



**Literacy Volunteers
of Somerset County**

Executive Director's Annual Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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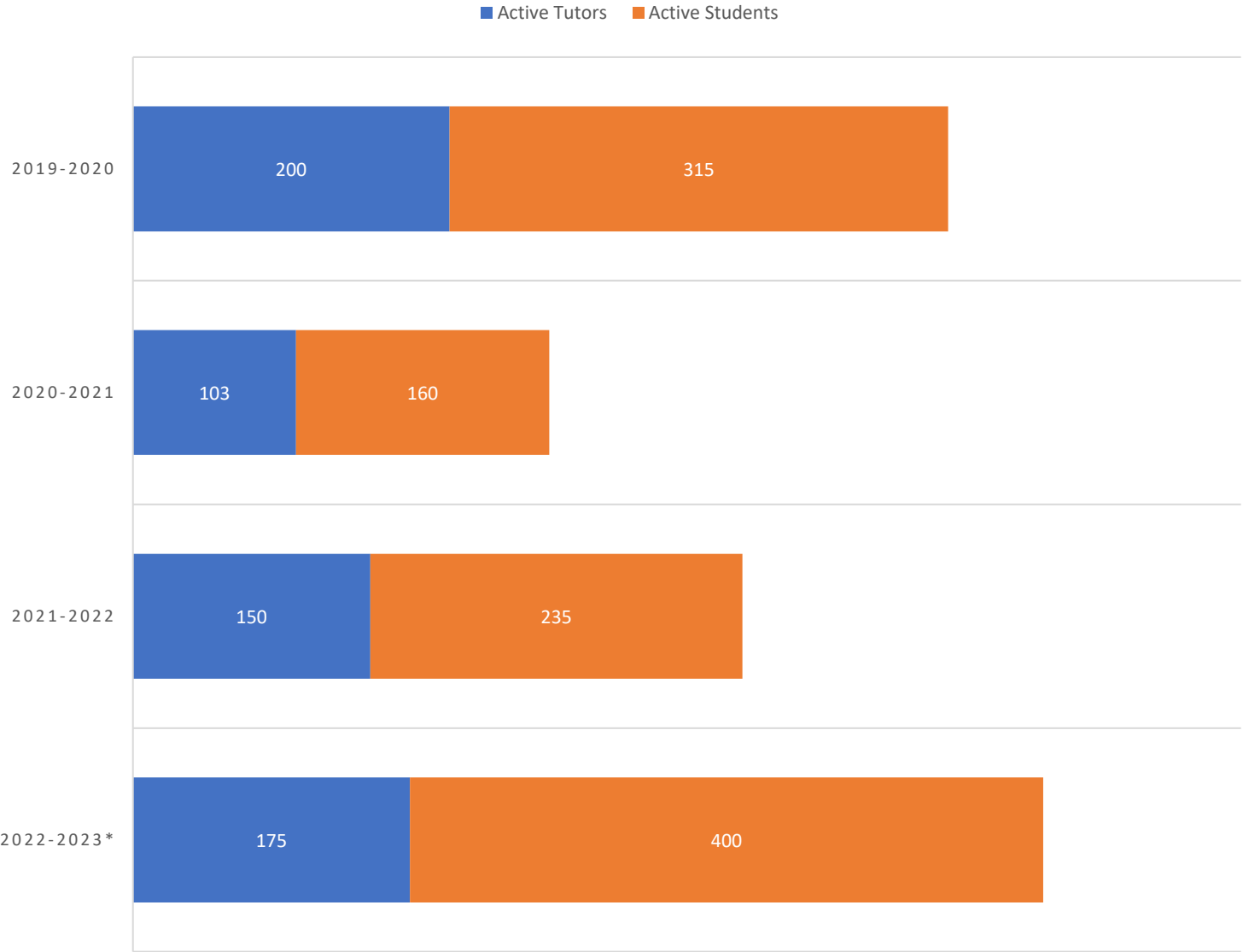
Up, up and away!

Soaring to new heights:

- Exciting journey "back to normal"
- A return to pre-pandemic service levels
- In-person & virtual programming
- Expansion - staff & space

Return to pre-pandemic levels of service.

ACTIVE TUTORS/STUDENTS BY YEAR



Up, up and away!

So much to celebrate:

- Amazing students
- Dedicated volunteers
- Generous donors
- Caring partners



New students

In response to rising demand,
we are tutoring more students:

- 142 assessed
(115 last year)
- 141 matched with a tutor
(103 last year)





400 students served
from 46 different
countries!

- 270 worked with a tutor
- 200 attended a conversation group (12 offered)
- 37 participated in a beginner class (3 offered)
- 25 received US citizenship preparation support



Congratulations, Students

So many accomplishments.* Here are a few:

- 96 achieved employment goals
- 78 increased involvement with children's education
- 31 became more knowledgeable consumers
- 29 got more involved in the community
- 21 improved health knowledge
- 19 new citizens
- 12 entered training programs
- 1 got a driver's license

... plus, hundreds improved their English skills!

**As of June 1, 2023*



To meet demand for services, we are training more volunteers:

New Tutors

- 64 new tutors trained (*44 last year*)
- 20 tutor information sessions
- 3 tutor training workshops
- 7 in-service support sessions

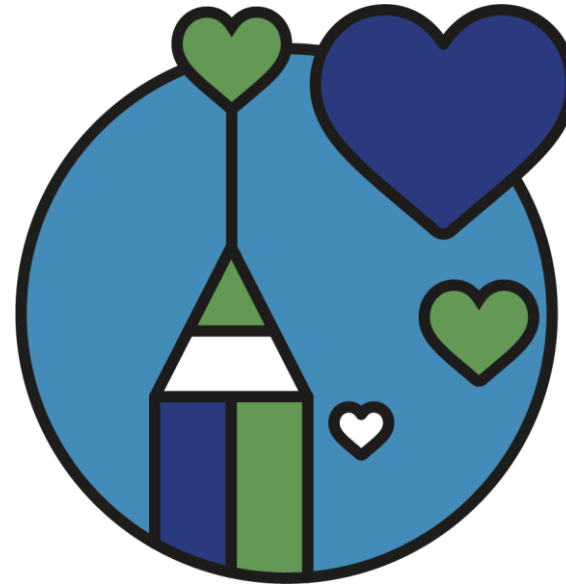


175 volunteers
(140 last year)

- 14 conversation group leaders
- 8 U.S. citizenship prep tutors
- 6 assessors
- 5 event volunteers
- 2 office assistants

Student Success Center – Grand Opening

- Program expansion supporting tutors and students
- Lending library of adult ESL resources
- Welcoming space
 - Student Assessments
 - Tutor Trainings
 - Student Workshops
- Additional Staff
 - Lisa Ries, Student Success Manager
- Made possible by grants & donations



Family Reading Night Collaboration

- Three Sessions, On Zoom
- Families received:
 - A book to keep
 - A craft to make together
 - Pizza delivery
- Read-Aloud conducted by LVSC Volunteers
- Books donated by friends of LVSC



Additional Programming

ESL Writing Workshop

- 4-week pilot program

U.S Citizenship Preparation Expansion

- Trained 6 additional tutors

Connections: A Student-Run Newsletter

- 38 students contributed to 3 great issues

Cultural Connections

- Integrated LVSC's cultural sensitivity training into Tutor Training workshop
- Shared program at Literacy NJ statewide conference

Health Literacy

- Distributed 16 communications from community partners



Youth Engagement

Family Literacy Night:

- Bridgewater-Raritan High School



Family Reading Book Drives:

- Sweet Reads, Bridgewater-Raritan High School Chapter
- Keira Kruchovy, Hillsborough High School Girl Scout



College Service – Winter Break Intern:

- Chelsea Young, Liberty University





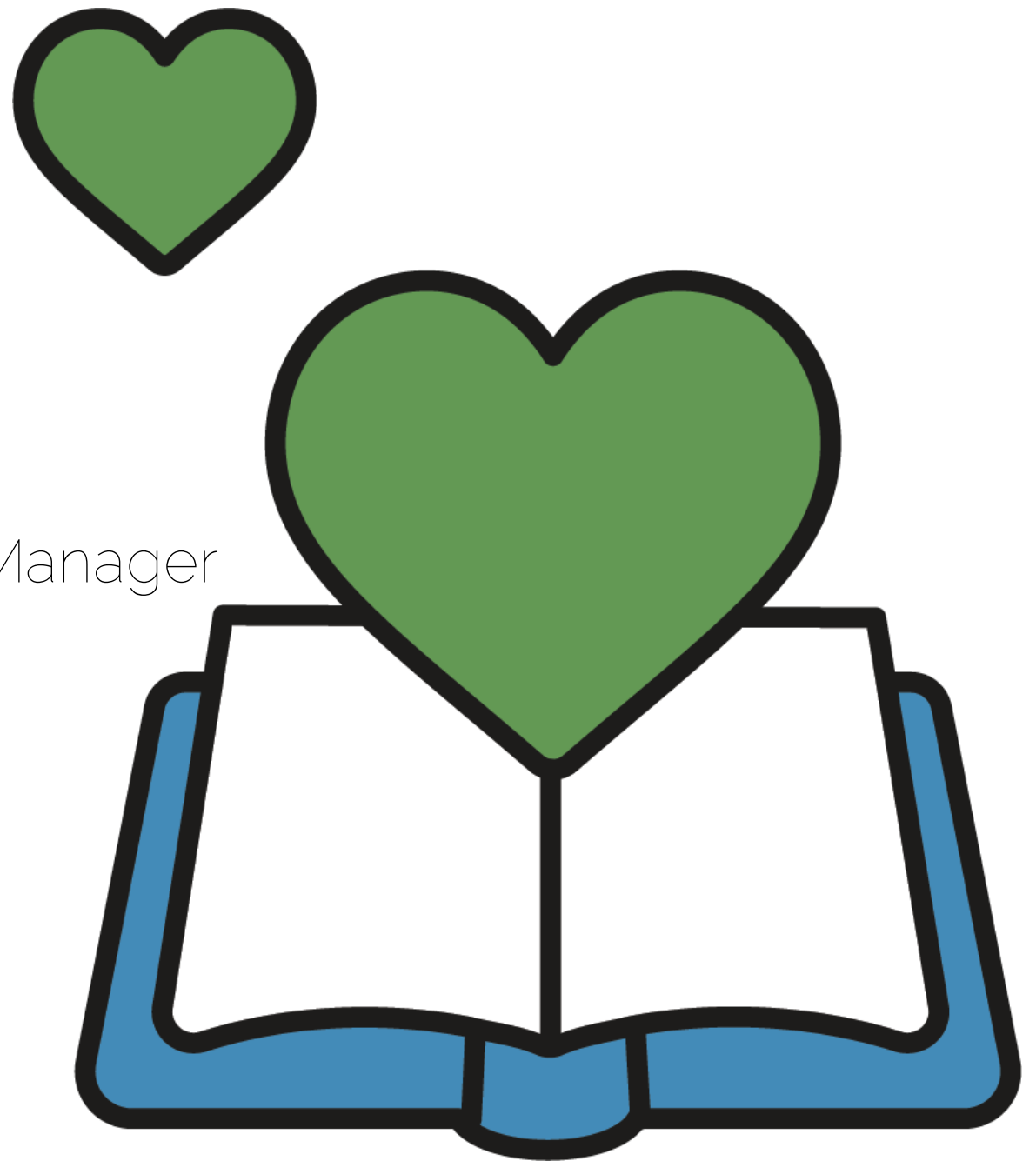
Behind the Scenes

Thank You, Staff

Susan Engelstein, Program & Events Manager

Lisa Ries, Student Success Manager

Lauren Randolph, Tutor Trainer



Thank You, Board of Trustees

- Introducing the 2023-24 slate:
 - 12 members strong
 - 5 current/former tutors
 - Diverse expertise



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(July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)



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What's Next? Sky's the Limit...

We're Expanding! To reach more beginner-level ESL students in underserved communities.

- Additional instruction: increase capacity by 30%
- Connect students with job skills & placement service, and community resources
- Funded by American Rescue Plan monies allocated by the Somerset County Commissioners.
- Multi-agency collaboration led by Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board
 - Raritan Valley Community College
 - Hunterdon County Education Services Commission
 - Library Partners

We're Hiring! A Literacy Navigator to coordinate Beginner Expansion.

We're Training! Tutors to teach Beginner ESL.

We're Enhancing Tutor/ Student Support! Through Student Success Center.

We're Growing Our Tutor Network! To meet student demand.

We're Seeking New Funding Sources! To grow and sustain.

We are grateful to the LVSC community and look forward to the year ahead. Thank you!



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