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Literacy Services of IRC Receives \$8,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Life-Changing Adult Literacy Programming

[Vero Beach, FL] – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Literacy Services of IRC an \$8,000 grant to support life-changing adult literacy programming. This local grant is a part of the Foundation’s largest, one-day literacy donation of more than \$13 million throughout the 47 states in which Dollar General operates to support adult, family and summer literacy programs.

“We are honored to once again partner with a foundation who has such a profound track record of success and is the leader of an impactful nationwide network of adult literacy supporters. Together, we are making real, lasting impacts in the quality of life for adult learners and their families,” Shannon Maitland, Executive Director of Literacy Services of Indian River County. “This award will help us provide free tutoring to adults in our community who are seeking better jobs, wanting to engage more with their children’s education, and preparing for the GED or US Citizenship exams.”

Last year, Literacy Services of IRC’s trained volunteer tutors devoted 7,500 hours to help 256 students improve their literacy and language skills. For the students, this means getting a better job, obtaining a driver’s license, passing the United States Citizenship Test, or being able to help a child with homework. Dollar General’s investment in Literacy Services will help students become more informed, engaged, and financially stable members of the community.

“It is a joy to celebrate this historic grant announcement during our 30th anniversary year,” shared Denine Torr, Executive Director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. “For three decades, DGLF’s investment in community programs has created meaningful access to literacy skills for adults, children and families alike and exemplified Dollar General’s mission of **Serving Others**. We believe everyone deserves the opportunity and access to a quality education, and we look forward to seeing these literacy grants inspire reading and build brighter futures.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, DGLF awards funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs. The Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English, or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online [here](#) or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

About Literacy Services of IRC

Literacy Services of IRC (LSIRC) has been providing literacy tutoring to adults in Indian River County for over 50 years. LSIRC's mission is to deliver comprehensive and innovative learning opportunities to local adults seeking English language and literacy skills to achieve their goals. A United Way partner agency, LSIRC relies on over 150 volunteer tutors who provide free, confidential, and one-on-one tutoring to individuals aged 16 and older. Literacy Services also offers group classes, virtual tutoring and workplace tutoring at the request of local employers. New tutors are always needed. There are currently 101 students on our waiting list for tutoring. Tutors do not need prior teaching experience and receive training and resources from Literacy Services. Visit www.LiteracyServicesirc.org for more information.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$233 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 19.3 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides financial support to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of Dollar General stores and distribution centers. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation or apply for a literacy grant, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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