



Project Read

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Meet Some of Our Students

The number of Project Read students changes relatively frequently. New students are paired with tutors to begin their studies as established students reach the goals they have set and choose to end their study. You might like to “meet” some of our current students.

Oliver has cerebral palsy, and the effects of that condition made it difficult for him to learn reading and basic math while in school and continue to make it difficult for him to speak. Although he is in many ways a beginner, he is determined to improve his literacy skills. He has been coming to Project Read only a short time, but he is already making progress.

Edna was a beginner when she came to Project Read. At her husband's insistence, she agreed to learn to read and to study math. She came to class faithfully until her husband died, after which time she took a break. Now she is again studying with her tutor, who is pleased that Edna not only retained what she had learned but also made progress because she continued to read on her own.

Erica came to America from Brazil to visit her aunt who lives in Richmond and who was also a student at Project Read at one time. Erica's English-speaking skills are good, but she wants to improve her pronunciation and grammar. Since she will be here only a short time, she is working very hard to learn more. She wants to continue to study English when she returns home to her university.

Yukiko recently came to Richmond from Japan to join her husband who works for Richmond Auto Parts Technology, Inc. Although she majored in English at a university in Japan, she was a little embarrassed by what she perceived as her poor use of English. In reality, she speaks quite well and will be able to help her child who is enrolled in elementary school here in Richmond.

Special Thanks to Our Grant Donors

Dollar General and the **Madison County Fiscal Court** have become valued grant partners with Project Read. Through grants that each has awarded, Project Read will be able to begin a campaign to recruit tutors and to reach more adults who need our services. We are very grateful for these funds that will allow Project Read to serve more people.

Thank You to a Fundraising Partner

Charming Charlie in Lexington Green has proven to be a valued fundraising partner. For one day in April, they allowed a portion of the profits from their store to be given to Project Read. We appreciate businesses who realize the importance of literacy and support our efforts.

Having partners like Charming Charlie is more important than ever before. A decline in federal and state funding for adult literacy has resulted in programs serving only a fraction of adults in need. Project Read has experienced that reduction in funding, and we appreciate all partners who support us.



Charming Charlie personnel Jenn Daniel, Operations Specialist, and Emily Durham, Style Specialist

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Providing literacy tutoring in
Madison County since 1985

Project Read Changes Lives

Many adult low literacy students have experienced difficult childhoods. Some have learning disabilities previously undiagnosed, and some may have battled addictions or even spent time in prison. Their parents may have been absent or had little regard for education. Some students have to attend tutoring sessions while maintaining jobs. And some need the extra attention that one-to-one tutoring gives them. At Project Read, we have served students with all of these experiences.

Tutors at Project Read know that life is challenging for those with the inability to read. Consider these consequences for those with low literacy levels:

They have limited ability to obtain and understand essential information.

They have a higher rate of unemployment.

They have lower income. It is estimated that 43 percent of adults with the lowest literacy levels live in poverty.

They have lower quality jobs with little hope of advancing.

They are in a precarious financial position.

They suffer from low self-esteem.

They give little value to education and reading within the family. ProLiteracy estimates that children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being in the lowest reading levels themselves.

These same consequences apply to individuals who do not speak English well because English is not their first language. ProLiteracy estimates that about half of the 2 million immigrants to the U.S. each year lack a high school education and are not proficient in English language skills. At Project Read, we know that when individuals learn to read, write, do basic math and speak English, they have the power to lift themselves out of poverty, gain higher self-esteem, and find and keep employment. We work with low-literacy students as well as English as a second language students to help them achieve their goals.

Based on data from "Hiding in Plain Sight: The Adult Literacy Crisis," *The Washington Post*, November 1, 2016, and proliteracy.org, June 2, 2017.

Project Read Tutors Receive Training

All Project Read volunteer tutors are trained before they are paired with students. Tutoring sessions are arranged according to a mutually convenient schedule for both the tutor and student. While many tutoring sessions are held weekly, some are held more or less frequently, depending on the students' goals and/or the available times of the students and tutors. The Project Read office has rooms available for tutoring. However, tutoring sessions can also be held in appropriately convenient locations such as the library or a church.

Tutoring can be a rewarding experience. Would you like to be a tutor? If so, please call Brenda Thomas, Executive Director, at 859-623-4905.



Brenda Thomas, Project Read Executive Director, (right) is conducting a training session with volunteer tutors Freida Shoemaker (left) and Gentry Deck (center).

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W o r l d w i d e



Who We Are

Project Read currently has 45 students. Of these, 8 are Basic and 37 are ESL (English as a Second Language) students. Basic students range from learning levels 1 through 7. ESL students are from Brazil, Cambodia, Japan, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, and Viet Nam. Over the past five years, students have come from 25 different countries.



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