

NEW LEC LITERACY SITES LAUNCHED

The LEC launched its first literacy tutoring program at Greer Elementary School in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2021 and will launch new programs at **Randolph Elementary School** in Arlington, Virginia, and at **James River Elementary School** in Williamsburg, Virginia, this fall.

The LEC is partnering with the UVA Police Department to serve students at Mary Greer; the Arlington Police Department and members from Incarnation Anglican Church will assist with the new literacy initiative at Randolph Elementary School.

James City County Police Department and the Churches Loving Schools Coalition will soon join to serve students at James River Elementary School.

“We are excited about expanding into new areas to help children succeed academically.”

TUTORING & LEARNING LOSS

As we learn to embrace a new normal, we find ourselves attempting to assess the aftermath of the pandemic on everyday life. Certainly, things are not the same as we recover from the altered routines and rhythms caused by a pandemic that does not want to let go. This year, learning loss is a significant challenge for the LEC and the schools across America. According to researchers, “school leaders are now racing to build programs that, they hope, will help students make up for at least some of this missed learning. One popular approach is ‘high-dosage’ tutoring.”

During the 2022-23 academic year, the LEC will launch 27 literacy sites in Title I schools throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the first time since 2019, most of our programs will be in-person. We hope to serve at least 300 students from the Hampton Roads, Williamsburg, Richmond, Northern Virginia and Charlottesville areas. The need for one-to-one tutoring is greater today than it has ever been. The LEC will partner with school districts from around the commonwealth to help students recover the fundamentals of reading that were lost from the lack of face-to-face instruction.

Visit the LEC website www.lecliteracy.org to begin the process of becoming a tutor and change the life of a child.



LEC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2022

Jaden R. Smith graduated as class valedictorian (4.52) from Churchland High School in Portsmouth, Virginia in June of 2022. As a result of credits accrued from advanced placement courses and TCC credits, Jaden entered Howard University this fall as a junior and is enrolled in the Pre-Med Program. His career goal is to be a Cardiothoracic surgeon. Congratulations to Jaden for his academic achievements, community service, and for being the 2021-22 LEC scholarship recipient.



Scholarship Winner Jaden R. Smith



LEC 2021-22 PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Norfolk Sheriff's Office has been selected to be the 2021-22 Partner of the Year. They became an active partner of the Life Enrichment Center in the fall of 2017. Several deputies have tutored over the past several years and are making a difference in the lives of the students that they serve each year. We take this opportunity to thank Sheriff Joseph Baron and the NSO deputies and the administrative staff for their faithful commitment to help children become proficient readers.



Sheriff Joseph Baron and NSO Deputies



LEC 2021-22 TUTOR OF THE YEAR



Norfolk Sgt. Corey Smith

Each year outstanding tutors are selected to receive the Tutor of the Year Award. The persons selected have tutored for 5 or more years and have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to LEC's mission to help improve the literacy scores of children. They are faithful and creative in their efforts to turn on the "literacy light" for their students. Norfolk Sgt. Corey Smith started during the 2018-19 school year and has been named the 2021-22 LEC Tutor of the Year.



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION

The Virginia Department of Education approved the LEC as one of the Commonwealth's sixty-six (66) non-profit organizations to offer Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credits to qualified individuals and organizations. The state tax credits are offered to individuals

and businesses who make donations that provide scholastic instruction or assistance to low income persons or eligible students with a disability. Please feel free to contact the LEC office to find out how you might qualify to receive the generous state tax credits.

SANDRA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

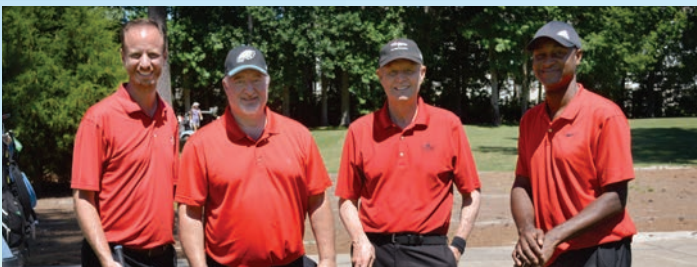
Congratulations to Sandra Christmas for her dedicated service to the Life Enrichment Center for twenty years. She joined the LEC staff in 2003 and served as both a receptionist and administrator during the formative years of the Center. She helped to oversee the Girls Life Mentoring Program at Blair Middle Schools, outreach ministries at non-profit organizations and was always an enthusiastic supporter of the expanding vision of the Center. In 2007, she was instrumental in helping to build the new literacy tutoring initiative in Title I schools. During her tenure she has served as secretary, administrator, assistant director, and literacy site coordinator. She has been a faithful colleague and friend of Kevin and Wanda and has provided strategic prayer covering for our efforts at the Center. She would say, "we have come this far by faith, always leaning on the guidance and favor of a generous God." We thank Sandra for her love, loyalty and for using her gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of many in the Hampton Roads community. As she has done to the least, she has done it unto the Lord.



*Sandra Christmas
2021-22-Coordinator of the Year*

2022 LEC GOLF CLASSIC

On Monday, June 6, 2022, the 16th Annual Golf Classic was held at the Virginia Beach National Golf Course in Virginia Beach. This was our best year ever with an amazing day of weather, almost 100 golfers and a stellar slate of prizes that everyone enjoyed! Over \$50,000 was raised to support the literacy enrichment efforts of the Center. First place winners of the Classic representing **Medical Staffing Solutions, USA** were Fred Jones, Nat Warren, Tim Jackson and Jesse Bell. **Congratulations to the first place winners!**



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2023 LEC Golf Classic will be held on **Monday, June 5, 2023** at a location to be determined.

MEET THE LEC STAFF (2022-23)



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Public Relations
Consultant



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Public Relations
Consultant



Shelby Dell
Public Relations
Consultant



FACEBOOK GRANT

Last year, the Hampton Roads Community Foundation awarded nearly \$1 million in grants to 30 local Black-led nonprofit organizations. Grants came from the Black Community Partnership Fund, which the Foundation launched thanks to a gift from Facebook. The LEC received a \$50,000 grant which supported staff expansion and program growth.



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