

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester

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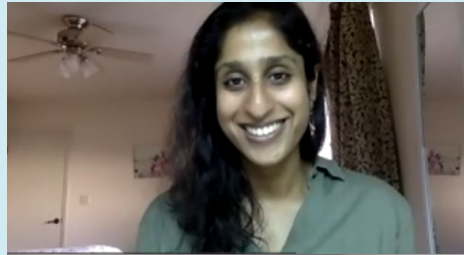
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Jill Lagana, Executive Director as of 8/23
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Lena Webb, Program Manager
Rafaela Joseph, Admin/Program Assistant



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Darrelyn Paskavitz
Janelle Posey
Luis Santos
Janet Szymanski
Krithi Vachaspati
Alex Wade



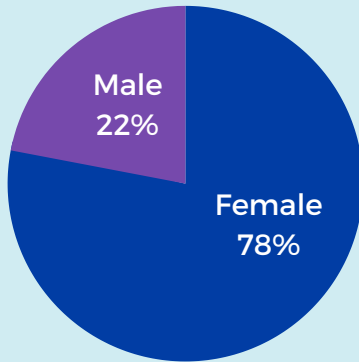
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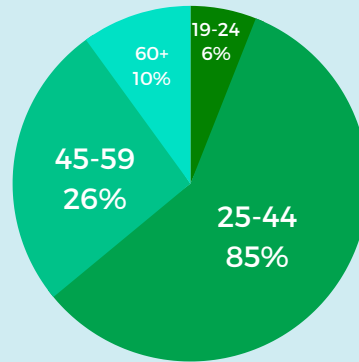


382 STUDENTS SERVED

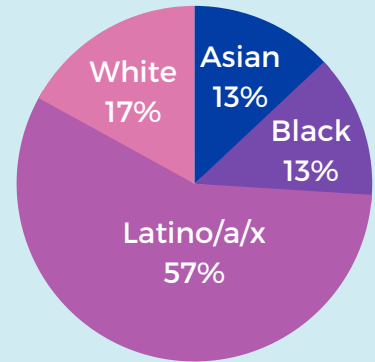
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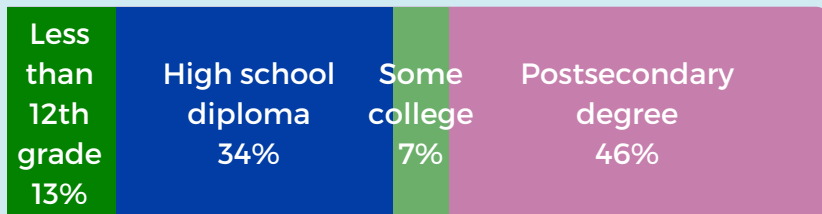
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Race

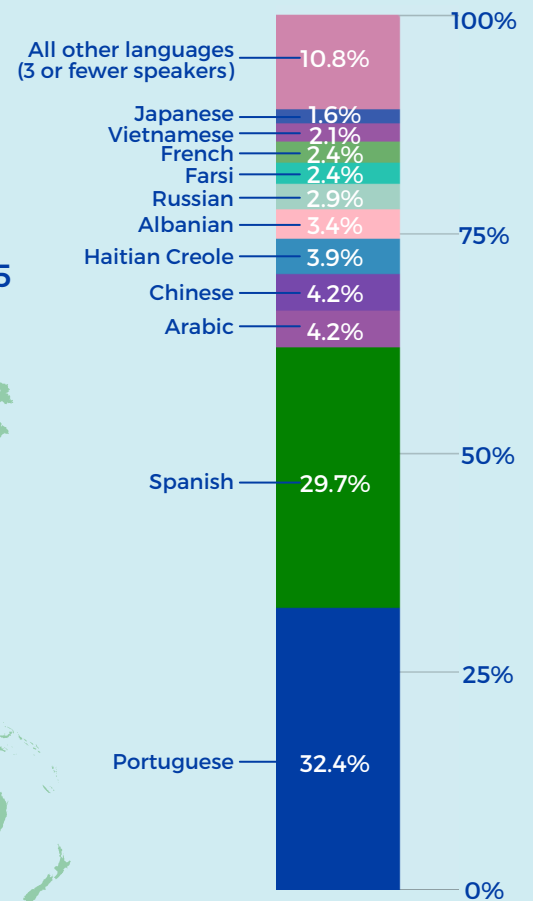


Education Level



Language

38 languages spoken



Country of Origin

Students came from 52 countries. Blue indicates top 5 most common home countries.



PROGRAMS & IMPACT

LVGW provides English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and basic literacy instruction at no cost to adult learners in the Greater Worcester area.

TUTORING

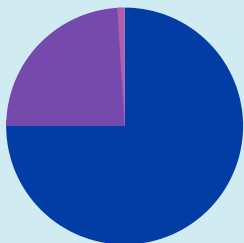
Volunteer tutoring is at the core of who we are. Since 1973, we have offered free, confidential, and flexible one-to-one tutoring. We believe that individualized instruction is one of the most effective ways to develop English language and literacy skills. Our

volunteers are trained with our standards-based tutor curriculum and regularly offered professional development workshops and individual support to help them hone their skills to address their students' needs. Through both one-to-one and small group tutoring, LVGW offers year-round instruction to about 100 students every year.



LITERACY ACADEMY

Over 15 years ago, to meet the rising demand for ESOL instruction, we established our Literacy Academy program. We now offer 36+ ESOL courses per year, at levels ranging from survival (pre-beginner) to high intermediate. Courses meet once per week for nine weeks during three trimesters so students can take courses all year round. In addition to general ESOL, specialized courses include Civics & Citizenship, English for Work, and English for Parents & Caregivers.



75% of Literacy Academy students' English language proficiency improved significantly, 24% improved somewhat, and 1% did not improve.



67% of students reported career-related outcomes including applying for a job, completing a job interview, receiving a promotion, and obtaining a certificate or license in their field.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Through programs like Rosetta Stone and Voxy, dozens of LVGW students had access to self-directed online learning on their own schedules. These programs are customizable to students' levels, interests, and needs.

Rosetta
Stone

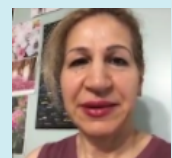
voxy

CONVERSATION CIRCLES



In the spring of 2021, five Clark University students chose LVGW for an academic community service learning project, in which they planned and facilitated weekly online conversation circles for LVGW students. Many of our students want more opportunities to practice

Ten LVGW students became US citizens this year, including Fatemeh, Yosiris, and Ester (pictured). Congratulations!



Learning basic literacy skills changes lives. This means individuals will be able to be socially and economically empowered.

IN GRATITUDE

\$15,000 +

Fletcher Foundation

George I. Alden Trust

Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts (LVM) / Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

Stoddard Charitable Trust

Worcester Together Fund (Greater Worcester Community Foundation & United Way of Central Massachusetts)

\$10,000 - \$14,999

Albert W. Rice Charitable Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Fred Harris Daniels Foundation

George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation

National Grid Foundation

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Bay State Savings Bank Charitable Foundation

Bernatchez Family Foundation

Cornerstone Bank

Dollar General Literacy Foundation

Mass Humanities, state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities

Reach Out for Schools

Robert Treat Paine Association

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Berkshire Bank Foundation

Country Bank

Allen Fletcher

Warner & Mary Fletcher

Nirmal Parikh

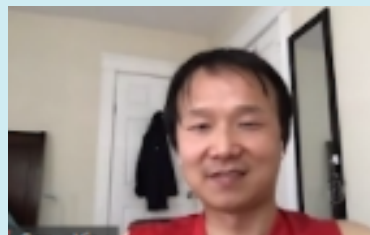
Schwartz Charitable Foundation

Ryan Shipe

TD Charitable Foundation

United Way of Central Massachusetts

Webster Five Foundation



\$500 - \$999

Tori Buerschaper

Marcia Butzel

Dell EMC

Delta Dental of Rhode Island

Ed Fanjoy

Fletcher Tilton PC

Mitchell Gaumond

Rollstone Bank & Trust

Schneider Electric

UniBank

Larry & Donna Waksman

Jon Zabierek

\$250 - \$499

Laurie D'Amico Tigan

Melissa Depanian

Kathleen Gagne

Kelsey & Laura Miller

Michael Mills

Marc Sanguinetti

\$100 - \$249

Amanda Addeo

Joan Arnold

Joseph & Maria Barry

Amy Bernstein

Paul Black

Eric Capellari

Livia Carrillo

Filomena Didiano

Sang Quan Do

Beulah Griffe & Raul Padron

Happy Colors

Andrea & Kenneth Johnson

Allison Maguire

Anita Maurier

Donna McClure

Vitana Melesiute

Leah Meyers & Family

Kevin O'Connor

Linda Oroszko

Yaa Poku

Unum

Ben Waksman

\$1 - \$99

Andrey Agafonov

Elaine Almeida

Saraith Angulo Nieves

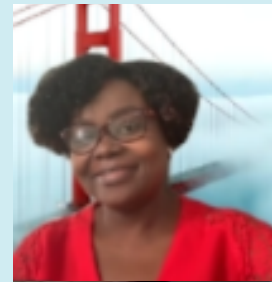
Diana Aponte

Mirela Bace

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Sevan Bedrosian

Janet Marie Bessette Ivaska



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Lisette Castro

Kerlyzama Cruz de Souza

Thuy Dang

Nana Dantas

William & Rhoda Davidson

Althea Djomo

Regina Edmonds

Vitaliy Fain

Duplexe Feutcha Tchuisseu

Viviane Galon

Marisela Galvez

Ellie Gilmore

Julia Goldreich Caruk

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Courtney Hodgdon

Raul Ibarra

Tahir Javed

Nahomie Jean

Jolene Jennings

Rafaela Joseph

Shpresa Kadi

Bill Kadish

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Wanja Kiraguri

Yahui Kong

Nagaraju Koornala

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Judy Nolfi

Corina Oana

Judite Oliveira

Yoshiyuki Ono

Susan Palis

Eddy Paul

Frieda Pereira

John Proia

Janette Racicot

Seetha Raj

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Annika Webster

Wesley Whistle

Joe Wisboro

Cong Xiao

Hungli Yan

Jun Yang


Cesar Zevallos

I appreciate the work that Literacy Volunteers do for people like me with a desire to improve and learn the English language. My achievements have been possible thanks to the valuable support of my tutor Linda, who has been a great help with the language and motivated me.

-Claudia, student, after completing early childhood education certificate

Thank you!

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