

2018 - 2019

ANNUAL REPORT



**LITERACY
VOLUNTEERS**
OF GREATER HARTFORD
READ. LEARN. GROW.

Their Success Begins
With *You.*





Kalaivani | STUDENT

“Apinayaa loves school, she can’t wait to come every morning.” The rising cost of childcare can be a major barrier to parents looking to continue their education. With the introduction of our on-site Early Literacy program this past year, parents like Kalaivani no longer need to decide between childcare and their own education.

Originally from Sri Lanka, she needed to learn English, as Tamil is her native language. Now, while she is in class learning English, Apinayaa is right down the hall making friends and enjoying basic literacy lessons of her own. Kalaivani looks forward to improving her English skills so that she can get a job and help her daughter with her own education in the future.

Student **IMPACT**

964 Students Served
Record enrollment

51 Students gained
livable wage employment
or received a promotion

23 Students continued
their education because
of on-site childcare program

*Average cost of childcare in CT
is \$1,292/month
(Economic Policy Institute)*

3 Students became
U.S. Citizens

*It takes a minimum of five years
to become a citizen*

Volunteer **IMPACT**

Our Volunteers provided
17,012 hours of instruction
and support to our students
at a value of **\$528,223**

Eman | STUDENT

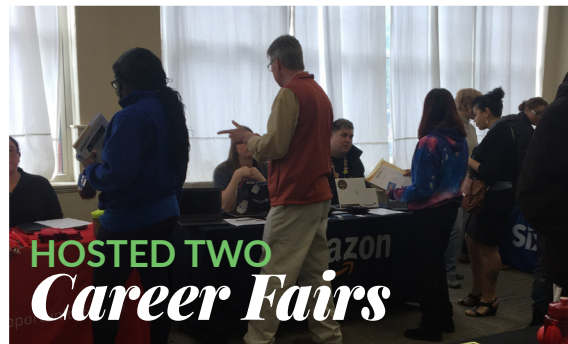
“I greatly benefited from learning English and getting my citizenship. Thank you for all that you do to assist refugees.” Eman never planned on moving to the U.S. Originally from Iraq, she was resettled in Syria as a refugee prior to the Syrian Civil War. Unable to leave as the war started, her life was forever changed after a bomb hit her apartment building, resulting in the loss of her husband and daughter. After such tragedy, it would have been easy for her to lose hope, but that is not who she is.

Resettled in Connecticut, she then turned her attention to learning English and obtaining her citizenship. To take the test, one must be able to read, write, and speak English. Eman joined LVGH’s English and citizenship preparation classes. Through her determination and work ethic, it came as no surprise that she easily passed her citizenship test. With this weight off her shoulders, she has been able to visit family and can start writing the next chapter in her life. She has overcome so much and is a truly remarkable human being.



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LVGH Highlights



HOSTED TWO Career Fairs



Expanded Hartford Literacy Center to **10,000** sq. ft.

DEBUTED *Early Literacy Program*

- 32 children attended
- Prepares children for school through English immersion and early literacy lessons



WE NOW HAVE:

- 15 total classrooms
- Childcare room
- Dedicated training room
- Student lounge



Our Students



“Without all of you and the LVGH team, I could not have achieved what I have now. Your work is priceless, and because of you, this country becomes a better place.”

- VIKTORIIA



“LVGH has given me the opportunity to go back to school to better myself. I have grown so much and continue to grow. I am no longer scared to read.”

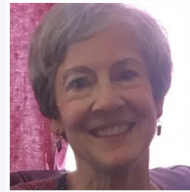
- HENRY

Our Tutors



“LVGH students are like sponges, they want to soak up everything you say.”

- LESLIE



“The minute I walked in, it felt like home, so warm, friendly, and welcoming.”

- CAROL

Our students come from over 70 Countries

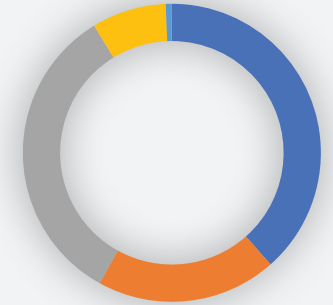
Here are the top 10 by representation:

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| 1. USA | 6. Haiti |
| 2. Brazil | 7. Colombia |
| 3. Puerto Rico | 8. El Salvador |
| 4. Peru | 9. Mexico |
| 5. Jamaica | 10. Togo |



FY 2018 - 2019 INCOME SOURCES (unaudited)

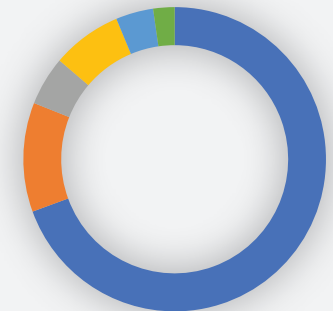
Revenue:



- Private Grants: \$266,016
- Government Grants: \$135,311
- Fundraising: \$229,698
- United Way: \$55,901
- Endowment: \$3,918
- Interest: \$635

TOTAL: \$691,479

Expenses:



- Salaries/Benefits: \$581,843
- Occupancy: \$97,349
- Administration: \$43,737
- Contractual Services: \$62,636
- Program Expenses: \$33,587
- Fundraising: \$19,135

TOTAL: \$838,287

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