

Tutor in Touch



March 2013



Behind the Scenes

John Williams

Development Director

John is the fuel behind all fundraising initiatives. He has been LVR Development Director for five years and works hard to coordinate LVR's fundraising activities in collaboration with staff, Board members, and you, **dedicated volunteers!** John believes,

"Fundraising is about building relationships and making community connections. It is about telling the story of how LVR provides meaningful volunteer opportunities for adults in our community."

You, as volunteers, can help John in this endeavor in the following ways:

- → Share your experiences as a tutor at LVR to your friends, family, and colleagues. You serve as great ambassadors for LVR. From your work with students, you know the value of the educational opportunities provided to adults with literacy challenges. ***Tell your story!***
- → If you are a member of a civic organization, faith community, or other community group that has an occasional program aspect to its gatherings, set up a time to speak to the group about LVR's programs and volunteer opportunities. This will help to share LVR's mission and the story of the great work that we all do.

Year-end Testing TABE & BEST Plus Test



LVR assesses student each year using standardized tools mandated by the State of New York. Annual testing will take place from April-June. The Office has sent

postcards to learners asking them to call us to schedule their test. Please encourage your learner to come in before June.

Note: All students are **REQUIRED** to come in for annual post-testing between April and June in order to remain eligible for our programs. The results will help: measure the effectiveness and efficiency of LVR's programs; gauge our learners' progress; and identify areas that have improved as well as those with room for further advancement.

If you have any questions about testing please contact Mellissa Woodhams or Jennifer Eaton at 585-473-3030.

C.A.S.H. Creating Assets, Savings & Hope

C.A.S.H. is a community coalition that aids working families in tax return preparation for free. This service can be a valuable asset to your students, if they qualify. Please inform them of this wonderful opportunity to have volunteers prepare and e-file their tax returns! It is also important to notify your students that new health care plans for 2014 will be based on tax returns from 2012. This means that they will need to file, regardless of income, to have health insurance in 2014. C.A.S.H. is there to help! More information is available at www.empirejustice.org/cash.

New Hopes New Horizons Winter Conference *Saturday March 9th*

Please join us for our winter conference on **Saturday, March 9th from 8 AM to 12:30 PM**. We have an exciting morning in store for you in which we will learn helpful tutoring techniques, share our service experiences, and enjoy a free breakfast! Mary Lou Brown, Jennifer Eaton, Jessica Elliott, Cathy

Pospula, and Mellissa Woodhams will each be presenting interactive sessions on topics such as internet resources, TABE and pronunciation instruction. To register for any of these sessions, contact Mellissa Woodhams at MWoodhams@literacyrochester.org.

We hope to see you there!

Volunteers,

Do you know a student, volunteer, or staff member whose hard work and accomplishments should be recognized? If so, send your nomination to Mellissa Woodhams at MWoodhams@literacyrochester.org and share their story so that they may be honored in a future "Behind The Scenes."

Open a new chapter in someone's life.