

# Loudoun Literacy Council Newsletter



Winter Issue

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Dear Candace,

May the sights and sounds of the Holiday Season lift your spirit now and in the New Year. We value our relationship with you and thank you for your support.

Best wishes to you, your families, and your organizations.

With much gratitude,

*Candace*

p.s. tell your family and friends to help us **go GREEN** by signing up for our newsletter.

## Double your Donation in December!



Once again, the Loudoun Literacy Council (LLC) has been honored to receive an anonymous donation. The donor has pledged a gift of \$10,000 if the Board of Directors can raise \$10,000 during the month of December... *your generosity will help us meet our DECEMBER DOUBLE DOLLARS CHALLENGE!*

Please make your donation today and help us meet our challenge!

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Executive Director, Candace Kroehl states "this year there have been increasing numbers who sought out the assistance of LLC. Want to know how and who your donations has helped? *Find out here*

## ESOL Student Becomes U.S. Citizen



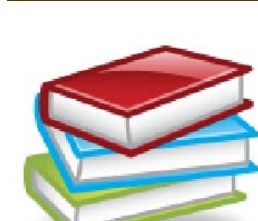
Bertha Correa, left, receives her certificate of citizenship! "We people who immigrate to the United States mainly for economic opportunities understand that to take the first step toward achieving our goals we must study English, the language of our new home". *Bertha's story*

## High Praise for the Claude Moore Community Builders Program



For the past three summers, LLC has been fortunate enough to take part in the summer intern portion of the Claude Moore Community Builders Program (CMCB), a core program of Loudoun Cares, a nonprofit human service center that includes comprehensive information and referral services for Loudoun County residents. Additionally, CMCB is a program that pairs local high school students with local nonprofits. *Full Story*

## Summer Book Donations Soar



The single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school. (National Commission on Reading) The Family Literacy Program distributes over 3,000 new and gently-used books in Loudoun County each year to low income families. *Learn more about our donors!*

## Halloween Festivities Bring Books And Fun To The Loudoun County Homeless Shelters



Thursday, October 29th, Loudoun Literacy Council (LLC) held a Halloween party for families at the Loudoun Emergency Homeless Shelter and the Transitional Housing Shelter. The evening included a story time, arts and crafts, make-your-own-desserts, and literacy activities. The children wore costumes and participated in several games such as, the Spooky Walk and Bean Bag Pumpkin Toss. *Read about our partnership with the shelters.*

## Fall for Reading provides Literacy Fun for the Entire Family!



Fall for Reading, a family event sponsored by Verizon and TD Bank, was held on Sunday, September 20, 2009, in conjunction with the newly renovated Rust Library. This inaugural event was developed by the Loudoun Literacy Council to celebrate the importance of reading together as a family.

More than 200 children and adults participated in a variety of activities that all focused on literature and reading. *Other highlights of the event.*

## Loudoun Literacy Council Can Help You With Your Holiday Gift Giving



It's gift giving season! Have you thought about sending "alternative" gifts? We can send holiday cards indicating your "gifts." Include names and addresses with your donation.

### What will your gifts buy?



provides one Baby Book Bundle with books and literacy information for an at risk pregnant woman or teen



purchases five bilingual preschool books to encourage family reading, or a student book for an adult learner



supplies ten lending library book packs for Loudoun County Head Start and ESL elementary classrooms



purchases bags for 1,000 Head Start book packs



provides a Family Book Party dinner at a homeless shelter

Now that you have purchased your gifts...you can enjoy the holidays - knowing you are sharing the joy of the season.

And there is an **extra benefit** - all donations in December are doubled through the matching **DECEMBER DOUBLE DOLLARS challenge!**

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## Meet Marissa Chiantella



My first four months as an Americorps member with Loudoun Literacy Council (LLC) have blown by! It has been a whirlwind of ESL classes, training sessions, tutormatching, and outreach events, but I cannot imagine it any better. As a local of Leesburg, I came into the service year with the notion of giving back to and positively influencing the community in which I was raised. *Learn more about our newest team member.*

## Ruth Dowe saying Goodbye



In December I will be leaving the Loudoun Literacy Council (LLC) to start a new career as a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State, with many thanks to the staff at LLC, as well as my AmeriCorps supervisor, Ruth Hansen, who have been very supportive during my time here. *Read Ruth's farewell letter.*

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