



FAMILY LITERACY CENTER

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Dear Friends,

WE ARE OPEN! Our staff and volunteers and students are all learning a new "normal." We now offer in-person (with safety precautions) and remote tutoring using phones and internet services.

Our auction and camel races were cancelled. That represented a staggering 25% of our already lean budget. Most activities related to our contracts were stopped or greatly reduced. This meant a loss of another 25%+ of our income.

GED testing was closed for many months. Now that it is reopened, we are again helping many of our students work toward their goal of earning their GED. **TWENTY-ONE** of our students have earned their GED this year!!

Yes, 2020 has been challenging, but **YOU make our programs POSSIBLE.** **PLEASE GIVE** toward our end of year campaign! A kind donor has offered a generous match!

Thank you!

Mary Shelton-Wiese
Executive Director, Family Literacy Center

GIVE HER A SECOND CHANCE

Emily is 21 years old and stopped going to high school at 14 years old. Her father forced her to drop out because he wanted her help to run his small home shop. Emily has a true mechanical talent. Her father did not value education. Sadly, he was also verbally and physically abusive, primarily with her mother.



When Emily was 18, her mother was able to leave her father. She took her and the children to a safer environment, but the lasting mental effects are something they struggle with today. Emily hasn't let her past break her or change her strong, kind, and caring spirit.

Emily recently moved out on her own and changed jobs. Her new employer has required her to get her GED in the next 90 days. This is what motivated her to come to the Family Literacy Center. She and her tutor have been working very hard and she has progressed quickly. Emily plans to have her GED before the end of the year and, after, she wants to earn a degree in robotics or to become a certified mechanic. With YOUR help, she will succeed in accomplishing her goals.

Emily is like many of the 200+ adult students we help each year.



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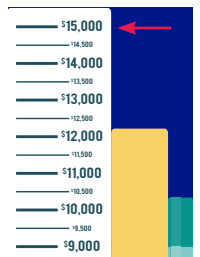
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ALL NEW! Please consider becoming a special "*Literacy is for Life*" **Giving Member**. Make your gift a monthly pledge at either site or through your online bill-pay bank account.

MATCHING DONATIONS

An anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$15,000 in end of year donations! That means if you give \$100, it becomes \$200! Please give and help us reach this ambitious goal!
YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!!



DONATE & WIN!

For every \$25 you donate, you will be entered into a drawing to win this custom wooden American flag (37"x18"), a \$300 value! Give \$100 and you will be entered four times! Drawing to be held on January 5, 2021.



Thank you to our flag donors, Jim & Joan Smith.