



Expanding the Scope of Literacy through Partnerships

Literacy Volunteers began over 50 years ago based on the concept of “Each One Teach One.” The program was based on a partnership of a learner and a volunteer, working together to help the world become more literate, one person at a time. The world, as we all know, is much larger and more complex in 2017 than it was in 1964. At Literacy Volunteers of Rochester (LVR) we continue to succeed because of our partners, and we’re pleased to share that LVR has a greater number of committed partners today who function in a wide variety of roles.

The base of our foundation are the partnerships that begin with program participants who are joined by dedicated volunteers. These volunteers include tutors, digital literacy navigators, class teachers and assistants, trainers, previewers, interviewers, librarians, family literacy assistants, board members, receptionists, fundraising event volunteers and everyone who helps support the literacy services we provide to those we serve!

In addition to the many volunteers are our program partners, community organizations, churches, school districts, libraries and fellow adult education programs who support our efforts. All organizations provide services and share resources in ways that support our goal of assisting adults to improve their reading, English language, math and digital literacy skills. These partners include Rochester Public Libraries, Rochester City School District, Greece Central School District, Rochester Educational Opportunity Center and Episcopal Diocese of Rochester.

Supporting these partnerships are those businesses and foundations throughout our community who have provided financial support of LVR and the work that we do. These partners include; Wegmans, Paychex, Canandaigua National Bank, Thomson Reuters, Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation, Davenport Hatch Foundation, Wilson Foundation and Wilmott Foundation.

Behind the support of the mission of LVR and the cause of literacy are the leaders in our community. These are leaders in our organization (including our board and advisory board members) and in the community, who partner with LVR and others to help make Rochester a better community. For LVR, these leaders include Senator Joe Robach and Patricia Uttaro, Director, Monroe County Library System and Rochester Public Library, who have partnered with LVR and other community organizations to help make Rochester a more literate community.

This report and the accomplishments it outlines are dedicated to you, our friends, donors, volunteers, participants, and all our partners who are committed to literacy and who support LVR every day. Thank you for all you do!

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2016-2017 PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

LVR Digital Literacy

Enables Monroe County residents to become digitally-literate by acquiring new computer skills and completing essential, computer-related tasks.

95% of customers learned new computer skills, completed essential computer-related tasks or became more marketable for employment

- 8 sites provided service in the city of Rochester and Greece for an average of 78 hours per week
- 1263 customers were served, over 71% of whom live in poverty

For more information about Digital Literacy, our most recent data and schedule, follow this link: <https://literacyrochester.org/digital-literacy/>

LVR Educational Programs

Provides one-to-one and small group instruction to help adults improve their skills in reading, math and English.

- 76% of all students improved their reading, math or speaking skills as measured on standardized testing
- 86% of all math students in classes had a NRS (National Reporting System) gain, 90% had a measurable gain in math skills
- 353 participants were provided educational services in areas including; assessment, family literacy, one to one tutoring and small group classes.

Overall LVR provided services to 1616 individuals in the 2016/17 program year and our volunteers contributed 16,712 hours at a value of \$468,939. *

*Independent Sector value of volunteer time in NYS (\$28.06/hour in NYS)

If you would like to learn more about volunteering with LVR, sign up for a volunteer preview session by clicking on this link: <https://literacyrochester.org/get-started/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2016/2017 Income		2016/2017 Expenses	
Contributions	\$ 69,332	Program Services	\$254,560
United Way	\$ 14,821	Mgmt & General	\$ 64,103
Grant Revenue	\$192,336	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>\$ 45,180</u>
Fundraising Events	\$ 29,129	Total Expenses	\$363,843
Workshop Fees	\$ 2,680		
Interest	\$ 583		
Other Income	\$ 107		
<u>Investment Income</u>	<u>\$ 94,643</u>		
Total Income	\$403,631		

Change in Net Assets \$39,788