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Lincoln Literacy Announces Capital Campaign

Funds will create space for English classes

LINCOLN, NE - Lincoln Literacy announced today that additional donations are needed in order to fund their newly-acquired building at 1023 Lincoln Mall. A capital campaign which began quietly in early 2023 has raised more than \$1.5 million of its \$1.9 million goal. Funds raised so far include \$700,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding as well as donations from individuals and foundations.

“Our previous space at 9th & G served us well for decades. But thanks to growing services and opportunities in our community, Lincoln Literacy was bursting at the seams.” said Bryan Seck, Executive Director of Lincoln Literacy. “This new skill-building center, in the same neighborhood we have always served, will support our many students as they seek pathways to living-wage jobs and ultimately to careers in healthcare, manufacturing or other fields.”

In 2022, Lincoln Literacy served a record-breaking 1,405 students from 48 countries, utilizing 150 volunteer tutors, including 48 one-to-one tutoring pairs. Lincoln Literacy offered more than 100 classes each week at 12 sites across the city, partnering with dozens of organizations and companies in the community including teaching English, citizenship, driving, GED and workforce development. In 2023, the organization expects to exceed 1,500 served.

“In order to better meet the needs of Lincoln’s refugees and immigrants while addressing our city’s workforce crisis, the community must come together ,” said Janet Eskridge, Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee. “Heartfelt gifts of all sizes are needed to meet our campaign goals and have this space ready to serve our community for decades to come.”

Lincoln Literacy strengthens our community by teaching the English language and a variety of literacy skills to people of all cultures. Lincoln Literacy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Learn more at LincolnLiteracy.org

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