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A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE DLC

An Exciting New Era Dawns for the Dominican Literacy Center

We have reached a major milestone! After years of operating under a group exemption, the IRS officially granted the DLC its own independent 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status on December 15, 2025.

This transition reflects our growth and gives us the autonomy to pursue new partnerships and grants while keeping our mission exactly the same.

We are incredibly grateful to our founding Adrian Dominican Sisters for their decades of guidance and unwavering support. Their leadership has provided the foundation upon which we continue to build this new chapter.

- **Important for Donors:** Our EIN remains the same. You do not need to update your records for recurring gifts, and your contributions continue to be fully tax-deductible.

Literacy and Justice for All

Our tagline, "Literacy and Justice for All," is more than a slogan—it guides our mission.

We believe literacy is a cornerstone of equity and a vital tool for self-advocacy.

By empowering our learners with the ability to read and write, we help them break down systemic barriers, build confidence, and claim their rightful seat at the table.

Congratulations to One of Our Own

We are proud to announce that Board Member Patrick Brown has accepted a new role as the Manager of Adult Education for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).

During his time on our board, Patrick has been a steadfast advocate for our learners. While we will miss him, we are thrilled to have one of our own representing Adult Education at the state level!

How You Can Help

As we step into this new chapter of independence, your support is what keeps our programs free for our learners.

Invest: Support our mission with a tax-deductible donation.

Inspire: Sign up for our upcoming orientation and become a tutor.

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Expand Your Impact: Upcoming Tutor Training & Orientation

Are you looking to sharpen your tutoring skills or do you know someone ready to join our mission? We are excited to announce two upcoming opportunities to grow together this February!

- **New Tutor Orientation:** Thursday, February 26th | 10:00 AM
- **Specialized Tutor Training:** Join us for an expert-led session with Kristina Matthews.

These sessions are designed to equip you with the latest tools and strategies to support our learners effectively.

We are incredibly grateful to St. Paul on the Lake for their generous grant funding and to the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) for their continued partnership, making this high-quality training possible.

How to Register: Reply to kmatthews@dlcliteracy.org



Alumni Spotlight:

We recently had a wonderful visit from a familiar face! William Ware (Class of 2018) stopped by the Center to say hello and share some incredible updates on his professional journey. William's foundation for success began here, where he spent a dedicated year working with Teacher Susan and Tutor Dave to earn his GED.

Since graduation, William has been excelling in the skilled trades through the City of Detroit's "Skills for Life" program, specializing in carpentry and Electrical Systems Technology.

He dropped in to announce his latest milestone: passing his State of Michigan Lead Abatement Certification. He is now setting his sights on joining the Carpenters and Millwrights Union or the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

We are so proud of the professional William has become!

"Dominican is a wonderful learning environment; if you apply yourself, they give you exactly what you need to succeed." — William Ware

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