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LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY RETAINS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

VOORHEES, NJ – March 21, 2011 -- Literacy Volunteers of Camden County recently earned re-accreditation status by ProLiteracy. It recognizes that LVCC is distinguished by superior management, learner-centered instruction and outstanding volunteer support. ProLiteracy, a nonprofit educational organization, supports local literacy programs through a national network of approximately 130,000 volunteers and 1,000 local, state, and regional literacy providers in the United States.

LVCC Director Denise Weinberg says “Our organization worked hard to document all the requirements necessary for reaccreditation. We are so proud that this designation sets our program apart from other local programs which do not meet national standards.”

Jane Hugo, ProLiteracy’s Vice-President of Programs and Services, remarks, “We are proud to add Literacy Volunteers of Camden County to our growing list of reaccredited organizations. They have demonstrated that their program meets the highest national standards for volunteer literacy programs and that their services to the community are effective. We applaud the many volunteers, staff and students who have devoted their time and effort to achieve this goal.”

LVCC is a library-based nonprofit program providing free one-on-one and small group tutoring in reading, math and English to local adults at the lowest levels of literacy.

Over 50,000 Camden County residents lack functional English literacy skills and this impedes their ability to acquire productive employment, assist their children with school work and become active community members. LVCC addresses this problem by training volunteer tutors to instruct these adults using a flexible, learner-centered approach. Two hour sessions are scheduled from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. in public buildings throughout Camden County. With offices in the Camden County Library System’s Vogelson branch in Voorhees and the Camden County Resource Center on Mt. Ephraim Ave., LVCC can be reached at (856) 772-1636 x 3331 or literacy@camden.lib.nj.us .

The organization will be conducting a free six-week Tutor Training Workshop for those wanting to volunteer to help a neighbor read, write or speak English. The workshops will meet on Mondays starting March 28, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Camden County Library’ Voorhees branch. No previous experience is necessary and participants must be 18 years of age or over. Call or email for more information.

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