



2009/2010 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1 – June 30

*The mission of Blue Ridge Literacy Council is
to provide adults in Henderson County
the English communication and literacy skills
they need to reach their full potential as
individuals, parents, workers and citizens.*

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2009/2010 Award Winners

Luke Case

Our Chris Edwards Student of the Year

Luke is someone who possesses all the qualities it takes to succeed – perseverance, a positive attitude, and the willingness to help others, all attributes seen by his tutors and the BRLC staff.

This year has been a milestone for Luke—as his test scores steadily increased, he qualified to register at the STAR center to begin GED study. He has also added math to his schedule to prepare for that portion of the GED test.

In addition to his studies, Luke continues to help the Council and the community. He serves on the technology committee, studying ways to better use technology with students and tutors. Luke is also giving literacy a voice in the community by giving talks to United Way volunteers.

We all have had struggles in our lives, and Luke, like many of our students, is one of those who has faced them, and is overcoming them. Luke, you are a model to us all, thank you for brightening our lives with your intelligence, courage and faith.

Dave Gregory

Our G'Anne Sparks Tutor of the Year

Since he began tutoring with BRLC in February of 2009, Dave Gregory has helped 16 students improve their English and obtain citizenship skills.

Although Dave started working with just one student to prepare him for his US Citizenship test, he soon became our citizenship “go to” person; before he knew it, he was tutoring 3 students—all separately.

When we decided to start group Citizenship classes, we called on Dave. Once again he said yes,- and became the lead tutor for our 14 week Citizenship classes.

Dave not only teaches the classes, he has also made a huge contribution to the quality of the program by developing a top notch PowerPoint presentation, incorporating web-based videos and preparing various other materials, including an audio CD, to help the students study at home. And, Dave continues to provide extra one-to-one help when needed!

To date, six of Dave's students have taken the citizenship exam; all have become United States citizens. Our sincere thanks to Dave Gregory for his contributions, not only to BRLC, but to our community.

Kathryn Rodgers

Our Lisa Morrill Volunteer of the Year

Kathryn Rodgers is the energizer bunny with a built in GPS programmed with Blue Ridge Literacy Council's mission; she lives it. Not only has she taught her students the literacy skills they need to reach their full potential, but she also shares her knowledge with other tutors through her presentations and in-service workshops.

One of Kathryn's many contributions to our program was the creation of a reading list for literacy students composed of books available at the Henderson County Library. She then presented a program for our tutors with the information and explained how to use the books. This is just one instance when Kathryn has shared information with other tutors to increase their skills.

On a whole other track, Kathryn was the nucleus of the small group of volunteers who helped us pack, make the transition to our new location, and cope with all the details that go along with a move. And then--she took over reviewing the end-of-year goal achievement reports when we lost a staff member this year.

We thank Kathryn for always being there to help us through new challenges and for being willing to do almost anything--and for doing it all so very, very well and with such grace and cheerfulness.

Glenn Rodgers

Our Hugh Lowry Award Winner

The Extra Mile Award honors the work of a volunteer who takes on a project requiring special expertise and talent not generally available. The work these volunteers do is essential to BRLC and could not be accomplished without them.

Glenn took on a task that requiring not only special expertise, but a task without which, we'd be in a far worse place--literally! When we learned we were moving, we knew we needed help designing and planning our new space, so we called tutor, Glenn Rodgers, a retired architect to see if he could offer any help.

Glenn went to work for us as if we were paying him by the hour! In all Glenn created over 10 sets of plans--each including work stations, tutoring rooms, library, storage, door, ventilation, shelving, and wiring plans!

Shelving is a huge part of our office and when we found out BRCC could not build what we needed, Glenn and his wife, Kathryn donated all of the shelving for the office.

We don't know if it's a coincidence that Glenn is married to our Volunteer of the Year or whether a cosmic plan put them in our midst; we do know we are very thankful to them both.

Program Statistics 2009-2010

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

# Students Achieving 1 or More Goals	169
# of Goals Achieved	4526
# Completed Federal Adult Literacy Level 2009/10	59

STUDENTS

# Matched July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	220
# with 12+ hours (counted for goal achievement)	174
Basic Lit	46
ESL	128

VOLUNTEERS

# Tutors Active in 2009/10	136
# Other Volunteers in 2009/10	91
# New Tutors Trained in 2009/10	28

Total Volunteer Hours Reported **23,290**

Total Value of Volunteer Service** **\$497,475.00**

**Based on \$21.36 per hour as determined by Independent Sector as the value of a volunteer hour in 2010

Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2010

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	19,680.00
Receivables	1,367.00
Prepaid Expenses	1,029.00
Total Current Assets	<u>22,076.00</u>

Long Term Assets

Investments	21,317.00
Property and Equipment, Net	7,956.00
Total Long Term Assets	<u>29,273.00</u>

Total Assets 51,349.00

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,790.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,790.00</u>

Net Assets

Unrestricted	
Board Designated	16,904.00
Undesignated	30,018.00
Total Unrestricted	<u>46,922.00</u>
Temporarily Restricted	2,637.00
Total Net Assets	<u>49,559.00</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 51,349.00

An independent Financial Review Report is available upon request

Statement of Activities
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Revenue and Support

Contributions	32,600.00
Fed'l and County Gov't Grants	93,791.00
United Way	21,655.00
Other Grants	1,500.00
Fundraising Events	9500.00
Contributed Use of Facilities	17,700.00
Gain/Loss on Investments	1822.00
Other Income	847.00
Interest Income	99.00
Total Revenue and Support	<u>179,514.00</u>

Expenses

Program Services	166,337.00
Management and General	20,062.00
Fundraising Expense	8,090.00
Total Expenses	<u>194,489.00</u>

Change in Net Assets During Year **(14,975.00)**

Many Thanks to Our 2009 – 2010 Volunteers

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