

2023-2024 Annual Report



Literacy Changes Everything



ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Hello!

I'm Macie Neitzel, Operations Manager with Clearwater Assisted Living and now Board President for Literacy Chippewa Valley. I joined the LCV board about 3 years ago and I am very excited to take on my new role as Board President for 2023-2024. I joined LCV looking for an opportunity to develop and implement new strategies for LCV to effectively reach those that need our services the most.

I look forward to providing continued input into LCV strategies with effort from our board, community support, volunteers, staff and donors to continue offering literacy support and services to those in need. The past year at Literacy Chippewa Valley, we have adapted once again to tailor our fundraising events to our community. We held our Annual Scrabblebee event along with trying something new. Literacy Chippewa Valley held A Toast to Literacy, an event with the purpose of bringing together literacy fans to engage in a storytelling event with a local artist BJ Hollars and promoting the programs that we provide.



Macie Neitzel

This year we served 531 adults in Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties. This was up 20% from the previous year! Our students are comprised of 67% of individuals born in the United States and 33% of individuals from different countries. We look forward to increased growth in 2023-2024 year serving more students within our programs and expanding our support network to more individuals and businesses.

Macie A. Neitzel, M.S.

Our Board of Directors

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Our Mission

Provide free education services for adults to help them reach their academic, employment, and life goals.

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Our Literacy Partners

Literacy Chippewa Valley is grateful to the following partners who help us accomplish our mission in many ways.

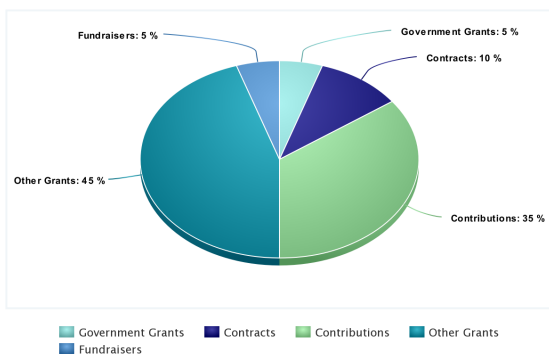
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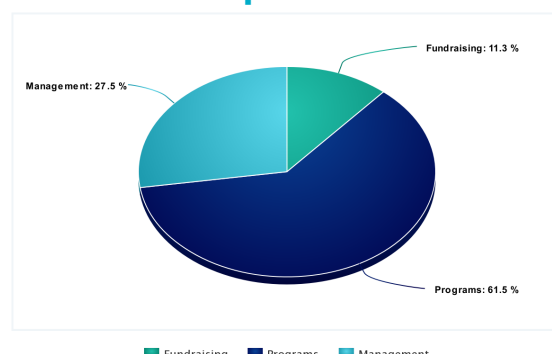
Literacy Chippewa Valley is supported by donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and community groups. This past year we again held ScrabbleBee, our main fundraising event, which helps to support programs and operations: Although we utilize volunteers wherever possible, we still need a professional staff to train and support these volunteers as well as to teach classes.

We are ethical, transparent and accountable in our financial matters. At the end of each fiscal year, LCV invites an independent auditor to review our financial reporting. This year CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP conducted our review. The results of the audit are presented at our November Board meeting. Our financial statements are available at the Wilson Building office for review by the public.

Revenue



Expenses



OUR STUDENTS



Annalese, 1-1 Pair Student

Our Students

During the 2022-2023 year we served 476 adults in Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties. Our students came from 20



2023 Laptop Giveaway for Students



Alex, 1-1 Pair Student

OUR PROGRAMS

One-to-One Tutoring

One-to-One programming provides weekly tutoring services specific to the interests and abilities of learners based on individual learning goals. The One-to-One program benefits from the skillful dedication of 19 volunteer tutors in Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties with a total of 655 hours of student contact. Each learner is assessed and matched with a volunteer tutor. Matched pairs work on job skills training, health literacy, English language skills for a variety of contexts, and preparation for further education at a pace that is appropriate to each learner.

Corrections

In Chippewa County Jail, during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year, 103 students participated in the educational and vocational literacy programs. In Dunn County, there were 108 students who participated in Adult Basic Education and vocational literacy classes in the corrections program. In Eau Claire County Jail, during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year, 142 students participated in the educational and vocational literacy programs. Students earned over 600 certificates in the corrections program this year with 7 individuals completing their GED/HSED.

Parents Sharing Books

Literacy Chippewa Valley again provided the Parents Sharing Books program in the three jails in Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties. We had 32 adults participate in 2022 and send out a total of 69 books to children. The ability of the parents to give this gift to their children during the holidays would not be possible without the help of our volunteers, and book donations from the Chippewa Falls High School Honor Society, and the La Crosse Diocese of Catholic Women.

Family Literacy

Family Literacy had 51 total students this year, along with 8 children with 650 hours of in-house childcare. Our students racked up over 3000 hours of class time and represented China, Japan, Mexico, Ukraine, Honduras, El Salvador and Afghanistan.

Literacy Chippewa Valley assisted the Welcoming New Neighbors organization with their resettlement efforts for the first group of Afghan refugees that were relocated to Eau Claire. We are grateful that they allowed us this opportunity, and even more so to have gotten a chance to meet with and assist our new neighbors from Afghanistan. We worked with them on English education, driver's license education and pretesting as well as job searching.

SCRABBLEBEE

Literacy Chippewa Valley would like to

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2022 Buzz on ScrabbleBee

We had an incredibly tight finish at the top of the standings this year, separated by only 55 points. First place goes to the team from Historic Maps, followed ever-so-closely by Mayo Health Systems, with perennial contenders Volume One rounding out the top three. A huge thank you to everyone who played this year, and a big ol' congratulations to our winners!

This year's event brought in nearly \$20,000 for adult literacy education in the Chippewa Valley. How is that possible? Because of our enthusiastic players, our incredible staff and volunteers, and of course OUR AMAZING SPONSORS!

Hare Division

Winner: Historic Maps

Tortoise Division

Winner: Calvin's Cadre

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Winner: Calvin's Cadre (Kathy Schneider—team captain)



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A Toast to Literacy with B.J. Hollars

LCV hosted a new event this spring, "A Toast to Literacy with local professor and author, B.J. Hollars. B.J. spoke about his literary journey, the importance of literacy and reading, and also shared a touching interview he had with one of our current students and his wife. We saw some new faces, some old friends, and were introduced to some potential new volunteers and board members.



It was a great success, and we want to thank all of our supporters, staff and board members, the River Prairie Center, and of course B.J. Hollars for raising a glass for A Toast To Literacy!

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