 Literacy Volunteers of Camden County

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**TD Charitable Foundation Supports Literacy Volunteers of Camden County**

VOORHEES, NJ – July 24, 2014 - The TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank®, recently awarded Literacy Volunteers of Camden County and Literacy Now a grant to fund an English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Class. This grant is a part of the foundation’s commitment to giving back to the community.

LVCCand its fundraising wing, Literacy Now*,* provide free one-on-one tutoring in reading, math and English as a Second Language to Camden County adults at the lowest levels of literacy.  Many local residents lack functional English literacy skills and this impedes their ability to get a job, assist their children in school and become active community members.

“This grant will enable us to offer services to the local immigrant community beyond our free one-on-one tutoring instruction,” said Denise Weinberg, director of LVCC. “People studying English need opportunities to practice their language skills in a safe and nurturing environment. We have wanted to offer a Conversation Class for years, but could not obtain funding for the staffing and materials.” Weinberg hopes that the free evening classes will begin in the fall at the M. Alan Vogelson Regional Branch Library in Voorhees.

“We feel very fortunate to be building a partnership with TD Bank. It is gratifying that its Charitable Foundation recognizes the issue of illiteracy in our community and has chosen to support this project,” added Weinberg.

A staunch commitment to active involvement in the local community is a vital element of the TD Bank philosophy. TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank® and the TD Charitable Foundation provide support for affordable housing, financial literacy and education, and environmental initiatives, many of which focus on improving the welfare of children and families.

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