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HEAR OUR VOICES

2015 Edition Now

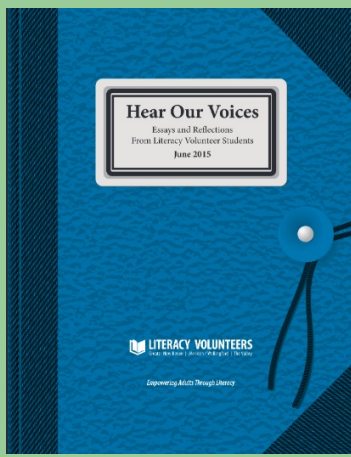
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LITERACY VOLUNTEERS FINDS AN ALLY IN NEWALLIANCE

The NewAlliance Foundation recently awarded Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven a technology grant to purchase donor management software. This technology will help improve LV's operations with a system that integrates donor data, grants and fundraiser information, personalizes mailings, creates useful reports, and interfaces with other important management and communications tools.

NewAlliance Executive Director Kim Healey wrote that "[Literacy Volunteers]' passion, dedication and hard work inspire us every day. We are pleased these grants funds will help you more effectively carry out your mission in the community."

In addition, NewAlliance helps fund our ESOL tutoring in New Haven and was a sponsor of the 2015 Scrabble Challenge to benefit literacy programs in New Haven and the Valley.



Each year, Literacy Volunteers asks students from both programs (ESOL and Basic Literacy) to contribute pieces of writing to our student publication, *Hear Our Voices*.

This is such an important project for our organization because it is the culmination of everything our students work toward throughout the year.

The 2015 Edition of *Hear Our Voices* features writing from over 90 students at different reading and writing levels! Students submit short essays, letters, and poetry on topics ranging from "Life in a New Country" to "Accomplishments" and "Growth".

A select number of students are chosen each year to read their published pieces to a gathering of family, friends, volunteers, and staff at our end-of-year Celebration.

We are grateful to the [John G. Martin Foundation](#) who helped us subsidize the printing costs of this publication once again

We thank them for their continued support! For more information about the NewAlliance Foundation, visit their website [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

A partnership with long-time supporter Knights of Columbus takes our mission to the small screen!



Last Spring, Knights of Columbus produced a public service announcement highlighting Literacy Volunteers' classes around New Haven. This PSA was aired on Channel 8, followed by a CT Style interview featuring Basic Literacy tutor, Chandel Gibbs and our executive director, Donna Violante.

Gibbs spoke about her reasons for volunteering and Violante explained how the organization helps adults in the community improve their literacy skills and their lives.

You can watch the full segment [HERE](#).

We are grateful to Peter Sonski and the rest of our friends at Knights of Columbus for their continued support of our organization. With their help, we are able to expand our reach and recruit even more volunteers and students.

this year.

Visit the Literacy Volunteers website to download your PDF copy of *Hear Our Voices* TODAY!

[Click HERE to go to the Literacy Volunteers Website](#)



This year will be Literacy Volunteers' first year as a participating organization in the Meriden Rotary's annual **Nites in the City**, a two-day fundraising event featuring a wine tasting and a Brewfest. All proceeds from both events go to local non-profits. Literacy Volunteers will be selling tickets and looking for volunteers to help out at these events.

Mark your calendars for Oct. 1st (the Main Vine Wine Tasting) and Oct. 2nd (Silver City Brewfest), and keep following Literacy Link for information on Nites in the City!

HELP US EARN \$ EVERY TIME YOU MAKE AN AMAZON PURCHASE

FIXING HEALTHCARE IN AMERICA BEGINS WITH GROWING GOOD READERS

NOTE: This article is an excerpt from Congress Blog, The Hill's Forum for Lawmakers and Policy Professionals

Reading is an essential building block of learning - but it may come as a surprise to many that reading proficiency is one of the strongest predictors of overall health through adulthood. Much of the conversation about literacy is focused on the economic impact of decreased worker productivity and lost income. In doctor's offices and health systems across our country, we see first-hand the effect of reading challenges on our patients and its lifetime impact on health outcomes. The relationship of literacy to health outcomes and expenditures is real, with a conservative annual estimated price tag of more than \$106 billion.

[Click HERE to continue reading this article on The Hill.](#)

PURCHASE YOUR \$5 TICKET TO THE "SHOPPORTUNITY" OF THE YEAR!



Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the exclusive Boscov's Gala Preview for a Great



For complete details about the Amazon Smile program, please visit [Program Details](#).

WANT TO BECOME A LITERACY TUTOR?

*NEW TUTOR
TRAINING BEGINS IN
SEPTEMBER*

Complete an online application ([HERE](#)) and schedule your Orientation TODAY!

All new tutors must complete a three-part training in their area of choice.

ESOL

ESOL 101	Tues. Sept. 15	5:30-8 PM
ESOL 102	Mon. Sept. 21	5:30-8 PM
ESOL 103	Sat. Oct. 3	9 AM-1 PM

Basic Literacy

BL 101	Wed. Sept. 9	5:30-8 PM
BL 102	Wed. Sept. 16	5:30-8 PM
BL 103	Varies by Area	TBA

Cause at the opening of the new Boscov's Department Store at Westfield Meriden.

When: Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015 from 10 AM-9 PM

Where: Westfield Meriden,
470 Lewis Ave, Meriden, CT 06451

Literacy Volunteers is selling entrance tickets to the private event for \$5 each. A ticket allows you access to the new store, as well as an opportunity to "shop first". There will be family-friendly entertainment, light refreshments, and a free gift for each ticket holder. Children under 16 will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult.

100% of ticket proceeds will go back to our organization, with opportunities to win bonus awards based on the number of visitors to the Gala with our name on their ticket.

Contact Rosemary at rosemarypilch@lvagnh.org or call 203-776-5899 to purchase your tickets for just \$5.

WHAT'S COOKING AT LITERACY VOLUNTEERS



Each month, this section features a recipe written and submitted by a Literacy

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Volunteers student.

July's LV Celebrity Chef is Ji Hye Kim, from the Republic of Korea. Ji Hye attends the ESL class at the Keefe Community Center in Hamden with her tutor Eleanor.

Recipe: Japchae (Stir-Fried Sweet Potato Noodles)

Country of Origin: Republic of Korea

This food is Korean style vermicelli. It's one of the most popular dishes of Korea and usually is essential food for every holiday season and special occasion. The popularity is not only due to its delicious taste but also its beautiful color.

This classic Korean noodle dish combines translucent sweet potato noodles with lots of stir-fried vegetables and sweet-savory sauce. We serve Japchae as a main dish. However, Korean people often serve this food as a side dish. I usually make it on special occasions because it takes many steps and a long time. My family and me generally enjoy a bowl of rice topped with Japchae.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the rest of this recipe on the Literacy Link Blog.