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The Literacy Alliance Receives \$35,235 Grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne

Award arrives as the City of Fort Wayne proclaims Adult Education and Family Literacy Week September 14-19, 2026

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (September 11, 2026) — The Literacy Alliance (TLA) has been awarded \$35,235 in general operating support from the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne through its Lifelong Learning pillar.

“This award reflects the work our team does every day: helping children strengthen foundational reading skills, helping adults improve literacy and English proficiency, preparing learners to earn high school equivalency credentials, connecting education to employment, and removing barriers through Allen County's only public GED testing center,” said Remound Wright, TLA's Interim CEO. “It is a meaningful sign of confidence in TLA's direction and impact, and it reflects the Foundation's confidence in our role in expanding educational access, strengthening the workforce, and improving economic mobility in our community.”

TLA's grant application to the Foundation highlighted a year of strong outcomes: 94% of participating third grade students passed IREAD-3; 73% of Project Graduate participants achieved measurable skill gains; 57 learners earned high school equivalency diplomas; and TLA's testing center administered more than 330 GED test sections with a pass rate above 80%.

General operating support is especially valuable because it sustains the people and infrastructure behind that work, from instruction and student support to data collection, outreach, and administration.

The announcement comes the same week Fort Wayne Mayor Sharon L. Tucker proclaimed September 14 to 19, 2026, as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in the city, recognizing adult learners and the educators, volunteers, employers, and community partners who support them. The mayor's proclamation cites Indiana data showing an average \$5,000 wage gain for adult education participants and an estimated \$8,900 gain for adults who earn a high school equivalency diploma.

“Together, this grant and the Mayor's proclamation are a strong reminder of what's possible when a community invests in adult learners,” Wright added. “We're grateful to the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, and to everyone on our team who makes these outcomes real for learners, families, and employers across our community.”

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The **Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne** does three things: help people make their charitable giving more impactful, connect resources to nonprofits through grantmaking and education, and provide leadership to address community needs. The organization connects people and resources daily to build a more vibrant community. As of December 31, 2024, the Community Foundation held charitable assets of approximately \$247 Million and awarded more than \$11 million in charitable grants and scholarships throughout the same year. Since its formation in 1922, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$195 million in charitable grants. For more information, visit the Community Foundation's website.

Since 1972, **The Literacy Alliance** has lived by a simple truth: literacy changes lives. Through free programs like Project Graduate (high school equivalency), Project Connect (English language learning), and Project Reads (youth tutoring), we empower learners of all ages to build brighter futures. Our work also strengthens northeast Indiana's workforce by helping adults gain the skills, confidence, and credentials they need to thrive in today's economy.