

# Mid-Valley Literacy Center

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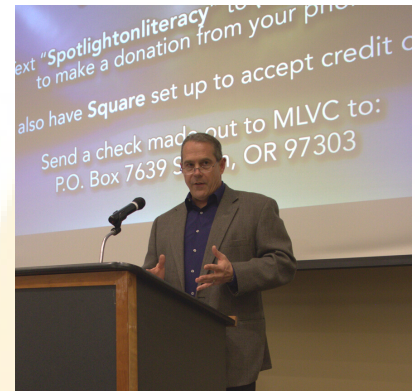
**11 Students Received U.S. Citizenship Since December 2021.**

## SPOTLIGHT ON LITERACY

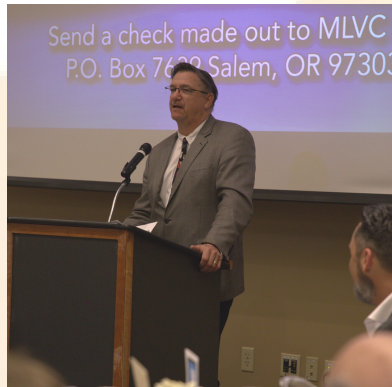
**THANK YOU** to everyone who came and who gave to make our 8th annual Spotlight on Literacy a great success. Our goal was to raise \$40,000 and we have received \$36,308 so far. You have empowered more adults to learn English, achieve their GED certificates, receive U.S. Citizenship, prepare for classes as Certified Nursing Assistants, gain basic computer skills and grasp how to read and write in Spanish. You have changed the lives of many adult students and their families! Thank you!



**David Mantooth**  
GED Recipient



**Michael Fowler**  
CabDoor



**Dave Johnson**  
Literacy Trailblazer Award



**Brian Boyer**  
M.C. and Auctioneer

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**Over \$8,000 was given as in-kind support items for our auctions and raffles.**

**Thank you for changing lives!**



# Upcoming Events

YOU'RE INVITED!

August 21st

@ 2pm



## FREE SUMMER PICNIC!

Loree Erpelding's mother was passionate about being a literacy tutor, but passed away before she was able to do so. Loree has attended the Spotlight on Literacy almost every year. Loree wants to honor her mother by celebrating literacy and hosting a FREE summer picnic! Students, Tutors, Donors and Community Members, please join us with your families on Sunday, **August 21, 2022** for FREE BBQ'd hamburgers and hot dogs! We want to celebrate you so please RSVP by emailing [info@midvalleyliteracycenter.org](mailto:info@midvalleyliteracycenter.org) or by calling 503-463-1488 by August 14th.

Picnic will be held at 7198 Lipscomb St. SE, Salem, OR 97317.

## PLANNED GIVING

By KatieJane Gerling

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It was wonderful to meet some of you at the Mid-Valley Literacy Gala. Robin and I would love to reach out to you personally, if you are interested in hearing more about what we presented during the Gala.

Thrivent is a not for profit fortune 500 company that has a subsidiary within itself called Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing. This allows us to help people structure tax efficient strategies with their charitable giving. The secure act of 2019 changed how we pass our IRAs to beneficiaries. It requires that our children deplete our IRAs after we pass away within 10 years. Creating a large tax issue. For charitable minded people there are ways around this such as when we reach the age of 70 and a half we should no longer be writing checks to any charities but instead giving what we call Qualified Charitable Distributions from our IRAs. This comes directly off of our adjusted gross income creating tax breaks and leaving our actual money behind for our families. There is a lot to this type of planning and our practice specializes in it. We would love to talk with you more about what we can offer and how we can work with you to continue being charitable with your resources. Please call or email KatieJane Gerling & Robin Welch to set up a time to meet.

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