



“TOGETHER WE STAND”

In a world that has become cynical, building trust and renewing hope are significant challenges. Both are foundational for healthy relationships; essential for meaningful partnerships; keystones of success in life; and are integral to shaping cultures and generations.

During our 16-year history we have forged substantive relationships with key sectors of our community in a quest to serve Title I elementary schools. Each partner has enriched our efforts to equip students in the areas of literacy and learning and to bolster their confidence as they pursue academic and life success.

The Life Enrichment Center’s cadre of literacy volunteers are diverse and are committed to helping children become proficient readers. College and university students continue to build viable relationships with children, inspiring them to love reading and learning. These students are so committed that they walk or Uber to their one-hour tutoring session each week.

Business executives prioritize their weekly meeting with their students, at times altering important business schedules and trips so they won’t miss their session. Many from the corporate community have also given major gifts to the Center to advance its mission.

Volunteers from the nonprofit sector continue to join our efforts to improve the reading scores of children. The United Way of South Hampton Roads consistently

champions our literacy enrichment efforts, for which we are grateful. This year, we are excited to announce that the YMCA of South Hampton Roads has teamed up with us to tutor children.

Law enforcement agencies have made the LEC literacy initiative one of their signature projects and adjust schedules each week to allow officers to fulfill their one-hour weekly literacy tutoring assignment. Last year, law enforcement officials devoted a combined 3000+ volunteer hours to help children excel in reading. The community, school personnel and students are enriched by the presence of police officers and deputies in their schools and appreciate all they do to make the schools and communities a safe place.

The faith-based community, another major LEC partner, continues to serve with dedication and passion. Area congregations are actively involved in supporting children in our partner schools. Many leave their homes, jobs, and churches to travel to their volunteer site to fulfill their weekly commitment to help one child advance in his/her reading skills.

We value our relationship with partners and will continue to



encourage others to collaborate for the good of the children, communities and cities in the region. After a decade and a half of service together, we are becoming one big extended family, faithfully serving children, schools and our cities, embracing the old proverbial adage “together we stand—divided we fall.” We stand strong because of faithful partners like you.

Kevin H. Turpin
President

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A NEW PARTNER – A GENEROUS DONOR

The Life Enrichment Center acknowledges Verizon as its most recent corporate partner and the first Diamond (\$25,000) Sponsor of a Life Enrichment Center event. Mr. Anthony Lewis, Vice President of the Mid-Atlantic Region and Verizon employee since 1986, and I have discussed ways that we can enhance the Center's school-based literacy and technology labs in the region. Mr. Lewis is a native of Chesapeake and is committed to helping the Hampton Roads region build the infrastructure for 5G technology.



Law Enforcement Officials from Alexandria.

LEC LITERACY TUTORING & THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY

LEC's relationship with the Law Enforcement Community continues to grow. At the beginning of the year the City of Richmond Police Department allowed several of their officers to tutor in two Title I schools in Richmond, Virginia.

Our most recent partner includes law enforcement officials from the City of Alexandria, Virginia. Over 400 personnel from the police department and Sheriff's Office were invited to become LEC literacy tutors and will serve as LEC literacy tutors at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School this fall. This year, we project that 125+ law enforcement officials from cities throughout the Commonwealth will be actively involved in the lives of children in Title I elementary schools.

2019 LEC BACKPACK INITIATIVE

Boys and girls who have the necessary tools for a new school year beginning the first day are more intellectually and emotionally ready to experience academic success during the school year than those who do not.

Through the generosity of our partners and friends, the LEC provided over 500 backpacks and supplies to elementary students throughout Hampton Roads.

Twelve enthusiastic freshmen and one junior from Old Dominion University came to the Life Enrichment Center to stuff the backpacks during the university's Freshman Day of Service on Friday, August 27, 2019. The LEC extends a hearty thank you to the following ODU students: Aalaesha Carter, ODU Junior and TreVeon Porchia, Tanya Morell, Tenisha Lucas, Jamari Copper, Gyniah Brown, Dejah Hill,

Are'auna Hopson, Kylea White, Kendall Hicks, Myles Oatres, Mia Newton and David Warren, ODU freshmen. These future leaders are already beginning to change the world through their service to our community.



LEC School Coordinators

Sandra Christmas
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Shelley McDaniel-Griffin
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2019 Tutor of the Year Award

LEC TUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Each year outstanding tutors are selected to receive the Tutor of the Year Award. The persons selected have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to LEC's mission to help improve the literacy scores of children through one-to-one weekly tutoring sessions. They are faithful and creative in their efforts to turn on the "literacy light" for their students. Holly Allen, Francine Stewart, and Norfolk Police Captain Marc Posch are the 2019 LEC Tutors of the Year.



2019 Tidewater Humanitarian Award

2019 LEC PARTNER OF THE YEAR



The Life Enrichment Center of Norfolk was launched out of New Life Church, a multi-ethnic, multi-site, multi-generational missional church with campuses in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Norfolk. Mark & Felecia Nowak hosted a

Life Group in Norfolk which was tasked with launching an outreach initiative which later became the Life Enrichment Center of Norfolk. Over the years, church members have given a combined 5000+ hours serving as LEC volunteers and the church has made significant investments to support the center over the past 16 years. New Life is determined to let its light shine brightly so others will see its good works and glorify God. Congratulations and a huge Thank You to New Life Church!

HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Kevin Turpin was recently selected as one of five individuals to receive the 2019 Tidewater Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities at an awards dinner held on March 28, 2019. We are grateful to have our work recognized in this manner.



Old Dominion University students spend the day stuffing over 500 backpacks with supplies.



2019 ODU Volunteers



*Enriching Lives For
A Brighter Tomorrow...*

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Law Offices of Carla Kithcart



LEC SUPPORTS THE NORFOLK PAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

A total of 29 students completed the PAL Summer Camps which met July and August 2019. The PAL Camps provide recreational and academic activities for our youth as an alternative to involvement in activities that could lead to criminal behaviors. The Police Athletic League fosters positive and trusting relationships between Police Officers and youth. LEC funded the 2019 PAL Summer Camp through a Walmart Grant.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT AT INGLESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DONOR

The Life Enrichment Center provided support to a special family-centered workshop hosted by Ingleside Elementary School. Over 50 families participated in the workshop on May 29, 2019. Some of the topics presented by the Therapeutic Day Treatment Counselors included: Effects of diet and exercise on child development, ABC's of Positive Parenting, and Understanding Your Child's Emotions. LEC donated four chrome computers and partnered with Mercy Chefs to provide a special dinner for those who attended the event.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL LEC GOLF CLASSIC



First Place Winners.

On Monday, June 3, 2019, the 13th Annual Golf Classic was held at the Signature Golf Course in Virginia Beach. Eighty-seven golfers enjoyed a competitive, fun-filled day in the sun. Over \$30,000 was raised to support our literacy enrichment efforts. We congratulate the first-place winners: Bob Jennings, Chris Behling, Fred Jones, and Jay Serrao. They have been the first-place winners of the LEC Classic 11 out of 13 tournaments.

SAVE THE DATE!
14TH ANNUAL
LEC GOLF CLASSIC
JUNE 1, 2020