




ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Greater New Haven | Meriden / Wallingford | The Valley



Dear Partners in Literacy:

Literacy Volunteers (LV) continues to transform lives through the power of literacy. The hard work of our powerful team, including staff, Board, tutors, and partners, resulted in several highlights and accomplishments during 2021-2022. To name a few: Our tutor enrollment, the backbone of our program, resumed an upward trend, student enrollment remained constant, and new strategies and policies were implemented that positively impacted our program.

LV continued to carry out its mission to assist adults in their effort to learn English and to strengthen their reading, math, and writing skills. With the pandemic waning, we were able to bring back our traditional approach of in-person tutoring, with 60% of students now working with their tutors in this way.



We put much emphasis on three significant areas, Outreach, Access, and Equity. LV utilized Outreach Coordinators to connect with more community organizations as well as new and returning students and tutors with a full-time Valley Literacy Coordinator engaging over 100 community organizations. LV invested in resources for staff, tutors, and students to access our services, including new technology, software, and curriculum workbooks for students and tutors. Our Equity Task Force continued to be active, working with the Michigan Nonprofit Association to implement a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion assessment for Board members, staff, and tutors.

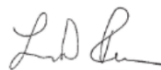


LV's visibility was enhanced significantly because of an increased utilization of social media, marked by the launching a new website under the leadership of a strong marketing team. Our linkages with existing and new partners have grown, enhancing collaborative efforts with such organizations as Workforce Alliance, The WorkPlace, Meriden Public Schools, Gateway Community College, along with local Chambers and neighborhood groups. Our Meriden and Wallingford office moved to the United Way of Meriden/Wallingford facility and is now a support agency for the United Way's new impact focused initiative – "United We Power our Workforce."

LV strengthened its staff structure by adding an Office Manager, a Program Director, including a new full-time Literacy Program Coordinator for the Meriden/Wallingford site.

LV would like to recognize a very special former LV tutor, Linda De Laurentis, who passed away in 2020. Linda worked with LV for approximately 8 years, bringing her passion for education to the many students she tutored. On behalf of the Board, staff, tutors, and students, we express our sincere gratitude to Linda for bringing the gift of literacy to future students. Her wonderful bequest has enabled LV to continue to carry out its vision in which the power of literacy enables all adults to thrive in their communities.

Sincerely,



Louis D. Perno, MSW
Executive Director



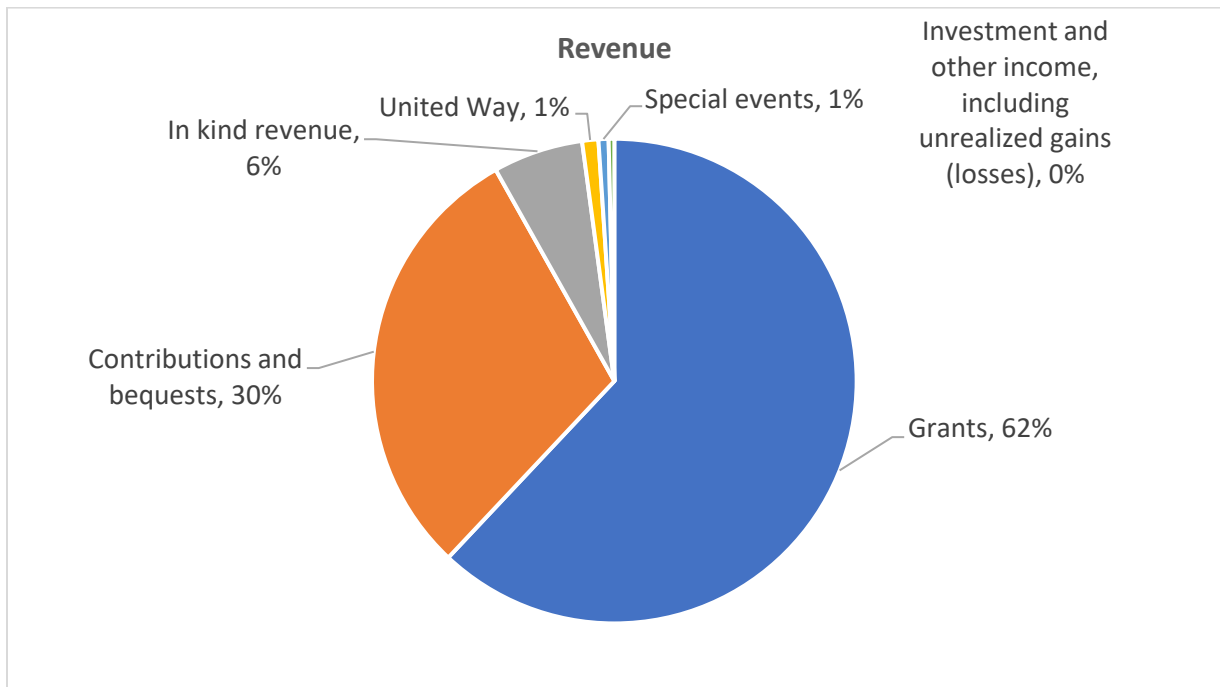
Betty Brumberg
Board President

FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

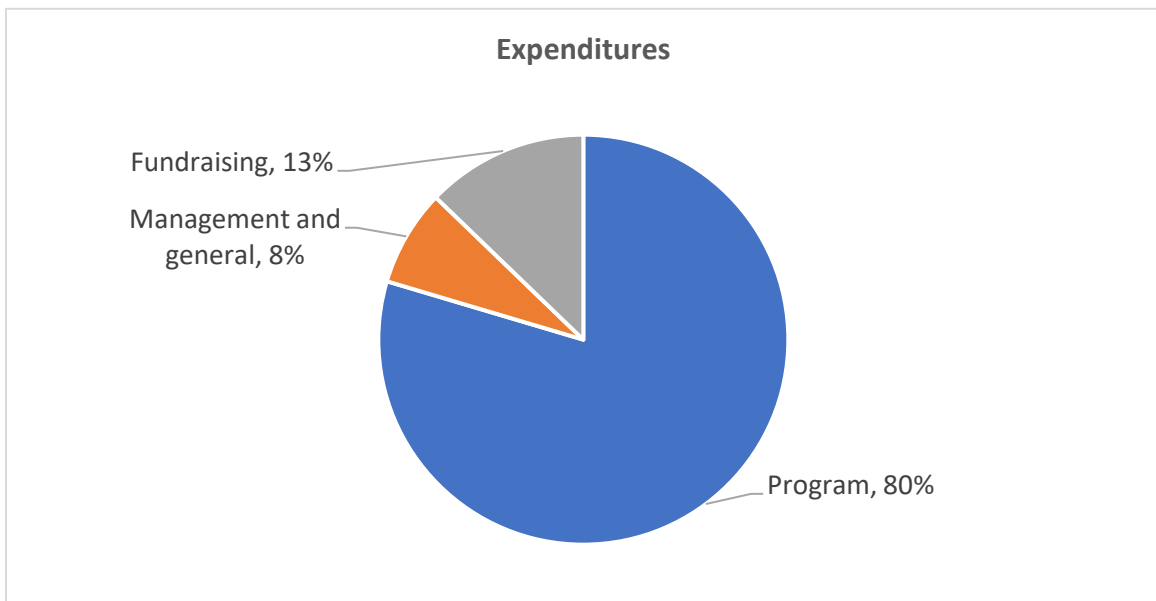
Support & Revenue	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Grants	\$ 516,075	382,070
Contributions and bequests	248,368	41,156
In kind revenue	50,000	50,000
United Way	9,000	9,000
Special events	5,601	5,796
Investment and other income, including unrealized gains (losses)	(3,137)	874
	<u>825,907</u>	<u>488,896</u>



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Expenditures:		
Program	410,359	360,451
Management and general	39,239	73,159
Fundraising	65,944	45,279
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total expenditures	515,542	478,889
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Change in net assets	310,365	10,007
Net assets without restrictions- beginning of year	36,769	26,762
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net assets without restrictions- end of year	347,134	36,769
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>





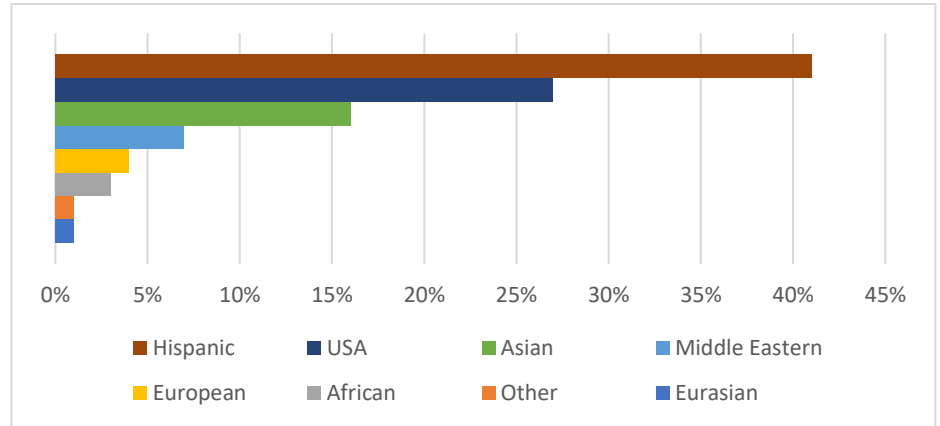
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITIONS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

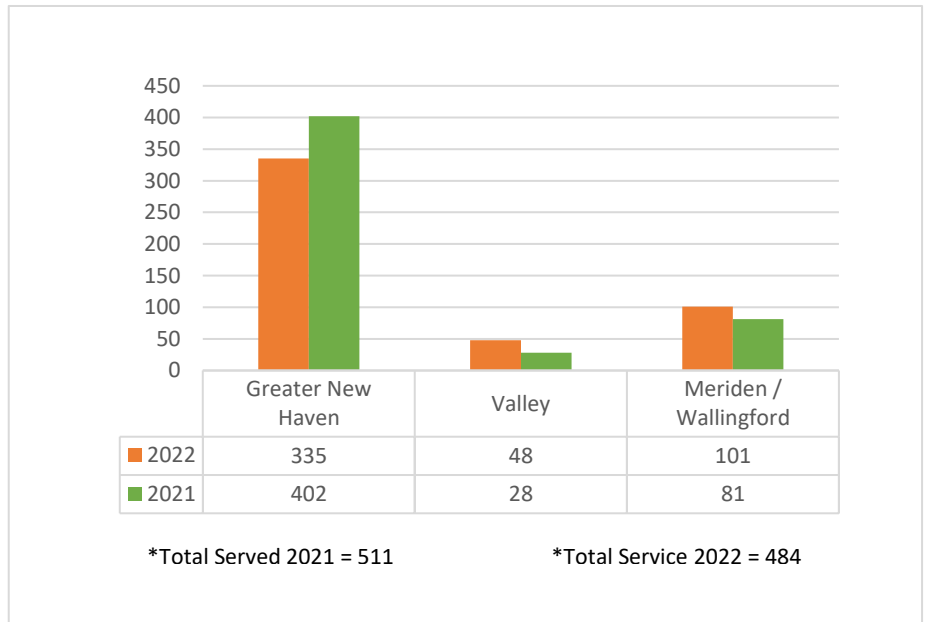
<i>Assets</i>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash and equivalents	\$ 276,894	51,938
Investments	29,016	15,227
Accounts and grants receivable	80,559	57,165
Other current assets	1,000	1,000
Total current assets	<u>387,469</u>	<u>125,330</u>
Property and equipment:		
Office equipment and leasehold improvements	7,704	7,704
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	7,704	7,704
Net property and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 387,469</u>	<u>125,330</u>
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>		
Note payable to bank	\$ -	58,170
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	20,335	391
Deferred income	20,000	30,000
Total liabilities	40,335	88,561
Net assets without restrictions	347,134	36,769
	<u>\$387,469</u>	<u>125,330</u>

OUR STUDENTS

COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



TOTAL SERVED





OUR PEOPLE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Betty Brumberg
President

Nallely Acosta
Board Member

Holly K. Ludemann
Board Member

Dwayne W. Paul
Vice President

C. Vanessa Clarke
Board Member

Bonnie Morehead
Board Member

Barbara Hedberg
Secretary

Keith French
Board Member

Kirk Morrison
Board Member

Shantel J. Garcia
Treasurer

IfeMichelle Gardin
Board Member

Kai S. Perry
Board Member

STAFF

Louis D. Perno
Executive Director

Kathleen McKenna
ESOL Program Manager, Greater New Haven

Denise Calabrese
Literacy Program Coordinator, Meriden/Wallingford

Symone O'Hara
Office Manager

Louise deCarrone
Special Events Coordinator

Carlos A. Coriano
Marketing & Communications Consultant

Sarah Elanaya
Basic Literacy Program Coordinator, New Haven

Andrew Gilkes
IT Consultant

Corinne Fucci
Valley Regional Literacy Coordinator

Rachel Heerema
Development Consultant

Erica Hoffman
Program Director

Marcia L. Turner
Bookkeeper Consultant



TUTORS & VOLUNTEERS

MERIDEN-WALLINGFORD TUTORS & VOLUNTEERS

AJ Jirian	Ishani Patel	Kelly Grimshaw	Paul Scollan	Stephanie Owens
Bud Sielaff	Joseph Marrone	Kerry Sheldon	Patty Koniuta	Upadhyay
David Longworth	Karen Arata	Leslie Mahler	Rodrigo Orozco-Silva	Sue Burchsted
Donna Maronde	Keith French	Louise Nelson		
Fran Jakubiak	Keith Rancourt	Paul D'Andrea		

NEW HAVEN TUTORS & VOLUNTEERS

Alexandra Edmundson	Cynthia Ostroff	Geoffrey Johnson	Lara Minotti	Peter Schwartz
Alizzandra Danker	Daniela Wolin	IfeMichelle Gardin	Leo Cristofar	Randall States
Amy Crowell	Darice Gall	Irwin Nash	Leslie Arthur	Ramoya James
Andrew McLaren	Debbie Siegel	Jan Clarke	Lynn Comer	Robert Glen
Barbara Levine	Desh Sharma	Jana Harris	Margaliet Ligtenstein	Rosemary Benivegna
Beth Lofquist	Don Desmond	Janie Holmes	Marrisa Latsavanh	Ruth Bryan
Bill Murray	Don Iddings	Jean Blue	Melinda Charles	Sophie Tworkowski
Bonnie Morehead	Doreen Novak	Jerry Delamater	Merle Hornstein	Stephanie Li
Brian Cookson	Doug Logan	Jill London	Michele Penn	Susan Hackett
Carlos Roberts	Douglas Dupuis	Joanne Sacchi	Miriam Mack	Susan Hathaway
Catherine Mliier	Edmond White	John Schwing	Miriam Putterman	Susan Holahan
Charlene Raube	Eleanor Weseloh	Joshua Greenberg	Nancy Brown	Swarupa Madhavan
Charlotte Luzzi	Elizabeth Sack	Joshua Schroder	Nancy Ferraro	Tammi Means
Christina McLaughlin	Emily Nguyen	Karen Reyes Benzi	Nayeli Rojas	Todd Stone
Colette Hughes	Enid Sherry	Katherine Bates	Neil Zack	Valerie Kilmartin
Cora Perrone	Frank Corrigan	Kay Twyman	Nina Ruckes	Vanessa C. Clarke
	Gene Kirsten	Kimberly Stewart	Paula Resch	Virginia Stevens

VALLEY TUTORS & VOLUNTEERS

Iqra Asil	Chavon Holman	Mary Alice O'Brien	Joyce Zaldo
Linda Brower	Margaret Moffitt	Amanda Richards	
Linda Gabor	Joyce Nesta	Alan Solomon	



FOUNDATIONS & DONORS

Alexa Tommasi
Alicia Dawson
Alida Cella
American Legion - John H. Collins Post 24
Amy Crowell
Amy MacLauchlan
Amy Myers
Andrea Collingwood
Andrea Nadel & Stephen Hildrich
Andrea Schieckel
Andrew McLaren
Angela Amendola
Angela Grasso
Angela Weston
Angelina Minnocci
Ann Coleen Hellerman
Annette Florio
Annie Hourwitz
Antoinette White
Arlicia Davis
Avery Gaddis
Ayse Coskun
Barbara & Michael Smith
Barbara Hedberg
Barbara Revaz
Beth Vumbaco
Blenda Williams
Bonnie Morehead
Branford Community Foundation
Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman, LLP
Carla Glass
Carlos A. Coriano
Carol Anastasio
Carol Clay-Wiske
Carol Withers
Caroline Jacobs
Catherine & Gary Cluen
Catherine McLean
Catherine Miller
Cathie Ciampanelli
Charlotte Luzzi
Christian Ahovissi
Christine Hayes
Christine Stark
Christopher Orput
Cindy Chelcun
City Missionary Association

City of Meriden
City of New Haven
Colleen Rodriguez
Concepts for Adaptive Learning
Constance Richards
Corinne Fucci
CT. State Dept. of Education
Cuno Foundation
Cynthia Badenhop
Cynthia Ostroff
Cynthia Telesca
Dana Camp
Dante Bartolomeo
Darice Gall
Daryle Dudzinski
David Desjardins
David Margolis
Deborah Elkin
Deborah Gainey
Debra Lefcheck
Denise Codianne Calabrese
Denise Liebig
Diana Sellers
Diane DellaMonica
Donald Desmond
Douglas Logan
Dwayne Paul
Echlin Foundation
Eder Family Foundation
Edward Broderick
Edward Storck
Eleanor Weseloh
Elizabeth A. McGovern
Erica Hoffman
Erica Meier
Erin Guerrera
Estate of Linda DeLaurentis
Eva Geertz
Frances Irvine
Frances LaFrance-Proscino
Furkeisha Henderson
Gateway Community College (In-Kind)
Gene Kirsten
GiveGreater.org
Greenberg, Rhein & Margolis, Inc.
Heidi Lane
ION Bank Foundation

Jackie Downing
Jacqueline McFarlane
James Albis
James Farnam
James Hine
James Napier Foundation
Jane Fisher
Jane Sutton
Jay & Betty Brumberg
Jean Blue
Jean Rienzo
Jeanne McFarland
Jenney Rivard
Jennifer Nevas
Jennifer Sheldon
Jennifer Ziegler
John Bolduc
Jonathan Lefcheck
Joseph DeCusati
Josephine Bautista
Joshua Elliott
Josiah Brown
Joyce Blandon
Joyce Ghiroli
Joyce Kennedy
Joyce Venema
Julie Reinshagen
Karen Bell
Karen Dahl
Karen DeCostanza
Karen Johnson MacGregor
Karen Reyes Benzi
Karima Robinson
Katharine Matthies Foundation
Katherine Hinds
Kathleen McKenna
Kirk Morrison
Kristi Doerr
Laura Larson
Laura Miracle
Laura Vasu
Leatrice Rick
Leslie Williams
Liberty Bank Foundation
Linda Burt
Linda Davis

FOUNDATIONS & DONORS

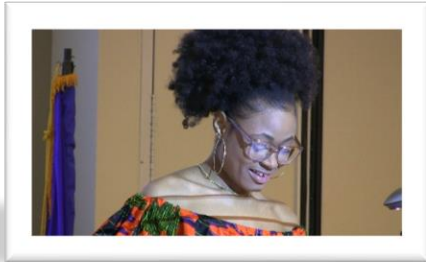
Linda Gabor
Linda Mooser
Linda Oechsle
Lisa Kaston
Lorraine Connelly
Louis Perno
Louise Nestor
Lucy Cochran
Luis Pagan
Marcia and Charles Turner
Margaret and Marc Mann
Margaret Kelly
Maria Duarte
Maria Harlow
Mark Abraham
Martha Brogan
Mary Heerema
Maryanne Ullmann
Meriden Foundation
Meriden Housing Authority
Mia Mendoza
Michelle Brennan
Miriam Putterman
Naiema Hussein
Nancy Fryer
Neil and Matilde Costello
New Haven Bank
New Haven Public Library (In-kind)
NewAlliance Foundation
Nicole Simpson
Nina Ruckes
Noel Orput
Patricia Bogie
Patricia Perno

Patti Scussel
Paulina Lacossade
People's United Community Foundation
Peter Cunningham
Peter Schwartz
Pitney Bowes Foundation
ProLiteracy
Rachel Heerema
Rachel Psaradellis
Rebecca Kieran
Richard Ahern
Robert and Andrea Milstein
Robert and Carol Lyons
Robert Avery
Robert Serow
Robert Shea, Jr.
Ronald Milone
Roxanna Lopez
Ruby Melton
Ruth Greene
Sabrina Roscoe
Science Park Development Corp. (In-Kind)
Sean Doyle
Shantel Garcia
Sharon Huttner
Shaun O'Brien
Sherine Porter
Sophie Tworowski
Stephanie FitzGerald
Stephanie Wilborne
Steve Gross
Steve Lefcheck
Susan Hackett
Susan Holahan

Susan Pierson
Suzanne Burbage
Symone O'Hara
Tamara Cypress
Tara Gorvine
Technolutions
Teresa Fields
The Len Suzio York Hill Companies
The Workplace, Inc.
Thomas Davis
Torrey Wilson
Town of Hamden
Town of Wallingford
Tracy and Brian McConnell
Trinity Church on the Green
United Way of Meriden and Wallingford
Valerie Horsley
Valerie Knight-Digangi
Valley Community Foundation
Vanessa Clarke
Velma Teschemaker
Vincent McKnight
Wadsworth Family Foundation
Werth Family Foundation
Whitney Mooney
William Armstrong
William Breetz
William Minter
William Taylor
Wish You Well Foundation
Yale New Haven Health
Yale University



SUCCESS STORIES



"This is by far one of the most significant achievements of my life because I am the first female in my family ever to earn a college degree."

–Fatumata Kamara



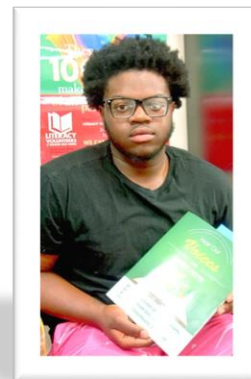
"I was referred to LV by the agency I am with--the American Job Center. I needed help in both reading and math. I have passed the reading test. Currently I am studying with tutor Gene Kirsten to pass the math test. I am hoping to get into a bookkeeper training program."

–Daniel Vines



"Being involved in the literacy program has helped me to do my usher duties at the church and to be able to read the Bible."

–Stephen W. Jones, Sr.



"But after finding Literacy Volunteers things changed as far as me seeing where to go, and I appreciate them 100% because they helped me continue my journey to where I wanted to be and what I wanted to do. I was trying to pass my ASVAB test to enlist in the Army. I wanted to have a certain score in order to have a variety of job options. With their help, I was able to not only pass, but to pass with 15 points more than I was expecting and for that I am thankful."

–Gerno Allen



5 Science Park, 2nd Floor Rear, New Haven, CT 06511 • 203-776-5899

35 Pleasant Street, 1E, Meriden, CT 06451 • 203-774-0722

20 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510 • 203-285-2621

101 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418 • 203-551-9831

www.lvagnh.org • info@lvagnh.org