



# LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

## OF CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE



Grace and Gloria

*"Thanks to LVCA, I have met a wonderful, interesting individual. It is such an honor to see her learn and blossom using her new language skills."* —GLORIA (TUTOR)

## FY25 IMPACT REPORT

July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

### Numbers at a Glance

- ◆ Number of students: **401**
- ◆ Number of tutors: **281**
- ◆ Type of students served:
  - Basic Literacy **4%**
  - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) **96%**
- ◆ Number of volunteer hours: **21,424**
- ◆ Economic value of volunteered hours: **\$722,384**

### Our Mission:

#### *Changing Lives, One Word at a Time*

LVCA promotes adult literacy through equitable, inclusive, free, confidential, one-to-one English and Citizenship tutoring.

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*After a lesson on the Declaration of Independence with his student Hua, tutor Greg said, "I think the work is very important... it's very important for people to be able to communicate to become part of the American community."* —GREG (TUTOR)

## Address Panel

## Student Outcomes and Achievements



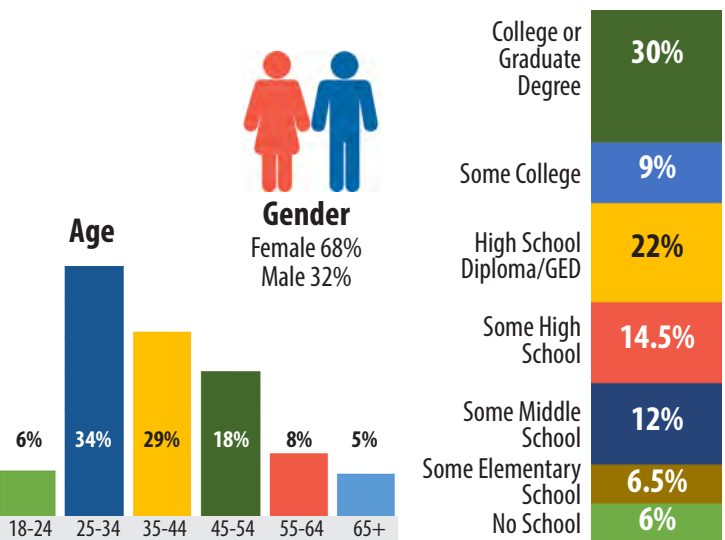
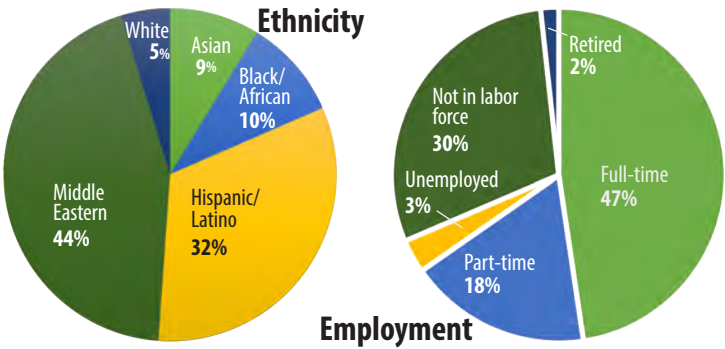
Cristian and Parker

- 40** Entered employment or got a better job
- 56** Improved employability skills
- 80** Entered other education and/or training
- 128** Met a work-related goal
- 16** Voted or registered to vote for the first time
- 18** Obtained a driver's license
- 105** Increased involvement in community activities
- 57** Increased involvement in children's education
- 109** Met a digital literacy goal
- 115** Met a wellness or health goal
- 54** Passed the citizenship interview

*"LVCA is such an important organization teaching English language skills to hard-working immigrants while forming friendships across a cultural divide."*  
—RONNA (TUTOR)



# Student Demographics



## Global Journeys and Shared Success

At Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle, our classrooms reflect the world. Students arrive from many countries, each bringing unique stories, traditions, and hopes for the future. Some come simply to learn English, while others are preparing for one of the most meaningful steps in their journey—becoming a U.S. citizen.

In Fiscal Year 2025, 54 students from 11 nations reached that goal. “Our students have done a tremendous amount of work to achieve this milestone,” says Citizenship Coordinator Catherine McCall. “As the process evolves, we’ll continue to adapt and meet our students’ needs.”

Each success represents hours of study, encouragement, and perseverance. One student expressed it best in a simple note: “Thank you for your support. I passed the test. I appreciate your help.”

Messages like this remind us that when one student becomes a citizen, the celebration belongs to us all. It reflects hope, hard work, and our shared humanity.

## When Learning Opens Doors

Everywhere you go in Charlottesville, learning is happening—quietly, one conversation at a time. LVCA tutors and students meet in libraries, coffee shops, and community spaces, venturing into places students once might have felt hesitant to enter. Each meeting is more than a lesson: it’s a step toward belonging and confidence.

Tutor Julie took her student to the library for a first visit. They left with books to read together—and a novel just for herself. It was the start of many sessions that opened new chapters in more ways than one.

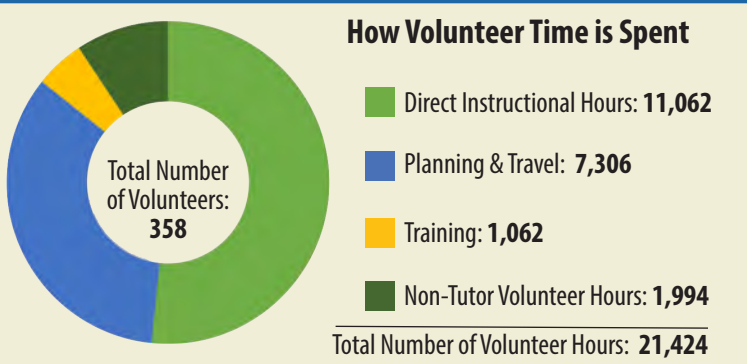
Another tutor helped her student prepare for the driver’s license test. When the big day arrived, they went together and left with one new driver, confident and licensed.

Pat took his student, D.O., to the One Stop Center at Virginia Career Works after hearing about it at LVCA’s professional development day. Knowing D.O. wanted to explore career opportunities, they organized documents, opened a bank account, and continued English lessons. “It was important for me to have Mr. Pat beside me each step,” D.O. said. By month’s end, D.O. had started a full-time job.

“He’s a remarkable young man,” Pat said. “It’s an incredible opportunity to work with someone achieving so much.”

Literacy unlocks opportunities. It opens doors—to careers, to community, to confidence. With every lesson, library visit, and new conversation, our students are walking through those doors, one by one.

## Volunteer Time



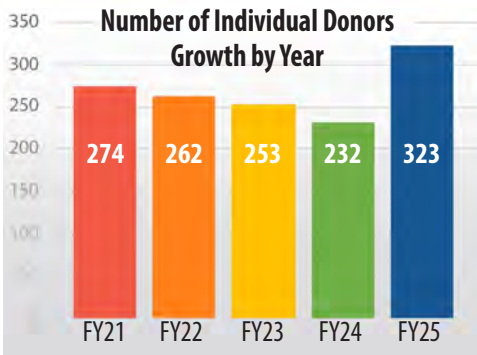
**Aurea and Marie**

“My favorite part of being a tutor has been getting to know my student and laughing with her.” —MARIE (TUTOR)

## Our Vision

All adults will have the ability to understand, speak, read, write, and communicate in English so that they can fully participate in our community.

### Grassroots Community Support



**Gizem and Erin**

“My tutor doesn’t just teach me English, she also helps me with life in America.” —GIZEM, LVCA STUDENT

### Instructional Methods



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### The Volunteer Experience

The primary sources of new volunteers are “word of mouth” (friends or other tutors) and internet searches.

96% of volunteer tutors “strongly agree” or “agree” that they **feel supported** by the staff in their work

111 tutors strengthened their skills through 19 optional **professional development** workshops

14 **volunteer connection events** fostered community



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