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Annual Report 2007 - 2008

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Mission Statement

We believe everyone should have an opportunity to learn to read.

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta, a non-profit organization, exists to improve the reading, writing and related literacy skills of area adults who read below the sixth grade level.

We offer one-to-one, learner-centered instruction that is free, private and confidential.

History

In 1969, Literacy Volunteers was introduced to the State of Maine by Sister Benigna and Agnes Beckwith.

In 1971, a Basic Reading Workshop was held at Bath, and Peg Morrill was the first person in the Augusta area to attend.

In November of 1972, she led the first Basic Reading Workshop in our area.

In 1973, the Augusta Affiliate of Literacy Volunteers was formed.

In 2003, we combined with the ProLiteracy organization.

In 2003, we were recognized by the Maine State Legislature House and Senate on the occasion of our 30th Anniversary.

In 2004, we became an incorporated entity (Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta, Inc.) with the State of Maine.

In 2004, we became a tax-exempt, 501(c)3 organization with the Federal Government.

In 2006, we achieved national accreditation from ProLiteracy America.

Think of the Joy You Get from Reading a Wonderful Book!

For over 34 years, Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta has been working to help people overcome their challenges of low literacy skills through FREE instructional training.

Imagine not being able to do the following things:

- Fill out an employment form
- Fill out medical forms
- Read sales flyers
- Read religious materials
- Read a book to a child
- Read signs that indicate poisons or remedies of poisons
- Read the labels on medication bottles
- Order basic foods in a restaurant
- Drive a car or read directional signs

Adults with low literacy skills experience social, economic, and personal challenges that compromise their ability to support themselves, to help their children in school, and to fully participate in society.

It is our mission to help these adults through such challenges.

Contributors *(cont.)*

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Highlights of the Year

- Celebrated 34 years of service.
- Paired 22 active students with volunteers.
- The LVA training team provided tutor training for 19 new tutors in the Augusta and Waterville affiliates during the two training sessions. Also provided two in-service trainings for tutors.

First Annual Team SCRABBLE[®] Tournament

After much planning and anticipation, our first annual Team Scrabble Tournament at The Senator Inn on April 6, 2008 was a huge success! We had 14 terrific teams – 4 competitive teams and 10 social teams - who not only tested their Scrabble skills against others but also raised pledge money to help support our adult literacy programs. Thanks also to our great sponsors for the event, we raised over \$3400. Our volunteers for the event included official Scrabble judges, Mark Johnston of Kennebec Savings Bank and Bill Stokes, Asst. Attorney General and Augusta City Counselor and our master of ceremonies, Ryan Cote from WABK. There were snacks to keep everyone energized and special prizes too. We are looking forward to even more teams joining the fun at our next Scrabble Tournament, scheduled for Sunday, March 29 again at The Senator Inn.



Statistics

	2006-2007	2007-2008
	LV of Greater Augusta	LV of Greater Augusta
Number of Students	25	24
Number of Volunteers	46	39
Number of Volunteer Hours	1,644	1,216
PROFILE OF STUDENTS		
Gender		
Female	52%	63%
Male	48%	37%
Age		
16-24	16%	8%
25-44	36%	46%
45-59	32%	30%
60 & Over	12%	8%
N/A	4%	8%
Education		
Grades 0-12	28%	33%
High School/GED	60%	67%
Some College	0%	0%
Undergraduate	4%	0%
Other	8%	0%
Employment		
Employed	32%	37%
Unemployed	24%	22%
Retired	18%	8%
Not in labor Force	26%	3%

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
(unaudited)

Income	
United Way of Kennebec Valley	\$16,972.00
Fundraisers	\$3,429.00
Donations/Dues	\$1,699.00
Grants	\$5,500.00
Workshop Fees/other	\$3,286.00
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TOTAL	\$30,886.00
 Expenses	
Library, Books and Publications	\$147.00
Office Equipment	\$1,698.00
Rent, Utilities and Insurance	\$8,390.00
Office Supplies, Printing, Postage	\$1,450.00
Conferences, Training and Travel	\$64.00
Tutor Training and Supplies	\$560.00
Salary	\$13,715.00
Board Expense and Awards	\$801.00
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TOTAL	\$26,825.00
 Long-term Investments	
Endowment - T Swain	\$63,452.00
	\$55,853.00