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Although health challenges have affected her memory, **Oriane Gardiner** aspires to earn her GED. Oriane has improved her reading skills by 2 grade levels since enrolling with the Adult Literacy League in 2008. She currently reads at a 4th grade level and has improved her English vocabulary. With continued support from our donors and volunteers, students like Oriane will have a better chance of achieving their goals and improving their lives.

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president's report

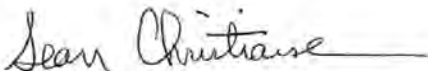


The Adult Literacy League continued on an amazing growth trend that started at the end of 2008. We have gone from tutoring 700 students annually that year, to 1,500 students receiving instruction in

2010! Two years ago, we provided 8 classes a week in two locations so our students could have more opportunities to learn and succeed.

Today, we have 33 classes in 9 locations! Despite difficult economic times, we have found ways to expand our services to meet the growing need for adult and family literacy services. Our family literacy program, the **Read to Me!** Book Club provided age appropriate books, learning materials and activities to more than 300 pre-school children in low income households.

We thank our volunteers, our students and our dedicated staff for their commitment to excellence. We are also deeply grateful to our generous donors for their investment not only in the future of our students, but the strength of our community.



Sean Christiansen, UCF

executive director's report



Thanks to our wonderful students, tutors, volunteers, board and staff, our strong growth trend for the past two years has continued through 2010. Everyone has worked very hard to ensure effective

learning gains, improved skills and personal achievements among our students. We are very proud of each new citizen, every new job and every student who is better able to face each new day able to read better than the day before!

Literacy changes lives, and without our long list of "Friends of Literacy," the students' stories we tell here would have very different endings. Thanks so much to all of our donors for their generous support that helps make it possible for us to expand to meet the literacy needs of the community. This year's list of contributors also includes the businesses and individuals who supported our "Reading Between the Wines" and "Lawyers for Literacy Spelling Bee!" events, which together raised over \$80,000 for the Adult Literacy League.

We are confident that 2010's success will continue into the future.



Joyce L. Whidden

treasurer's report



In 2010, the Adult Literacy League was able to increase net assets by 32%, significantly improving the year-end financial position over 2009. In addition, expenses were under budget, which allowed us to

increase the cash position even further. We are very proud of this successful financial management in extremely difficult times. The board and staff have worked together to ensure every dollar is spent wisely, and every donor can be sure that their investment in literacy is paying dividends.

The Statement of Financial Position for 2010 and 2009 is included in this report. A full copy of the audit or our IRS form 990 is available from the Adult Literacy League upon request at any time.

Marcos Rubert, CNL Bank

statement of financial position

December 31, 2010 and 2009

ASSETS	2010	2009
Cash – unrestricted	\$47,303	\$39,266
Cash – temporarily restricted	46,083	31,400
Unconditional promises to give	72,112	26,004
Prepaid expenses	314	2,202
Contributions receivable	18,580	24,800
Program service fees receivable	3,000	–
Inventory	10,912	11,181
Endowment fund	11,282	10,362
Assets held for sale	12,725	12,725
Property and equipment, net	15,217	22,260
TOTAL ASSETS	\$237,528	\$180,200

LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,597	9,692
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$7,597	\$9,692

NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	173,848	129,108
Temporarily restricted	46,083	31,400
Permanently restricted	10,000	10,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$229,931	\$170,508

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$237,528	\$180,200
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1,500 students

received instruction in 2010

50% of our students are
English language literacy students and **50%**
are basic literacy students

700 students

have been in the program one year or longer
and received 24 or more hours of instruction

Students received
30,000 hours
of instruction

Clerfine Coriolan is investing
in herself these days.

student success in 2010

better worker

- 90 students gained, retained or improved employment, or employment skills
- 6 new Drivers Licenses
- 1 new Commercial Drivers License

better citizen

- 35 students improved citizenship skills, studied for the test, registered to vote, and/or voted
- 5 new citizens

better parent

- 73 students increased their involvement in their child's education and literacy development by reading to children, helping with homework, meeting with teachers, joining PTAs, attending parent training or school meetings

financial & health literacy

- 26 students improved knowledge about health or financial literacy with:
 - 6 opening first-time bank accounts
 - 3 passing the Nurses Entrance Test

technology

- 56 students regularly accessed the computer lab for instruction and training purposes

education gains

- 650 students (90% of students active 1 year or longer) moved through curriculum, completed one or more level or increased score(s) on standardized assessments
- 2 GEDs!
- 12 entered post secondary education

friends of literacy

LITERACY LEADERS - \$15,000 AND ABOVE

Heart of Florida United Way
Dr. Phillips Charities
State of Florida - Department
of Education
Edyth Bush Charitable
Foundation
Dollar General Literacy
Foundation
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a fund of the Robert R.
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Suzanne Eustache was never able to read a story. She grew up in Haiti and did not have the opportunity to go to school. She came to the Adult Literacy League and in 2010, she attended as many classes as she possibly could and also met with a volunteer tutor. She has logged more than 1,000 hours of instruction and now is a successful emerging reader. Her English conversation has also improved. Suzanne has gone from new reader to student leader and serves on the Adult Literacy League Board of Directors!

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Glendon Smith dreams of running his own business. At 31, he has worked in construction, food preparation and lawn care, yet aspires to take classes in fine art. He wants to earn a better wage but has struggled with basic reading and math despite having graduated from Edgewater High School. Smith reached out to the Adult Literacy League to help him write a successful end to his story. He is currently enrolled in the Adult Basic Education program.



Luz Verost is a returning student to the Adult Literacy League. A native of Colombia, she hopes to improve her English communication skills through grammar and ESOL conversation classes offered weekly. She has benefited from the League's one-to-one tutoring program and hopes to continue improving her skills with the help of volunteers.



2010 activities



Esther Myers, one of Adult Literacy League's founders, enjoys her 100th birthday in 2010 along with staff and members of the Tutor Support Committee of which she is still an active member!



The Orlando Sentinel Family Fund's Lisa Jacobsen presents a \$30,000 grant to ALL Board Secretary, S. Brendan Lynch, Esq.

2010 activities



ALL instructor, Nancy Cooper, being thanked by a group of her students.



Pam Brandon, Karen Lester, and Katie Farmand enjoy the 2010 Reading Between the Wines Event and helped raise over \$60,000 for literacy!