Message from the Executive Director

Last month, you and Learn to Read together raised the awareness of adult literacy in our community as part of the national Adult Education and Family Literacy Week advocacy. It was a great opportunity for us to share information on our growing volunteer tutoring and how we have expanded to a range of adult education services including computer labs and instructor-led classes. You make this possible as tutors, advocates, and donors.

As we approach the holiday giving season, and while you will see below a list of large grants, a key to our future growth will be large and small donations from as many people as possible. I can not say it enough, no donation is too small! You will find an opportunity in the Read-a-thon mentioned below to become involved and give in a unique way. If not, our website and mailbox is always open to accept donations. Please give today! New chapters are ahead for hundreds of local adults. Thank you for everything you do!

Sincerely,
Marcus Haile, CFRE, MPA

OFFICE REORGANIZATION—Room LL30
Welcome Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Team! Learn to Read will be sharing suite LL 30 with Catholic Charities starting in late November. Our office arrangement will shift slightly, but there should be no interruption in service. Please be patient as we settle in, and welcome our new office mates!

Learn to Read — By the Numbers
July to September 2019

- 295 Active Students
- 5,628 Instructional Hours
- 50 Active Volunteers

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If you would like to receive our newsletter and other communication via email, you can sign up at:

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AEFL Week is a time to raise awareness and show support for adult literacy across the nation. Learn to Read (LTR) used social media to raise awareness of adult and family education needs, recruit volunteers, and welcome donations.

AEFL Week 2019 also focused on the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and accurate count of adults with low literacy skills and their families. Adult learners and their families are at a high risk of being undercounted. It is so important for adult literacy programs to educate students about the census and prepare them to complete it. The census determines allocation of congressional seats and more than $800 billion annually in funding to support critical programs such as health care, education, housing, and much more. LTR will be working with its adult students to educate them about the Census process and help to ensure our students and their families are COUNTED.

AEFL was started by the National Coalition for Literacy (NCL) to raise significant public awareness about the need for and the value of adult education and family literacy. The goal is to leverage resources that support access to basic education programs for the 43 million adults in the U.S. with low literacy skills and elevate the visibility of adult education with policymakers, funders, the media, and the public.

**MAKING A TARGET SHOPPING TRIP?**

Holiday shopping is approaching. You can vote for us and help direct Target’s giving to benefit Learn to Read. Shop and vote!

For full program details visit Target Circle at: [https://circle.target.com](https://circle.target.com)

**Congratulations to our recent Learn to Read graduates!**

- Annia Trammel
- Dawn Wilbert Williams
- Ja Awng
- Marie Milfort
- Tonya Hammer

**Learn to Read is happy to announce some recent funding awards. Thank you to the following supporters!**

- **City of Jacksonville, Public Service Grant — $64,000.** This grant supports our core literacy tutoring and instruction.
- **Florida Financial Literacy Initiative Grant (2019 -2020) — $5,000.** This grant is awarded by the Florida Literacy Coalition and, in addition to support from Wells Fargo, provides literacy and financial education.
- **CSX and Urban Mining—** Laptop computers were donated by CSX and refurbished by Urban Mining.
- **ProLiteracy — $3,000.** In partnership with Hubbard House, this grant will allow us to make reading and writing tutoring and instruction available to survivors of domestic violence.
- **Big Lots Foundation — $2,500.** This grant may be used towards LTR’s greatest need.

**TEEEING IT UP FOR LEARN TO READ**

Thank you to the Jacksonville Bar Young Lawyers Section for hosting the Chippin’ for Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Learn to Read Jacksonville. More than 60 golfers participated, resulting in $14,000 being raised for our adult education programs.

**Marcus Haile** shared information about Learn to Read's adult literacy programs with the crowd before teeing off.

**Hillery Shephard, LTR Board President, and Marvin Williams, Student Alumni, shared personal stories about our programs.**

Special thanks to **James Poindexter** and his team for organizing the event. The generosity of the participants was amazing!
Become a Volunteer

Fill out a Registration Form today!
http://www.learntoreadjax.org/?page_id=1703

Our volunteers:
- Tutor adult students (age 16 and above) who read below a 9th grade level
- Work one-on-one with a student, teach/assist in a small group class, or assist in the computer lab
- Help a student build reading, language, and/or math skills
- Receive online and in person training, curriculum, materials, and support
- Must be at least 18 years of age and pass a background screening
- Commit to at least 6 months of volunteering, approximately 1 hour a week
- Work during varied times and locations across Duval County

Welcome Newest Tutors

Your weekly tutoring is helping your student acquire and practice new skills, gain confidence, and achieve dreams. Thank you!
Cameron Williams
Carol Pearson Stocchi
Daron Alvin
Gennifer Riles
Hunter Hicks
Ralph Bonna
Roshanda Standley
Roula Aldib
Shameeka Clark
We welcome student/tutor stories at: volunteers@learntoreadjax.org

FSCJ INTERN — WELCOME ROSHANDA STANDELEY

Learn to Read has an FSCJ Human Services major intern working with us this fall. Her enthusiasm and background is a great addition for our organization.

Roshanda Standley—Shanda is tutoring a student on Saturday mornings and assisting in the Monday evening Reading/Math class. She is providing short lessons on poetry, short stories, and current news articles. This encourages reading and lively discussions. Thank you, Shanda!

TUTOR EVENTS

Tutor Information Sessions
Wednesday, Nov 13 | 5:30 pm
Friday, Dec 6 | 2:00 pm

New Tutor Training
Saturday, Nov 16| 10:00-2:00 pm

SCOREBOOST FOR TABE MATERIALS

Learn to Read Jacksonville is excited to announce the first ever community-wide read-a-thon! Sign up by creating a personal or team page, committing to read a number of books over the holiday season, and allowing people to support your efforts with donations to Learn to Read Jacksonville.
The reading portion of our Read-a-thon will take place from November 1 to December 29, 2019. Registration and pledging are open now. Happy Reading!
Ways to participate:
- Register as a Reader
- Start a Read-a-thon Team
- No time to read? Sponsor a page, make a pledge, or make a general donation.
Learn more at: https://ltrjax.dojiggy.com

TUTOR AND STUDENT RESOURCES

We have reading, math, and language TABE 11/12 practice materials to help you prepare for the TABE test. If you want to BOOST your TABE score, come in and check them out!
Check out our Learn to Read Google site that can point you in the direction of free instructional materials!
https://sites.google.com/view/learntoreadvolunteers
LEARN TO READ JACKSONVILLE

OUR MISSION
To increase literacy awareness and improve adult literacy in Jacksonville through a volunteer-based program.

OUR HISTORY
Learn to Read Jacksonville is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving adult literacy in Jacksonville, Florida since 1969. Learn to Read (LTR) provides reading, writing, and math instruction at no cost to adults 16 years of age or older who are generally below a 6th grade reading level. Through grants and community support, LTR delivers over 20,000 hours of small group instruction, computer-assisted instruction, and one-on-one tutoring to about 500 students each year.

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