



## Literacy Volunteers -- Withstanding the Test of Covid 19!



Since 1976, Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven has been empowering adults to transform their lives through literacy. We have adapted, evolved and grown through every financial and technological challenge that changing times have thrown at us.

Now it's 2020 . . . and we are still here. Still adapting, still evolving, still exploring ways to grow.

When face-to-face tutoring was suspended, tutors gamely learned how to Zoom. They began teaching via phones, emails and paper packets. We can point with pride to a 77% tutor retention rate.

If Covid-19 has taught us nothing else, it taught us that distance learning is good. It alleviates transportation, parking, child care and bad-weather driving issues. It brings families together, as children help technologically-challenged parents sign into Zoom rooms on phones or tablets. To those needing devices, we drop off Chromebooks as fast as we can fund them.

We are providing tutors and students with new distance learning curricula. Basic Literacy students now use Lexia, and soon we will offer Burlington English to ESOL students.

We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, students, funders and community partners for all support, as we navigate these unprecedented waters together. Everyone please stay healthy and hopeful.

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