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Spotlight on Literacy Benefit Dinner

Thank you to everyone who supported our 3rd annual Spotlight on Literacy Benefit Dinner at the Willamette Heritage Center. Each year our event brings in new friends, new business partnerships, and increased financial donations for our program. Thanks to our sponsors and guests we raised 34% more than last year. This year we added several fun activities to our annual dinner. Guests enjoyed a pre-dinner symphony duo, a silent and live auction, a fun Heads or Tails raffle game, and a Wall of Wine.



Our Literacy Trailblazer Award was presented to **Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon**. Pictured above with Rep. Alonso Leon are Board Members Terrence Green, Chris Ray, Melissa Parker, Eva Corbin, and Lyle Ang. As an immigrant and a first-generation college student, Alonso Leon believes in the power of education. "I have always had a love for education...it is my biggest passion and I believe it is the way we can prepare ourselves for success."



Workplace English Program Update

Our Workplace English Program is expanding! Thanks to a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation and the Collins Foundation, we hired Jim Jamieson in January to coordinate the program and recruit new businesses. Jim has a Master's in TESOL and is also an English instructor at Chemeketa Community College and Corban University. Both in the agricultural and manufacturing industries, businesses have seen increased

productivity and morale along with lower safety risk as employees gain language skills. It is also a remarkable service to employees as they gain real language that makes a difference in their daily lives. We develop curriculum tailored to each individual business. In addition to providing English classes, we are also able to provide Spanish classes for staff to better communicate with their employees. We are in contact with

businesses such as wood products and nurseries to provide Workplace English. This spring, we contracted with Agricare NW to provide English instruction to their employees. Their first term was very successful with 15 employees improving their English and learning on-the-job vocabulary.

To see the impact we are having in the workplace, watch our videos at <http://www.midvalleyliteracycenter.org/gallery>.

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Literacy Center Update

This fiscal year we trained 59 tutors who are tutoring at our Center and at other tutoring sites. Our offsite locations are:

- First Congregational Church
- Hope Church, Albany
- Marion County DeMuniz Resource Center, Marion County Jail
- Silver Creek Fellowship
- St. Joseph's Shelter, Mt. Angel
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
- Stayton United Methodist Church
- Zion Mennonite, Hubbard

Some of our recently trained tutors are teaching English to newly arrived refugees. We are currently working with three refugee resettlement agencies: Catholic Charities, Lutheran Community Services, and IRCO. They have

welcomed refugees to Salem from the following countries: Iraq, Iran, Congo, West Africa, Syria, Somalia, Mozambique, Sudan, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, and Kenya.

We are happy to welcome a new member to our team, Jenine Betschart. She is our new tutor coordinator with a focus on English teaching, tutor mentoring and training, and student assessment. She is a former army officer who has travelled to Germany, Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan for NATO missions and has a Master's in TESOL from San Francisco State University. Jenine works directly with tutors both at the Center and our offsite locations to provide lesson planning, professional guidance and a sense of humor.

Tutor & Donor Celebration

We rely on the generosity and support of our tutors, volunteers, and donors to help others achieve their dreams. Our annual party is our way of showing our gratitude to you. Please save the date for our upcoming tutor and

donor celebration on Saturday, September 30th at 4:30pm. We will serve appetizers and refreshments and have some fun entertainment. Watch your inbox for an email invitation with more details.

Join Us!

September 30th
4:30 to 6pm
Creekside Golf Club
Salem, Oregon

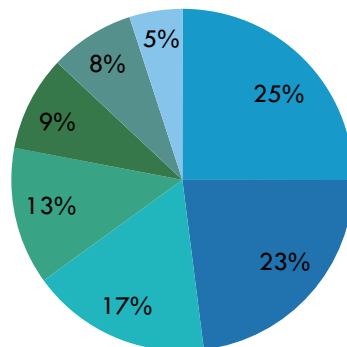
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4TH Annual
Spotlight on Literacy
April 27, 2018
Creekside Golf Club
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2016-17 Revenue Sources



- Grants 25%
- Fundraising 23%
- Program Services & Fees 17%
- General Contributions 13%
- Book Fees 9%
- Workforce Literacy 8%
- In-Kind Donations 5%