



When life
pulled them
down, you
pulled
them up.



**LITERACY
VOLUNTEERS**
OF GREATER HARTFORD
READ. LEARN. GROW.

2017 - 2018
ANNUAL REPORT





STUDENT IMPACT



906 Students Served

63 Students gained employment

14 Students entered college

100 Percent of students improved their basic literacy skills

VOLUNTEER IMPACT



15,917 hours of service were provided by our volunteers at a value of **\$481,330**

From Student to Tutor




Nerista

"This year, with your support, LVGH and our students leaped forward together along the path to success. Thank you for helping us realize dreams. Thank you for being our partners in success."

Sandra Harris

"Without a strong foundation, you can't have a strong house.

LVGH gave me my foundation, 100%." That is how former student turned current LVGH volunteer, Nerista, describes her experience at LVGH. Nerista always wanted to go to college, but she didn't think she'd have that opportunity in her native Jamaica. Determined to reach her goals, she enrolled in LVGH's Basic Literacy and Pre-GED programs. After two years of hard work, she earned her high school diploma and now attends Manchester Community College. She hopes one day to earn a degree in Forensic Psychology from Yale. Knowing first-hand the obstacles that come with moving to a new country, Nerista is sharing her story to inspire current LVGH students to achieve their goals. As a tutor in our computer lab, she does just that. "They can see that I took the same path they are taking and I have been successful." Just as our tutors provided a strong foundation for Nerista, she now does the same for students today. 

Students

“ At 13 years old I lost my ability to read and write, due to my Multiple Sclerosis diagnosis. LVGH has worked wonders for me, and I have been able to gain my ability to write again. I am very grateful for LVGH and thankful I am feeling myself again. ”

– Dan



“ LVGH gave me the opportunity to get trained in a career that I love. After receiving my ServSafe certification, I was offered a fulltime job and love every minute of it. LVGH has changed my life for the better and it's only going to be up from here. ”

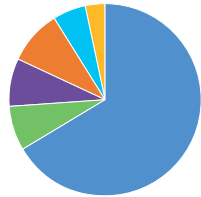
– Sabrina



In 2017-2018, 21 students passed their ServSafe certification test. Below are students receiving their certificates.

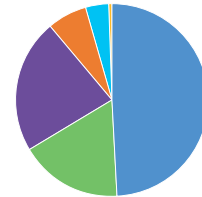


FY 2017 - 2018 INCOME SOURCES (unaudited)



Expenses

Salaries	– \$477,441
Occupancy	– \$53,342
Administration	– \$58,858
Contractual Services	– \$66,500
Program Expenses	– \$40,610
Fundraising	– \$22,232
TOTAL	– \$808,451



Revenue

Private Grants	– \$371,429
Government Grants	– \$131,752
Fundraising	– \$169,275
United Way	– \$51,396
Endowment	– \$29,143
Interest	– \$1,140
TOTAL	– \$754,135

Tutors

“ We wanted to do something positive, and we can't think of anything more positive than teaching people who want to learn and who have goals. ”

– Ken and Mary



“ As a citizenship tutor, I am always impressed by my students' determination and drive. ”

– Calvin



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