



Valencia County Literacy Council

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Volunteer Tutoring Eliminates Waiting List

Last summer, at VCLC, we studied “Reducing Waiting Lists in Adult Education and Literacy Programs” (from ProLiteracy Worldwide). This fall and winter, Susan Howard, our Volunteer Tutoring Coordinator, offered a Reading Lab, a GED Reading Prep study group, and many new conversation groups for English Language Learners.



Susan has now reduced her waiting list to zero. Great job, Susan!

Spring 2009

(PTC). Active for a year, the PTC’s most recent efforts have been organizing a field trip by RailRunner to the Explora Science Museum and attending YDI’s latest parenting class.

BOOK Coordinator Brings in \$1,000 to BUY Books



Many congratulations to Lori Griego, VCLC’s BOOK Coordinator, for discovering \$1,000 in new grants to buy books for Valencia County children.

Parent-Teacher Council at Preschool

In our El Cerro Mission Family Literacy Preschool, Coordinator Martha Oros and Assistant Coordinator Nereida Gonzalez have worked with parents to form a Parent-Teacher Council



FREE New Tutor Training!

May 30 and June 27
8:00 a.m. to
5:00 p.m.

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Student Voices

My name is Joann Saucedo. I am 18 years old. I dropped out of school in the 6th grade. I was only 12 years old. In all 6 years of school, I skipped school a lot and never did the homework. I got tired of going so I dropped out. In October of 2008 I decided to come back to school to help my children. I want to get my GED so I could go to college to become a Head Start Teacher. I tried to get into GED classes, but my scores were too low. The Valencia County Literacy Council is helping me learn things I missed in school.

I have two daughters. Destiny is 3. She is the oldest, and my youngest is one. Her name is Aliyah. I want to be a good role model to them. Being a good role model would include setting an example by finishing school and getting a good job to provide for my family.

Hi, my name is Edee. I dropped out of school when I was in the last semester of my 8th grade year. I dropped out for a few particular reasons. One my mom was going to school full time and still managed to keep working. So being that she was busy all the time it was up to me to take care of the livestock and do the chores around the house. Two, I had so much going on at home my brain didn't follow me to school. I couldn't really sit down and do the work.

One of the main reasons I even stayed in school as long as I did was because I had to be in school to be eligible to do any High School Rodeos. I wanted to rodeo so bad I couldn't see straight. I had the talent to be good, which made me crave it even more and still do. So being that rodeo is an expensive sport, I had to put it on pause. The jobs I had or could get weren't paying enough to be able to haul and still survive.

So here I am. I grew somewhat of a brain and came back to school. I'm hoping to get into the medical field. It's a good field and it's a high demand. With the help of the Valencia Literacy Program, I am able to finish my schooling and turn that hope into a reality with the flexible schedules and the small classes. I'm able to get help when I need it and still work. They want the best for you, and they try everything they can to make sure you succeed.

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The classes of ABE and ESL allow me to learn English to communicate effectively, write and speak accurately, and to understand clearly the words that I need to know. My primary dream is to speak very good English to teach in Mexico's schools. I want to teach children, young people, and adults. It's a difficult but not impossible dream. Too, I want to learn English very good because I live in the United States and our children need our help in school, our home, and in life. –Cristina Chavez

I've been living here in New Mexico for 30 years. I have never had an education or been to a school. I worked hard all my life. I don't have the help of anybody. I have been single for a good while. I have four grandchildren. This is my first time being unemployed, and this is a great opportunity for me to learn English. I appreciate everybody who has helped me. My dream is to not need an interpreter or my daughter to explain to me. –Manuela Miller



I like to dream, to dream with my feet on the ground. Little by little, I am learning new things to be able to be successful. With commitment and consistency, I can succeed. Already I can help my children with homework and I can read phrases in English. Thanks for your help to care for our children while we study, for your patience in teaching us. And thanks because my dream is little by little coming true. –Rita Bernal

My name is Rosario. I am very happy that there are places like this to help people like us. My greatest interest in attending these classes is to learn the language to speak with people, to help my children with homework, and to be able to work and communicate with my friends and when I'm at the hospital.

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Getting to Know the Literacy Board: Secretary Sandy Schauer

Sandy Schauer first got involved with the Valencia County Literacy Council (VCLC) Board when a neighbor asked if she was interested. She says, "I was hooked from the very first meeting." Sandy felt it was important to help people with Literacy issues to help them create better lives here in Valencia County. "Because the jobs I've held involve

read, I understand the need for Literacy for people to function in the world," she says. Sandy says that right now, during the current economic crisis, Literacy help is even more important so that adults with Literacy issues can handle the economic

difficulties we're having. "Being literate helps people find better bargains, get better jobs, and improve their lives even when money is tight," she says.

