

Dear Beverly,

As we look back on 2010, it has been an exciting and challenging year for Loudoun Literacy Council (LLC). LLC was recognized for our work as a finalist for the Nonprofit of the Year by the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce. This was an honor, especially as our resources have been stretched to meet the growing needs in Loudoun.



Executive Director, Candace Kroehl (holding award), with LLC team members.

The requests for services have increased dramatically, with over 200 adult learners in our programs this fall. We have classes from Sterling to Middleburg, in schools, churches, and libraries; wherever we can be accessible to clients. Our Family Literacy Program works with all the Head Start students and their families, and through Sweet Dreams provides a reading program and books for those families at the Emergency Shelter and the Transitional Housing Shelter. At the same time, LLC is still coping with the lagging economy.

My wish this holiday season is that you will think of your neighbors-adults who find employment because they now can read or understand English; children who are ready to succeed in school because they now have books for mom and dad to read with them-and help Loudoun Literacy continue to serve our community in the new year through your [donation](#) to LLC.

With gratitude and best wishes for the new year,

*Candace*

### Espionage Exposed to Raise Funds for the Loudoun Literacy Council



The Loudoun Literacy Council and K2M, Inc. exposed the undercover world of espionage with top counterintelligence expert, David Major, on Thursday, December 2 at K2M, Inc. in Leesburg. Mr. Major told intriguing tales of spies and spy catchers from World War II to present day to help raise funds for LLC. Our thanks to David Major and to K2M for sponsoring this event!

### Washington Post columnist emeritus, Bob Levy, visits the LLC!



Bob Levy met students and teachers at an evening ESOL class recently, in preparation for an article on LLC, featuring student Dalmacio (right), that he is writing for the United Way.

### Tarara Winery Pours A Little More in December



Tarara Winery will donate 5% of retail store sales each Tuesday to the Loudoun Literacy Council in December, and will donate 10% of online pre-tax sales to us! Be sure to use promo code "LLC." For more information visit [www.tarara.com](http://www.tarara.com) and toast the new year for LLC.

### Fall for Reading 2010 a Success!



Loudoun Literacy Council kicked off the 2010 school year with its annual "Fall for Reading" family literacy event on September 12th at Rust Library in Leesburg. This year's program featured a return performance by dramatic storyteller Ritzya, as well as readings from local Virginia authors and a musical storytelling. Many volunteers helped make the day a success, including local Girl Scout troops, high school groups, and a number of our "regular" volunteers. Attendees far exceeded last year's numbers. Now in its second year, the event promotes reading together as a family and includes something for everyone.

### Halloween Book Party at the Leesburg Homeless Shelters



Our second annual Halloween Book Party at the Volunteers of America Homeless Shelters drew rave reviews from parents and children alike. Dinner was provided for the Transitional, Emergency, and Men's shelters, and families participated in a full evening of fun activities. It began with a Halloween parade of children in costume and continued with a story, games, arts and crafts, and a make-your-own dessert activity. [Learn more](#)

### Workplace Donations Can Benefit LLC Programs



For those who donate through the workplace, please consider designating Loudoun Literacy Council when contributing to United Way (#8492) or to Combined Federal Campaign (#53550). [Thank you for your support.](#)

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#### Loudoun Learning Lends a Hand



Michelle Johnson-Adair, owner of the Leesburg educational supply store Loudoun Learning, Inc., has teamed up with Loudoun Literacy Council to sponsor a book and educational games drive during the month of December. [Learn more](#)

#### New Role for Tanya Bittenbender



There is an exciting new change within the staff at the Loudoun Literacy Council. Tanya Bittenbender's role within the organization has been expanded to meet growing needs in the areas of fundraising, event management, volunteer management, and community relations. [Read entire story](#)



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