



IMPACT REPORT

July 2021 through June 2022

Changing Lives
through Literacy



Literacy Volunteers *of the* New River Valley

From the Executive Director



Dear Friends of Literacy,

When I joined Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley in January, I shared with the staff and board of directors that I was ready to embrace a new phase of my career that would be a true passion project and an opportunity to participate in the life-changing work of LVNRV. I couldn't have predicted how life-changing the work would be for ME. This has been a year of meeting incredible students and volunteers, understanding the tremendous need for literacy education in our community, and witnessing the inspiring support of our donors. I've had the privilege to work alongside a dedicated and creative group of employees and volunteers as we work together to make the hopes and dreams of our LVNRV community come true. I am honored and humbled to lead alongside this team and am energized and excited about our bright future.

Like organizations across the country and around the world, we have not been immune from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to address the learning interruptions faced by our students and the many obstacles faced by our staff, tutors, and partners. Our resilience has carried us all forward as we continue to develop and provide diverse learning opportunities, including in person, hybrid, and virtual platforms to engage with our students and community. We are grateful for our dedicated volunteers, donors, and funding partners who ensure that our work continues to grow.

As we reflect on the past year and celebrate our successes, we are reminded that they are made possible by the hard work of students and volunteers and the generosity of the LVNRV community. With your support, we achieved a 37% increase in total adults served throughout the New River Valley last year. Together, we are making a difference in the lives our neighbors by providing the skills they need for success.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and commitment to LVNRV's work. We are deeply grateful!

In gratitude,

Virginia Ayers, Executive Director

Learner Centered. Volunteer Driven.

The mission of Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley is to foster, support, advocate for, and instruct adults in the New River Valley who seek opportunities to achieve greater independence through literacy.

We are a community-based literacy program that provides free one-to-one or small group tutoring at a location and time that is convenient to both the learner and the tutor. We are a United Way Partner Agency and an affiliate member of ProLiteracy.



Skill Up NRV provides basic education services to adults who need literacy, language, and digital skills to increase employability, secure a new job, or retain employment to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Programs include GED preparation, financial and digital, and workforce readiness. Partnerships with Virginia Tech Student Affairs, Radford Library, Red Sun Farms, Montgomery County Drug Court, and other service organizations expanded our impact in 2021-22.

Family Literacy programs are provided in partnership with local public libraries to give parents the skills they need to read with their children and help them to be successful in school. A parent's reading skill is the greatest determinant of her child's academic success. Investing in education for parents doubles our impact, elevating literacy skills of adults and children at the same time.



Need for **English for Speakers of Other Languages and Citizenship Preparation** has grown in our area. By providing English conversation groups and classes, tutoring for the U.S. Citizenship exam, and one-on-one instruction, we provide the key to self-sufficiency and independence for immigrants and their families, resulting in a stronger, more vital community.

When individuals learn how to **read, write, do basic math, and use computers**, they have the power to lift themselves up, lower health care expenses, find and keep sustainable employment, and ultimately change their lives. Our adult learners work on goals such as studying for their driver's license, **preparing for their GED**, and so much more. They're changing their lives through literacy!



2021-22 HIGHLIGHTS



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ADULTS
SERVED

We served 197 English language learners and 46 basic literacy students during the year of 2021-22. Of these students, 102 were male and 141 were female; they resided in the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski, as well as the city of Radford. The largest age group was 25-44.



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FAMILY GOALS
ACHIEVED

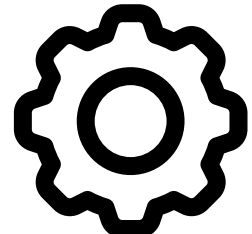
(ex. helped child with school work, communicated during parent-teacher conference)



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COMMUNITY GOALS
ACHIEVED

(ex. used public library, voted, communicated with doctor, passed driver's license exam)



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WORK GOALS
ACHIEVED

(ex. secured a new or better job, passed the GED, increased computer skills)



137 VOLUNTEERS
6,171 HOURS

ESTIMATED VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

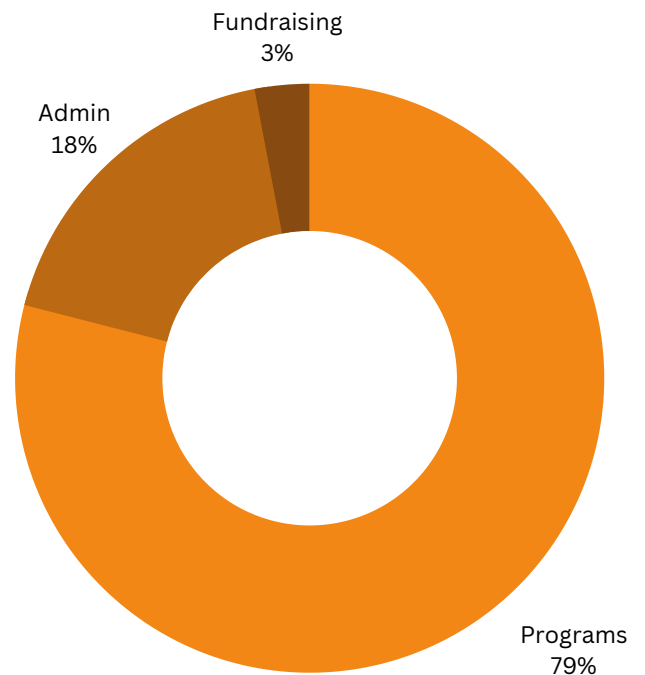
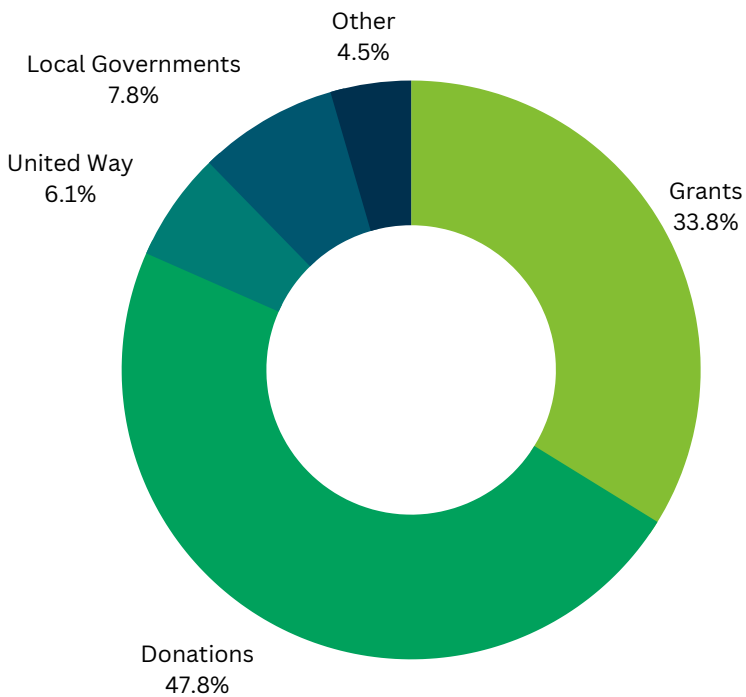
\$184,821

Volunteers are the lifeblood of LVNRV, generously sharing their time, energy, and expertise with their neighbors in the New River Valley to help them reach their goals. We are so grateful for their dedication, leadership, and support, lighting the way to improved literacy. Thank you to our tutors, board members, interns, office and event support volunteers for all you do to make a difference!

Finances Snapshot

Revenue: \$192,800

Expenses: \$143,474



Thank You to Our 2021-22 Grantors



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Governments of Montgomery, Floyd, Giles, and Pulaski counties;
Towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Floyd; City of Radford

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FOR MAKING
DREAMS
COME TRUE!**



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Your support makes our life-changing work possible.

The LVNRRV community is incredibly grateful for the generous support of all of our donors through your annual gifts, event sponsorships and participation, GiveLocalNRV, Giving Tuesday, and in-kind donations of critical resources. We receive no federal or state funding and rely on your support to deliver adult literacy education to our neighbors in need throughout the New River Valley.



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