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A Monthly Newsletter from The Literacy Alliance



Delia and Teacher Amy

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Student Spotlight: Jennifer



"Thanks to The Literacy Alliance, I am looking forward to my future with excitement and optimism."

[Visit our blog](#) to read more about Jennifer's journey to her high school equivalency (HSE/GED) diploma.

Thank You, Homestead!



Lainey Morris and her step father delivered all the supplies!

The Literacy Alliance was contacted by Homestead High School sophomores Yevva Ireland and Azalea Bennett-Orsini to be the beneficiaries of their school's Eliminate Illiteracy supply drive. This is the second year that Homestead has asked TLA to be the beneficiary of their event.

In December, the Spartan's Eliminate Illiteracy drive focused on acquiring classroom and office supplies. They collected roughly \$1,200 worth of supplies, including the following:

Plastic Cups	Wipes	Disposable Coffee Cups
Paper Towels	Stamps	Kroger Gift Cards (\$5)
Paper Plates	K-Cup Pods	Trash Bags (30 gal)
Manilla Folders	Mints	Markers
Erasers	Binders	Plastic Folders
Spoons	Binder Clips	Highlighters
Tissues (Boxes)	Whiteboard Spray	Candy
Napkins	Paper Clips	

A big thank you to the Homestead Spartans for supporting The Literacy Alliance.

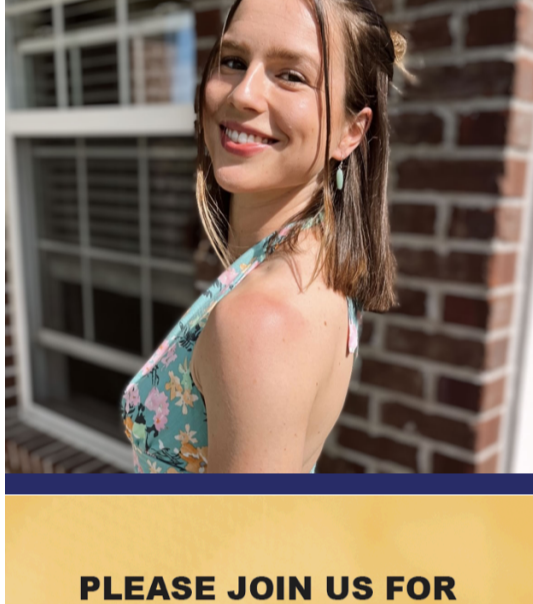
If you are interested in our classroom needs list, here is a link to our [Amazon WishList](#).

Staff Promotion

Laura Weldon, development coordinator, has been promoted to associate director of development.

Laura has been with The Literacy Alliance since September 2021. She earned a certificate in fund-raising management from the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University in 2022.

Melinda Haines, chief executive officer said, "We're thrilled to see our team evolve and flourish alongside the increasing demand for our services. Laura's elevation to the role of associate director of development truly celebrates her exceptional dedication to The Literacy Alliance's mission of empowering individuals and fostering community growth through education."



Volunteer Spotlight: Alexa

"My favorite part is seeing students get genuinely excited when a new concept finally clicks. Seeing them light up with a smile when..." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Alexa and her experience as a TLA volunteer.

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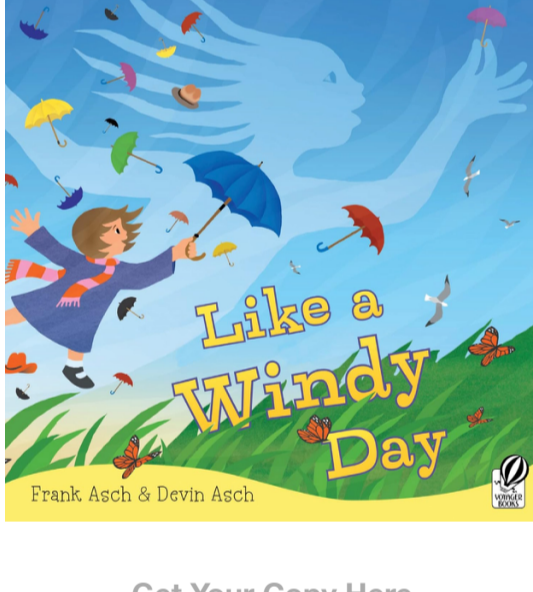
Navigating Tax-Advantaged Giving

When: April 11, 2024
9:30 am - 11:00 am

Where: Tall Rabbit Cafe
2001 Calhoun St
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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Please RSVP to Laura at (260) 265-1940 or laura@literacyalliance.org by April 1, 2024.



Project Reads Book of the Month

Like a Windy Day
by Frank Asch and Devin Asch (Author/Illustrator)
32 Pages | Grade Level K-3

The wind is powerful and stormy, mischievous, and unpredictable. In this magical story, a young girl goes soaring, tumbling, and twirling on her own exciting windy-day adventure.

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2023-24 Annual Report

Explore the transformative impact of The Literacy Alliance's initiatives in our 2023-24 Annual Report, showcasing our commitment to empowering communities through literacy.

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The Literacy Alliance
2022-2023 Annual Report



Our mission is to empower people and strengthen community through education.

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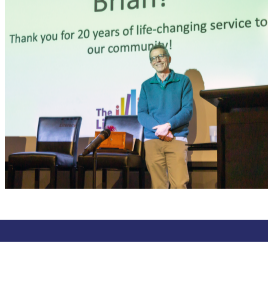
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[Click here to see the entire TLA team.](#)

Schlichtenmyer Scholarship Fund

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The Schlichtenmyer Scholarship Fund, provides funding for our students who need additional resources that will make it possible for them to attend Ivy Tech as they seek to earn a certification or degree. Students who receive the scholarship are eligible for a stipend that helps them overcome financial barriers related to tuition, books or living expenses.

Chief operating officer Brian Schlichtenmyer retired in 2023 after more than 20 years of service to The Literacy Alliance.



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The TLA [Amazon Wish List](#) is updated often with current needs.

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