



# ADULT LEARNING CENTER



## Challenge Guidelines

To encourage and expand the ALC's fundraising base, the Rita Stevens Charitable Trust has set the following guidelines:

1. \$\$ from all new donors will be matched one dollar for every two dollars given.
2. \$\$ from lapsed donors (who did not give in 2016) will be matched one dollar for every two dollars given.
3. If you are a current donor, give more \$\$ than you did during 2016 and that increase will be matched in a one to two ratio.

Donor = Individuals, corporations, religious and other organizations, public and private foundations

To find out if and/or how much you gave in 2016, please email [marianne@alcmke.org](mailto:marianne@alcmke.org) with



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## Are You Ready for A Challenge?

Things are heating up at the Adult Learning Center this summer, thanks to a generous challenge from a couple of friends of the organization.

We are pleased to announce that the Rita Stevens Charitable Trust is offering up to \$25,000 in matching funds to help the ALC build its base of new donors, regain lapsed donors and increase the yearly dollar amount given by current donors.

### Building a Strong Foundation for the Future

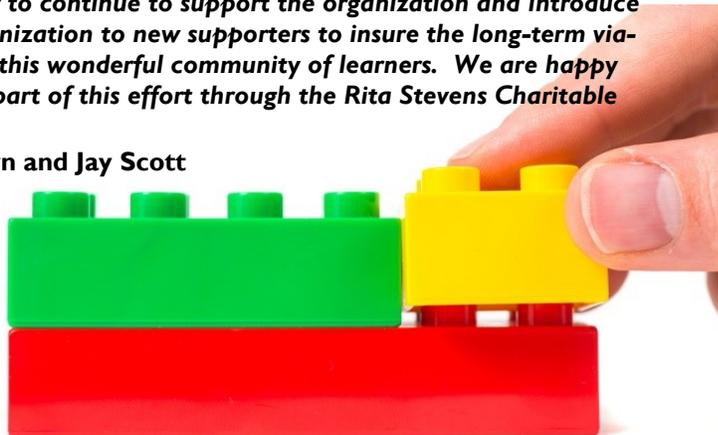
"We talk a lot about how our students are motivated adults who overcome challenges in order to receive an education that can strengthen their future" acknowledges Herb Hayden, ALC Executive Director. "They depend on the ALC to give them the tools they need to transform their lives."

A strong future for our students and our organization relies on a solid base of financial support. ALC leadership has been focusing on ways to spark new and lapsed giving, and Jay and Carolyn Stevens stepped up with a very meaningful, motivating opportunity for new and current donors.

Through the Rita Stevens Charitable Trust, Jay and Carolyn Scott have pledged up to \$25,000 in a matching gift challenge for donations received between now and November 30, 2017. Challenge guidelines are listed to the left. Now is the time to give generously and to introduce your friends to the ALC!

***"The Adult Learning Center is an important organization in our community, and it has made a difference in the lives of many individuals and families. It is important that we all come together to continue to support the organization and introduce the organization to new supporters to insure the long-term viability of this wonderful community of learners. We are happy to be a part of this effort through the Rita Stevens Charitable Trust.***

**- Carolyn and Jay Scott**



## On the Road with Lake Country Volunteers

For more than 30 years, volunteers from the Western Lake Country have been rising early on Wednesday mornings and traveling east on Interstate 94 to spend time tutoring ALC students .

It all started in the mid-1980's when long-time volunteer Barb Miller of St. Jerome Catholic Parish in Oconomowoc was introduced to the need for tutors at the adult learning program held on the second floor at St. Gall's Catholic Church in Milwaukee. Barb went back and recruited a group of people through her parish's Renew Program, and the rest is history. While the Lake Country contingent has lost and gained a few volunteers, the impetus for their service remains the same. They do it because the students they tutor are like extended family to them.

**41,000**  
Hours of tutoring

### In Their Own Words

Through a series of interviews with the current group, here's what we learned about their commitment:

#### Mike Bruskowski

"As a former teacher, I always stressed the importance of gaining basic math and science skills. I'd tell students that they need to pay attention and gain these skills in order to get a meaningful job. These skills fit into real life now more than ever. Some students come to the ALC without knowing how to add. Just think about all of the things that require basic math. It can be as simple as knowing if you got the correct change in a store transaction."

#### Virginia "Ginny" Holahan

"I started volunteering at the ALC in 1986. With the deterioration that was taking place in the city of Milwaukee in the 1980's, I wanted to get involved with something where I could be a part of something positive. While the particulars of gaining a GED certificate have changed over the years, the core concept of one-to-one tutoring has stood the test of time. It has been a privilege to watch the tutoring component of ALC's programming grow to more than 100 volunteers strong."

#### Mark Johnson

"I was volunteering at a meal program and got into a conversation with one of our guests. He received his GED certificate from the ALC and was excited to tell me about it. I decided to check out this place that helped him succeed. That was six years ago, and I'm still here. On paper I am a math tutor, but there's much more to it than problem-solving. By helping students progress, by talking with them about dreams they may have to make a decent wage, we are helping to build confidence in themselves."

#### Kathy Light

"I keep coming back for more because it is so rewarding to be working with students who get excited when they move up and on in math or reading. There is such a sense of family and comradery at the ALC. The teaching staff are incredibly dedicated, and they've been here for years. We support each other and work really well together."

#### Mary Jane Peschmann

"My parents instilled in me a great love of reading and learning. I place a very high value on adult education as I didn't reach my goal of a college degree until I was 44 years old. I understand the energy it takes to study as an adult with all the responsibilities we have weighing on us. While this year was my first as a tutor, I'll be back in the fall to help ALC students achieve their goals."

**100,000**  
Miles driven

#### Marge Thorson

"I remember the first two students I tutored when I started 30 years ago. They were adults from the south who never attended school. They had worked in cotton fields for most of their lives and didn't know how to read. We started with words like 'cat' and by the time we were done they could read the Bible. The excitement they showed was priceless."

#### Arlene Ziety

"There have been times when weather conditions could mean that our one hour drive to the ALC becomes two. Yet, we don't let that stop us, and here's why: the motivation level of some of the students is amazing. While we are traveling in a car, it may take students two different bus transfers in snowy, freezing temperatures in order to make it the ALC. If the students are going to make that much of an effort, we can too!"

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**October 20-28, 2017**

Preview: 10/20 7-9pm\*

10/21: 9am-3pm, 10/23-10/26: 9am-5pm

10/28: 9am-3pm (Half-Price)

\*\$5 fee for preview night



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Proceeds from this event benefit ALC programming

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## Opening Doors of Employability in Technology

Patricia works part-time as a caregiver, but hopes to find a full-time job in the information technology industry. Mable, a retired educator, wants to learn how to fix computers. And Kien makes minimum wage at a grocery store and is looking to providing a better life for her family by focusing on the IT field.

They are among the first group of students to participate in an intensive 10-week training within the Milwaukee TechForce Training Center, located on the Adult Learning Center campus. The training is being led by Employ Milwaukee and a technology development center named BLUE1647. ALC Executive Director Herb Hayden, who oversees the TechForce Center,



said “this collaborative effort is a solid step forward in providing people with the knowledge base to land jobs with more than sustainable wages.”

In addition to classrooms, the Training Center boasts spacious common areas, conference rooms and administrative offices. While primarily dedicated to technology instructions, the space is available for use by community organizations.

### A Win-Win Scenario

In his remarks at the launch of this new training module, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett remarked that this was a good day for the city, for employers and for the people of Milwaukee. According to city statistics, there are more than 500,000 of the jobs open today are in technology fields like software development and cybersecurity, including jobs that did not exist a decade ago. Earl Buford, president and CEO of Employ Milwaukee has said: “There is a need for workers trained in technical occupations across industries. We are looking forward to working with our partners to put individuals, especially our young people, on a career pathway in tech fields.”

Interested in hosting your group or event at TechForce? Email [herb@alcmke.org](mailto:herb@alcmke.org) for a tour and details.

## Scholar Corner: Student Progress Honored

On May 26th, 18 ALC students were recognized for their achievements during the 2016-2017 school year. In order to graduate with a GED certificate, students must pass five test modules. We are pleased to present the following achievements:

### Graduates:

Antonio Phillips  
Linda Marshall

### Four Modules:

Mark Caldwell  
Leasa Grant  
Britinae Shae Triplett

### Three Modules:

Madison Krause  
Angelice Jones  
Derek Lee  
Julius Yarbrough  
Alicsha Johnson  
Henry Hicks

### Two Modules:

Wade Fisher  
Lerantz Roberson  
DeAdrian Walker  
Wiyunnah Davis

### One Module:

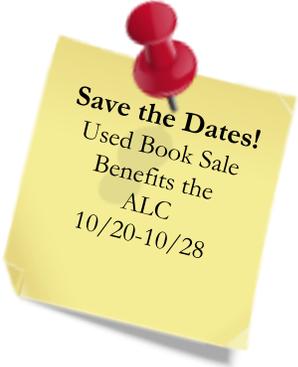
Andrew Nolen  
Lawanda Hunter  
Quanetta Taylor  
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