

# Facing *the* Future



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# STUDENTS

## Sandra Shares How English Class Helps Her Everyday Life

Sandra, originally from Puerto Rico, has been taking classes at LVGH since the fall of 2020. She came to us with the simple goal of wanting to understand more English, and in just a few months, she really felt that she'd made an improvement. "My neighbors speak to me in English and lately, I can understand them more," she says. "I can speak English back to them a little more and a little better."

In addition to feeling more comfortable and empowered in her neighborhood, Sandra says her strengthened English skills have also been really important in her medical appointments. "I want to be able to speak to my doctor. When we use a translator, sometimes they don't say everything the doctor says- just the main points. Now, I can understand for myself. I can ask questions and learn what I need to know."

As for taking classes during the pandemic, Sandra says it actually made it easier for her to reach out and start. "It's very easy. I can join class at home or I can come here." We can't wait to see Sandra continue to improve and feel more confident in her English.



## STUDENT Stats

444

Total students served

30

Got a job or received a promotion

4

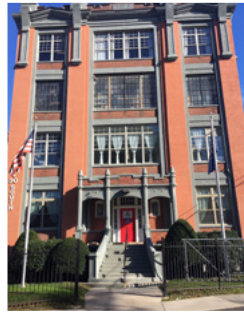
Earned citizenship

7

Earned ServSafe Food Handler Certification

7,865

Total meals served by Job Training Program



## VOLUNTEERS



*Darah*



*Claire*



*Maya*

"I always told myself that if I was going to volunteer for something, it would be a program that I had a deep connection and passion for. After I moved to the U.S. in 2010, my father took English classes with LVGH. I saw firsthand how impactful these classes were in improving his adjustment to a new language and culture. Before, he always needed me to help with important calls or doctor's appointments. I was constantly worried about not being there when he really needed my help. After I came back home from my first year of college, I was very surprised to see how much he had improved taking classes consistently with the program. When I spoke to him about volunteering, he recommended LVGH and I thought it would be a perfect fit. The program had transformed my father's life so I was eager to give back and help others in the same way."

**-DARAH**

"Tutoring is incredibly rewarding. It is hard to beat the feeling when your student is able to progress. Every student has different advancements and I always take the time to celebrate the little wins."

**-CLAIRE**

"I was told by other tutors that ultimately I'll end up learning more from the students than I could ever teach them, and I would agree with that. While I'm glad that I'm able to assist the students with vocabulary, pronunciation, etc. each week, I know that I take more away from the class than I likely give."

**-MAYA**



## VOLUNTEER Stats

**141**

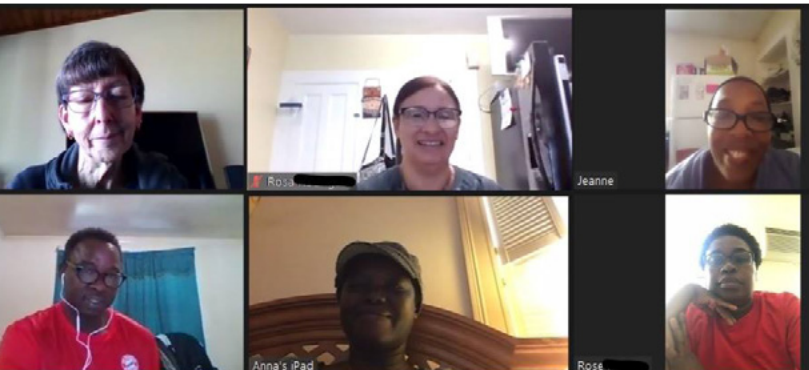
Total Tutors

**187**

Total number of classes taught

**11,134**

Total number of volunteer hours



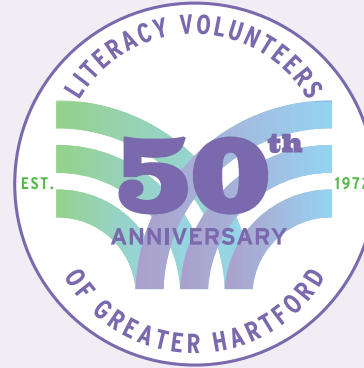
LVGH held our first ever Virtual **Read. Learn. Grow.** Gala and Auction in December 2020!



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# We're turning 50!

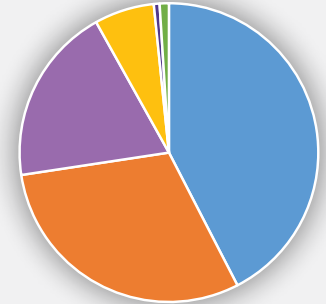


*Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2022. A small group of volunteers formed LVGH in September 1972 and we're so proud of how much we've grown and how many students we've helped since then.*

*Stay tuned for ways to help us celebrate!*

## FY 2020 - 2021 INCOME SOURCES (unaudited)

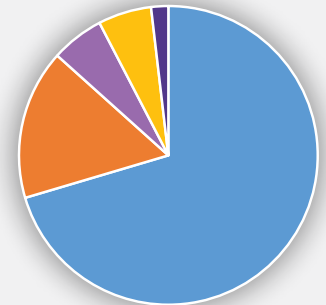
### Revenue:



- Private Grants: **\$340,387**
- Government Grants: **\$242,236**
- Fundraising: **\$154,858**
- United Way: **\$51,997**
- Endowment: **\$102**
- Interest: **\$510**

**TOTAL: \$790,090**

### Expenses:



- Salaries/Benefits: **\$458,459**
- Occupancy: **\$105,711**
- Administration: **\$37,260**
- Contractual Services: **\$37,591**
- Program Expenses: **\$12,080**

**TOTAL: \$651,101**

Students from all across the world join us at LVGH every year. Last year, we had **40 countries** represented by our student body.

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