



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.

TLA Receives Grants: The Florence M. and Paul M. Staehle Foundation and Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters have donated to The Literacy Alliance. The agency received \$5,000 from The Staehle Foundation and \$2,000 The Victory Missionary Sisters. The contributions will support volunteer efforts that work with the Burmese population in Allen County.

Strong Board Governs TLA: An active, 17-member board keeps The Literacy Alliance going. Monthly board meetings and regular committee meetings focus on the agency's finances, programs, fund development, and other matters of governance. Board members include President Douglas Stephens from Tower Bank, Vice President Karen Francisco from The Journal Gazette, Treasurer William Herx retired from Lincoln Financial Group, Secretary Mary McDonald retired from Lincoln Financial Group, Judy Gillman from Verizon, Mike Jensen from Target, Vicki Lee Johnson from PHP, Kristina Johnson-Funk from Leadership Fort Wayne, Barry Kanpol from IPFW, Mike Landram from The Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Mary Musson from Ivy Tech, Dr. Bonnie Rogers from FWCS Adult and Continuing Education, Casey Scheurich from Dulin, Ward, & DeWald, Community Volunteer Jacquelyn Scott, Joe Shade, Jr. from A.S.K. Shade, Sharon Wible from Hylant Group, and Beth Wolf from Med Partners/Lutheran Health Network.

Report Card Night Is Sellout: Again this year, a sellout crowd enjoyed the Komets Report Card Night on February 8. The game against Port Huron's Icehawks began with a \$7,500 check presentation to TLA from Comcast. Report Card Night rewards students for making good grades. Those with an "A" or "A Equivalent" were admitted to the game for free. Comcast's donation was based on the number of "A" students attending.

TLA Awards Scholarship at GED Reception: Robin Salyers is this year's recipient of The Literacy Alliance Scholarship. The Anchor Learning Center student is a stay-at-home dad majoring in education at Ivy Tech. Awarded at the February 13 GED Reception, the \$1,000 scholarship goes to Literacy Alliance GED graduates who score well on the GED exam and have enrolled in college or other post-secondary career training.

