



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.

Who's New: The Literacy Alliance welcomes new volunteers. Donna Beaman, Adrian Bisson, Deborah Carr, Ray Gilbert, Virginia Gillenwater, Heather Graham, Karen Reinoehl, and Yercenia Tostada join about 100 active volunteers who tutor adult students in learning centers and one-on-one. They participated in the agency's January tutor training. The next training workshop will be 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on April 19 and 26 at the Main Branch of the Allen County Public Library.

TLA Partners with Tapestry: A Day For Women: Mark your calendars for Tapestry: A Day for Women on April 25 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum. The Literacy Alliance will participate with a display in the exhibit hall. Literacy Alliance board members have volunteered to help with the event as well. The event includes shopping in the trade show and daylong spa plus workshops and speakers Marie Osmond and Zonya Foco. The event raises scholarship money for women going to college in the health field.

Meet the Graduate: Fort Wayne native Deon Stanford wanted to finish school a long time ago. Her dedication to home and family made finishing very difficult, and as she got older, she grew worried about being able to go back to school.

Her friend Joyce Reese persuaded her to enroll at The Literacy Alliance's Fellowship Learning Center beginning in June 2005. She received assurances from tutor Dave Worley who'd tap his temple and say, "You got it up here," and from her son who pointed out how she always kept the house in order. She got additional motivation from her granddaughter who was doing algebra and geometry in school. They became homework partners.

Since passing the GED exam in October 2007, Deon's applied at Indiana Tech and is undecided about what to study. All she knows is the door's open to higher learning. "I have faith in *me* now."

