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Dear Friend,

When we were asked to be the 2018 LVR Annual Giving chairs, we reflected on our 30 years of volunteering with LVR. The rewards have been many:

- Peg's tutoring started with a woman who was excited to learn to write checks, manage her checkbook and eventually join her friend's book club.
- Later, tutoring various members of a family brought a variety of gains, including moving up to a job in a company of only English speakers, being able to confer with her son's teachers and the very exciting step of passing her citizenship test (in English of course).
- Peg moved to training new tutors and working on various projects in the office to support even more volunteers and our expanding staff.
- Along the way Ray got the LVR bug and joined the Board, initiating LVR's state legislative outreach efforts.

When we started, LVR was focused on one-to-one tutoring. Watching and joining in on the changes over the years to support the ever-changing student base and their goals has been very interesting.

For example, many of our students want to join high school equivalency or vocational training programs but do not have the minimum required math and/or reading levels. LVR now leads and manages classes that enable 88% of our students to advance one or more grade levels and work their way into a training program that meets their goals.

Over those years it became obvious how significant basic digital literacy is to everything we do. Seeing that same growth, LVR created the Digital Literacy Program, which is in many local libraries (with more requesting our help) and at the LVR office. This wonderful program helps individuals who do not have access to a computer and/or reliable internet service.

To support these programs, and all the professionals and volunteers involved, LVR funding sources include various grants, NY State Adult Ed, fundraising events like Brain Game, and more importantly, donations from all of us.

Please join us this year in donating to Literacy Volunteers of Rochester. One of our generous donors has pledged a matching gift of up to \$2500 for increased gifts or new donations. So, please share this letter with a friend. Thank you!

Peg Warrick

Ray Warrick