



## **Literacy Council of Northern Virginia**

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### **Bank of America Charitable Foundation Awards \$20,000 to Support Adult Literacy** *Literacy Council of Northern Virginia receives generous grant to support four educational programs*

Falls Church, VA – The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV; [www.lcnv.org](http://www.lcnv.org)) announced the receipt of a \$20,000 grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation (<http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>). The grant will provide operating support for LCNV's four educational programs that serve functionally illiterate adults in the region. For the third straight year, Bank of America awarded a grant to fund the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia's educational programs. Patricia Donnelly, LCNV's Executive Director, was pleased with the support, "We are so grateful for Bank of America's continued generosity. A partnership like this is imperative, especially during difficult economic times like these, in helping deserving individuals obtain a higher level of literacy."

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia teaches adults to read, write, speak and understand English through one-to-one tutoring programs and English classes. Specifically targeting those adults at the lowest literacy levels, LCNV offers the only individualized adult literacy tutoring programs in Northern Virginia. The ESOL Tutoring program works with non-English speakers who are likely illiterate in their native language who want to work on speaking, understanding, reading, and writing English, while the Basic Literacy program works with native and fluent English speakers to improve their ability to read and write. During the past fiscal year, more than 1,600 of the community's functionally illiterate adults participated in at least one of LCNV's educational programs, and students have made great strides toward self-sufficiency.

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