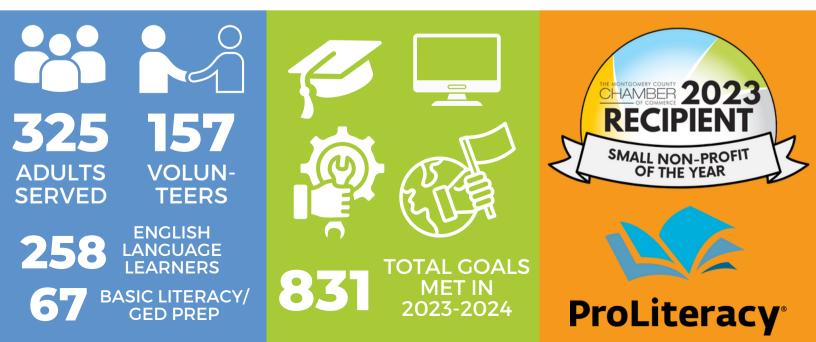




Literacy NRV

# 2023-24 IMPACT REPORT

Celebrating the Life-Changing Impact of Literacy in the New River Valley



VOLUNTEER IMPACT 5,958 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS IN 2023-24 \$199,533

#### VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME

"You end up learning so much about the students, building relationships with them, and seeing them succeed. It's an amazing experience and it's been so much fun!" - Julia M., tutor

# Empowering Lives, One Learner at a Time

Dear Friends of Literacy,

Literacy NRV continues to experience what can best be described as "growing GAINS," rather than growing pains.

As we reflect on this past year, I am overcome with gratitude for our Literacy NRV community. With an exciting branding update and our 45 year legacy to build upon, we are looking forward to a future of growth, advocacy, responsiveness, and opportunities to share the transformative impact of our work.

I'm so proud of our work at Literacy NRV to maximize the potential of adults in our community. Our students come to us with many different goals and we continue to walk beside them through their unique learning journeys. Each of the learners we serve has the dreams and the motivation to succeed; our volunteers and staff help build their skills to make those dreams come true.

This foundational work can't happen without you. As donors, volunteers, partner agencies, and stakeholders, you are at the heart of what we do every day: developing and sharing training and resources that transform the lives of local adults and their families. Together, we are building a community where everyone has the chance to thrive and fully participate in the world they live in.

Whether you engage with us through our email newsletter, our social media posts, or a gift in honor of someone important to you, <u>your</u> support makes the work of LNRV possible.

We are truly grateful!

Ginny Ayers

Virginia Ayers, Executive Director

"Now I say: Yes! I do speak English! It's important for my business, my family, and helps me to participate in community events." - Laura A., learner





# Literacy NRV Programs

Literacy NRV provides free instruction to adults who seek opportunities to achieve greater independence through improved literacy.

We offer 1-to-1 tutoring and classes for:

- Reading, writing, and math
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- GED and U.S. Citizenship test preparation
- Digital literacy

Our programs rely on volunteer power to make a difference in the lives of adults learners in the New River Valley. Tutor training workshops are offered throughout the year, both in-person and online. For more information on volunteering, please visit www.literacynrv.org/volunteers

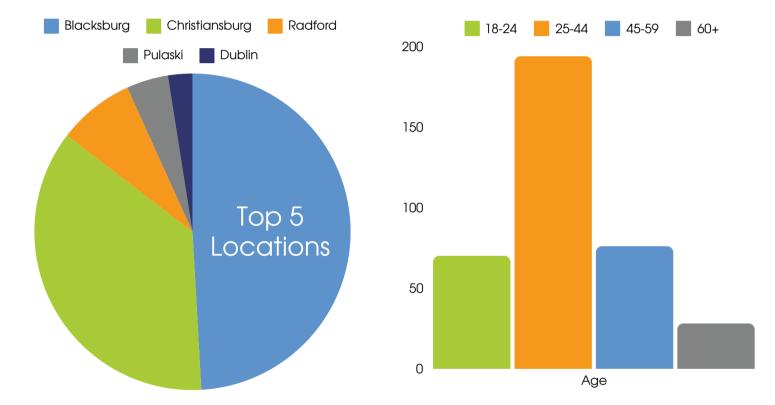
#### Family READS

Our signature family literacy program is provided in partnership with libraries and other organizations to give parents the skills they need to help children succeed in school.

#### **English for Life**

We've grown our English language learning classes over the past two years to better serve the growing need in our community. Classes are held throughout the NRV at various times and for all levels; several now include childcare for wraparound services. "I have gained more confidence speaking with friends and co-workers!" Sophie X., learner



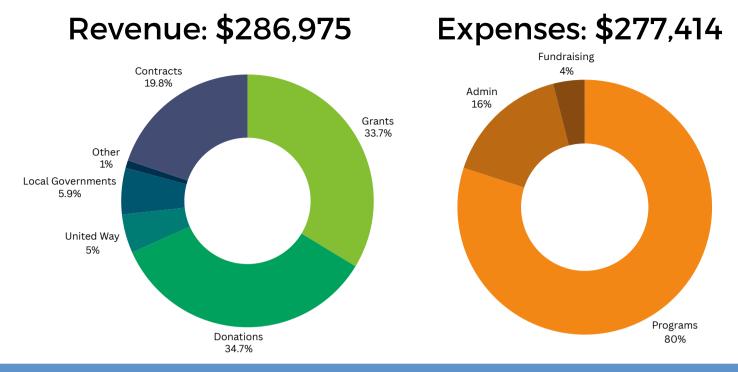




### Learner Goals Achieved

- 146 improved literacy skills for work
- 321 increased English language skills
- 241 increased reading skills
- 79 improved language skills for communicating with doctors & teachers
- 31 increased involvement in their child's education by helping with homework

# **Finances Snapshot**



### Thank You to Our 2023-24 Grantors



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"I am so grateful to work with the students, volunteers and staff of LNRV. My life has been immeasurably enriched by meeting and getting to know these amazing people in the LNRV family. The determination and drive of the students, the kindness and encouragement of the volunteers, the dedication and thoughtfulness of the staff....it's an uplifting and beautiful thing to witness." - Anne A., Program Coordinator

Read all our staff highlights on our blog at literacynrv.org



### The LNRV Team

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**Tess Larsen** Program Intern

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