



2016 Annual Report

Literacy Council of Montgomery County

BUILDING SKILLS FOR LIFE



My teacher is very patient with me. I feel much more confident when I am among people.

Diana

When I leave my group of students, I feel good about the world. You give, but you get back as much or more.

Debra

Dear LCMC Friends,

We are pleased to share with you how the Literacy Council of Montgomery County (LCMC) helped adults transform their lives and enrich our community through English literacy in 2015-2016. As we marked our 53rd anniversary of providing free English instruction, we are pleased to report that, with your support, we were able offer over 77,000 instructional hours to 1,780 adult learners by expanding our services and building new partnerships.

With 1 in every 7 Montgomery County residents struggling with limited English skills, we remain committed to providing our students with the tools they need to build skills for life. Adults who are proficient in English can lift themselves out of poverty, help their children achieve academically, find and keep sustainable employment, and fully participate in our community. As we look to the future, we plan to build more capacity by expanding our programs, deepening our impact and strengthening our partnerships.

We are thankful for the hard work of our learners, the commitment of our tutors and teachers, the dedication of our volunteers and staff, and the generous support of our donors and partners. We invite you to take a moment to learn how you made a difference this year.

Warm wishes,

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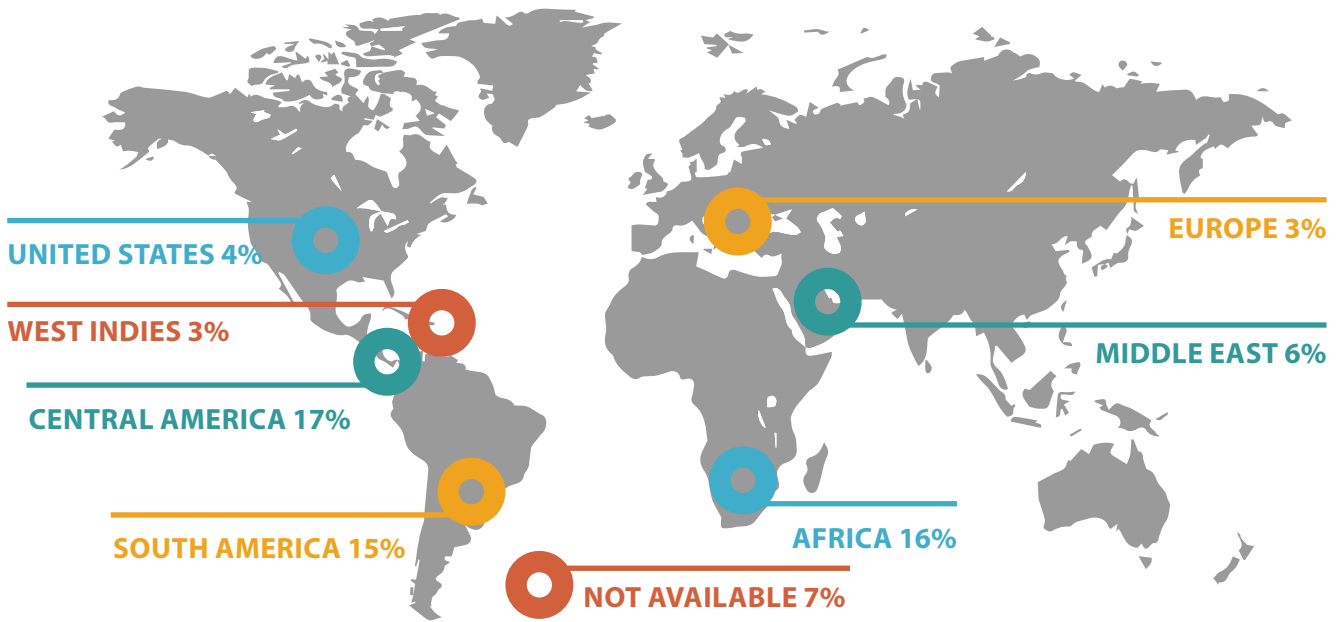
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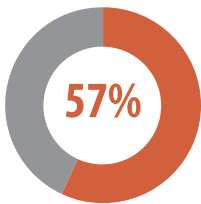
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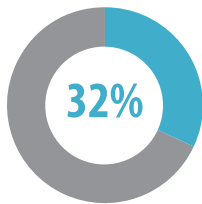
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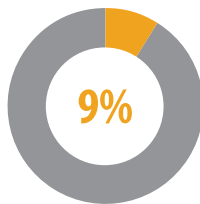
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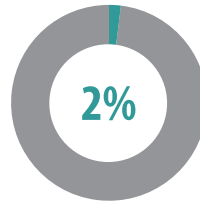
ESL CLASSES



ESL TUTORING



BASIC LITERACY TUTORING



iPATHWAYS

Our students



1,780
students served



77,851
total student instructional hours

Our volunteers LCMC and our students benefit greatly from the dedication of hundreds of volunteers who are passionate about adult literacy.



149
New volunteer tutors trained



641
Volunteers



34,692
Volunteer hours



\$924,195
Total value of volunteer time*

Bonnie is not only my tutor, she is my friend and my angel.

Yolanda

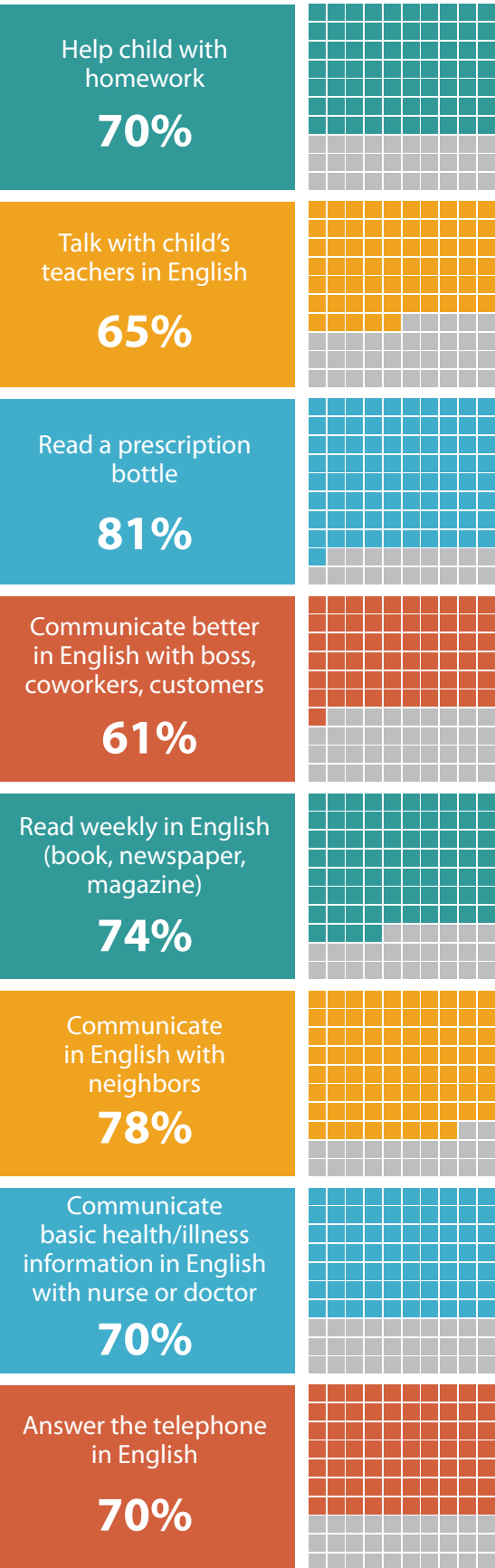
I asked myself, "Can I really help this guy?" A year later I was hiding my tears while the 46-year-old man, born and raised in America, read to me.

Barry

*Value of Volunteer Time in Maryland, Independent Sector, 2015: \$26.64 per hour

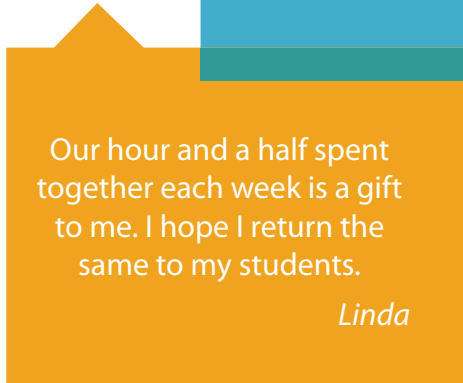
PRACTICAL, REAL WORLD OUTCOMES

LCMC students identify and achieve real-life goals. This year, students identified and achieved the following goals:



Some heroes wear a cape.
My hero drives a blue Volvo.
She's my tutor.

Jason



Our hour and a half spent together each week is a gift to me. I hope I return the same to my students.

Linda

Thanks to our wonderful donors, volunteers, and partners, LCMC was able to provide free instruction to 1,780 students in 2015-2016 by offering the following programs:

English as a Second Language Classroom Program

In 2015-2016, LCMC served 1,024 adult learners through its ESL Classroom Program. Students received 60-75 hours of instruction per session at eleven locations across the county. Classes, taught by professional educators, were offered at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels and included specialty classes focusing on health literacy and workplace literacy.

Tutoring Program

LCMC's English as a Second Language (ESL) and Basic Literacy tutoring

programs are among the largest in Montgomery County. ESL volunteer tutors work with adults who speak English at a low level, often not sufficient to enroll in an LCMC ESL class. Basic literacy tutors work with English speakers who want to develop English reading and writing skills. Volunteer tutors devote hundreds of hours to orientation, training, tutoring and ongoing skills development. In 2015-2016, 726 learners received tutoring services or participated in a conversation class.

iPathways

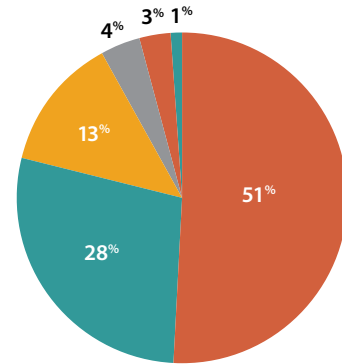
LCMC offered entry pre-testing for the Maryland iPathways program, a free, teacher-supported online learning program for GED® (General Educational Development) test preparation offered to Maryland residents. In 2015-2016, thirty new students participated in iPathways.





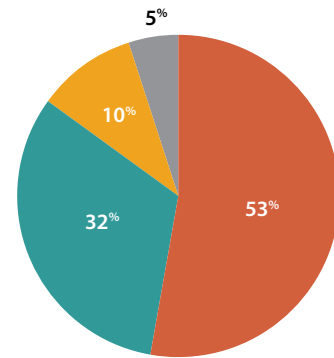
Where did our support come from?

Government Grants & Contracts	\$582,550
Private Contributions & Grants	\$322,186
Contributed Rent	\$151,200
Program Revenue	\$40,312
Fundraising Event (net)	\$31,544
Investment Income	\$17,528
Total Revenue	\$1,145,320



How did we spend our money?

ESL Classroom Programs	\$564,111
Tutoring Programs	\$347,717
Administration	\$109,208
Fundraising	\$48,865
Total Expenses	\$1,069,901



My teacher and I worked on my Citizenship. I passed the test. Teacher, thank you.

Pushpa



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