

Success Stories . . .

The Literacy Council



Mattie

Mattie came to The Literacy Council with the hope of learning to read the Bible. She is very involved in her church, but reading the Bible was a challenge for her. Mattie and her tutor have worked hard and she is thrilled to be able to go to church and read the Bible lessons.

Mattie spends a great deal of time reading on her own. She knows to use a dictionary when she comes across a word she doesn't know. Her tutor is very proud of her hard work and determination. Mattie never misses a tutoring session!

Mattie is very thankful to The Literacy Council and her tutor. It has made such a difference in her life that she now passes on what she has learned. Mattie tutors second grade students at a local elementary school. Mattie hopes to instill the importance of reading at an early age to these young children.

Doreen

Doreen is an English as a Second Language student who came to The Literacy Council in June of 2007. She was paired with a tutor in October. In the short time she has met with her tutor, Doreen has improved a whole performance level on the English skills test.

An important part of the ESL curriculum is working on life skills. One of Doreen's goals was to open a checking account. She and her tutor worked on check writing and balancing a checkbook. In January, Doreen opened a checking account with direct deposit! This is a huge step towards independence for an adult learner.

Carlos

Carlos attends one of our English as a Second Language classes. One day he mentioned that he was having trouble at work. As he and the teacher discussed the situation, the teacher clarified some terminology that he didn't understand. The following week he said, "Those three words have changed my life!" In fact, his boss noticed the difference. Now the company is looking at how they can be more sensitive to the language gaps between the workers and the bosses.



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