



The Literacy Alliance

Media Release Roundup

What's new at The Literacy Alliance

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Since 1988, The Literacy Alliance has worked to end illiteracy by teaching adults through learning centers, literacy programs, and tutoring services that empower individuals to succeed at work, at home, and in the community.

Read to Me Benefits from Local Organizations: Three local organizations have donated to The Literacy Alliance Read to Me programs. The M.E. Raker Foundation and Allen County Christmas Bureau contributed \$5,000 and \$750 respectively to support programs that encourage parents to share books with their children every day. The Journal Gazette Foundation gave \$1,000 to The Literacy Alliance's Habitat for Humanity project which provides a small library for new Habitat families, promoting reading in the home.

Number of GED Graduates Still Strong: In 2007, 71 Literacy Alliance students passed the GED exam. That's a little under the record of 75 graduates in 2006 and beats the previous record of 65 the year before. Overall, more than 400 Allen County residents passed the GED exam in 2007.

GED Reception and Graduation: On Wednesday, February 13, The Literacy Alliance and Anthis Adult Continuing Education will have the *Celebrating Literacy* Commencement Event at the Scottish Rite Center. It all begins at 5:30 p.m. with a reception downstairs in the Valencia Ballroom. Light refreshments will be served as Literacy Alliance staff, board, and volunteers along with event sponsors congratulate the graduates and their families. At 6:30 p.m., all will adjourn upstairs to the Scottish Rite Auditorium for the graduation ceremony.

TLA Participates in Tapestry: For the first time, The Literacy Alliance is participating in Tapestry: A Day for Women this year. It's 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on April 25 at the Memorial Coliseum. The event features trade show, boutique, workshops, and keynote speaker Marie Osmond. The Literacy Alliance will provide volunteers and have a booth at the event.

Hall's Celebrates with 10% Anniversary Special: To celebrate three years of sharing through its Community Partnership program, Don Hall's Restaurants is having an anniversary special. Every Tuesday through February, Hall's will give a 10% rebate on dining and lodging services. That's 5% more on Tuesdays donated to The Literacy Alliance when participants present the Hall's Community Partnership card when they pay their bill.