



LITERACY PROS of Jacksonville, Inc.

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Literacy Pros of Jacksonville Wins ProLiteracy America Award for U.S. Program Innovation 2004

Sarah Van Cleve accepted the award for the certified trainers of Literacy Pros in Oklahoma City at ProLiteracy Worldwide's national conference in October. How seven individuals who used their own time and financial resources to pilot a literacy program in one of Jacksonville's three penal facilities is described below:

In February 2003, three penal facilities in Jacksonville lacked literacy programs. One facility, Community Corrections Division, had a few materials and some money left from a previous effort to start a program. Using available experienced and certified trainers, Literacy Pros of Jacksonville piloted a literacy program in one of the facilities to teach inmates who could read to tutor their peers in need of

instruction. Seven volunteers used their own funds and the expertise of friends to accomplish the preliminary work and training. First Presbyterian Church provided an office, basic furniture and meeting space. The Sheriff's office transferred the leftover materials and remaining funds to purchase more materials and included the literacy program in its new budget.

The state accepted the group's Articles and By-Laws for incorporation. ProLiteracy America accepted the group as an affiliate. The program director from the Community Corrections Division approved the program and instructional plan and screened, selected and matched tutors with students. The members donated office and instructional supplies, conducted workshops and met every other week with students and tutors. At the time of this award more than 50 tutors had been trained. The facility continues to request workshops, and its program director cites increased



Sarah Van Cleve with Ruth J. Colvin and Dr. Robert Laubach

self-esteem, responsibility and good citizenship among the participants. To date, the program has expanded to include Montgomery Correctional Center.

Other Honors and Awards in 2004

In addition to the prestigious national award from ProLiteracy America, Literacy Pros has also received local recognition for its service to the community. Sheriff John Rutherford presented a **2004 Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Meritorious Service Rendered to the Office of the Sheriff** to Literacy Pros in May, and in September, The Literacy Council of Northeast Florida honored Literacy Pros with the **2004 Outstanding Literacy Organization Award** for the Prison Literacy Program.

RECIPE FOR DEVELOPING LITERACY



1. Read to a child 15 minutes a day.
2. Read some news daily.
3. Share a paperback book with a friend.
4. Work a crossword puzzle.
5. Play a pencil and paper or board game with a family member.



Literacy Pros Forms Partnerships

Forming partnerships sets Literacy Pros of Jacksonville apart as a literacy program. Our mission is to help any group, agency, church or organization that is interested in starting a literacy project. In short, we train you to become a tutor to your students; and we can train your tutors to become trainers.

Already our young organization has conducted 13 workshops and trained 192 tutors for our affiliates. We are proud of our work with the Sheriff's Department, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, the First Presbyterian Church, the Women's Center, Liberty Center, St. Vincent's Hospital and Prisoners of Christ.

Literacy Pros of Jacksonville is affiliated with ProLiteracy Worldwide. When Laubach Literacy International and Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. merged in 2002, the combined organizations became ProLiteracy Worldwide. Literacy Pros of Jacksonville was the new organization's first new affiliate. The U.S. Programs division, ProLiteracy America, represents 1,200 community-based volunteer literacy providers throughout the United States.

We have excellent trainers with many years of experience who use a variety of proven materials for teaching the non-reader. Look around you. There may be non-readers at your place of business, church, agency or organization waiting for a chance to learn to read. Just give us a call at 358-READ to find out how you can change a life.

A Brief History

In February of 2003, a local group of eight certified and apprentice literacy trainers met to explore the possibility of forming a volunteer literacy council. This council would be devoted to offering cost-effective quality training tailored specifically for organizations with their own potential students and tutors.

The group met weekly. Using their own resources, and calling upon their own extensive tutoring, training and administrative expertise, they wrote a charter and by-laws, established an office, assembled training and office supplies, and applied for affiliation with ProLiteracy of America, Inc. By June of 2003, the fledgling group was able to conduct its first workshop at the Community Corrections Division as Literacy Pros of Jacksonville, Inc.

In 2004, the original board expanded, a book of tutor resource materials was compiled, three on-going programs were in place, funds were collected, and Literacy Pros was recognized with national, regional and local awards for the inmate peer tutoring program.

Literacy Pros of Jacksonville, Inc. continues to develop, carefully addressing literacy needs and finding new ways to deliver literacy training to the community.

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Sarah Van Cleve Honored as 2005 EVE Award Nominee

Our own Sarah Van Cleve was chosen as one of four finalists in the Volunteer Service Category of the 2005 EVE Awards for her work with Literacy Pros of Jacksonville. Sarah was nominated for her work in 2004 with the Office of the Sheriff on the Prison Literacy program at CCD and for her success at building relationships for literacy in the community.

Sarah and the other nominees were honored at a luncheon at the Prime Osborne Convention Center on June 3rd. Although Sarah did not take home the Golden Apple, we are all very proud of her accomplishments

Congratulations, Sarah!

These are our members on the front line in the battle against illiteracy.

June 2003

Gwendolyn Ervin
David Earl Gordon
Geraldine Hunter
Stacy Jennings
Linda Owens
Alfonso Pardo

August 2003

Starlette Cooper
Kathleen Dooley
Alexander L. Gibbs
Keith E. Heuser
Walter Hill
Kelvin D. Holland
Frank W. Jones III
Jasper Kirchenbauer
Merrill Mizer
Reginald Swain
Richard Taylor
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September 2003

Lucille Bauman
David Charlton
Claire Clay
Marilyn Conner
Mary Crossman
Oliver Crossman
Elaine Culveyhouse

Ted Davenport
Brenda Gillrup
Billie Hightower
Michael Hightower
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February 2004

Terry Carlyle
Everett Clark
Leo M. Dennis II
William E. Draper III
Nafateria S. Green
Josh Hipler
Steven T. Jolly
Brian Jones
Willie E. Moore
Lonnie Parker
Douglas Serach
Lyle Smith
Susan Soleymani
John White
Brian Williams
Michael Wilson

HONOR ROLL OF TUTORS

April 2004

Irik Barfield
Justin Barker
Marcelle Bessman
Gregory Ray Billings
Liliana Cardona
Charles Clark
Stan Cosby
Linda Coyle
Christina Dahlgren
Nancy Darlow
Cathy Drompp
Marcia Edwards
Bryan Granger
Eve Huggins
Vanessa Lockett
Eric Lockett
Mary Ellen Ludeking
Clarence Mosely
Audra Nicholson
Emmanuel Nzuzu
Eddie Powell
Stacie Reed
James Toney
Jody Turknett
David Tuttle
Tammy Wainwright
Jennifer Wilds

June 2004

Jennifer Arzt
Troy Copeland
Jody Emmert
Robert Lee Fowler
Carlos L. Gil
Cynthia C. Hecht
Antonio McCloud
Marshall J. McCracken
Alicia Phillips

Michelle Philpot
Shelley Pope
William W. Rye
Martin Selkregg
Karen Shelley
Alexander Sotiropoulos
Angus Wallen
Cordell Warren

October 2004

Eric Allison
Ronald Belson
Janice Berger
Teresa Berry
Michael Beveridge
Charles Bovette
Mack Burgess
Neil Dixon
Martha English
Vicki Fair
Myrt Foy
Joshua Ingle
Quichava Lawson
Peter Lomonte
Sister Alice Matthews
Sharon McGarth
James Mills
Julie Pickren
James Riley

December 2004

Tjuana Acliese
Winston Alleyne
Vivian Brown-Stewart
Patrcia England
Marjorie Jackins
Don Maddox
Sibley Maddox

Suzanne Nelson
Betty Stewart
Monique Stewart
Joseph Taylor

February 2005

Rudolph Andrews
Bradley Bennett
Jason Carter
Carol Crews
Johnny Esquierdo
Lonnie Garner
Meredith Goodwin
Cynthia Holloway
Veronica Kearse
Leroy McJett
Sheila Moore
Walter Pendley
Dwayne Pike
Joseph "Jay" Rinehart
Eric Santacrose
Stephen Skellinger
Raymond Young

May 2005

Charlotte Boyd
Bernie Britt
Patricia Brown
Gerri Buchanan
Wendy Colyer
George Cristie
Gina Coleman
Leeman Corbit
Jimmy Cox
Patrice Crews
Richard Curry
Rubin Fields
Wade Glein

Le Roy Gonsalves
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June 2005

David Gamache
Cecilia Hennig
Martha Moores
Daniel Palmer
Frances Spence
Willie Stevens

To Date:
Workshops - 13
Tutors - 192



Spotlight



The following quotes are from participants in Literacy Pros' programs.

This is a very good program and I think it has done me a lot of good. So keep up the good work, and thank you so much.
~Participating Student

I really want to thank you for the time you have taken to show us how to help another gain some knowledge in reading. Some of the things I learned were : giving praise for a student's accomplishments; student's mistakes are our mistakes, not his; and the different types of sounds (continuants, nasal, voiced and unvoiced). It was quite fun! Once again, thank you and God bless you.

~Keith Heuser, Tutor

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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

My tax deductible Donation of \$ _____ is enclosed. (Please make checks payable to Literacy Pros of Jacksonville, Inc.)

Yes, I would like to help Literacy Pros in its mission to train individuals to effectively teach literacy skills and to prepare interested tutors to become trainers.

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