noon  
\$25. 00/ person  
50/50 drawing  
Reservations: Card table, 5 ft. round, or 6 ft. rectangle?  
Call: **974-1812 (Mon.-Thurs., 9-1:00 pm)****



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