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## **Literacy volunteer receives Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Quarterback Award**

**Orlando, Fla. (May 17, 2011) — Ron Schorsch, a dedicated volunteer with the Adult Literacy League, was recently awarded the “2011 Community Quarterback Award” from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The award is given annually to people who have made exceptional and lasting contributions in their communities.**

**Schorsch, a computer programmer from Silicon Valley, began volunteering with the Adult Literacy League in 2006. He started as a tutor working with an adult learner with very low reading skills. Since then, Schorsch has taught various students and has logged almost 1,000 volunteer tutoring hours to help improve their reading and writing skills. In addition to teaching, Schorsch volunteers 10 hours a week to help interview and enroll prospective students into the program, showcasing a true desire to help adults improve their literacy skills.**

**“One of the most compelling reasons Ron deserves this award is that, like a Quarterback, he knows how to work with a team and get things done,” said Joyce Whidden, executive director of the Adult Literacy League. “He is also able to take leadership and independently work his way towards the goal line—which for him means another adult learning to read, write, and communicate in English.”**

**Schorsch, 51, was one of five individuals in Central Florida and Tampa Bay to receive the award. The winners were invited to a special award presentation and dinner by the team’s executive chef at One Buccaneer Place. They each received a commemorative Community Quarterback football and a \$2,000 donation in their name to the local charity of choice. Schorsch chose the Adult Literacy League as the recipient of his donation.**

**“It was an honor to nominate Ron and to receive the \$2,000 gift was just icing on the cake,” Whidden said.**

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The Adult Literacy League is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to develop readers to build a strong and literate community. For 43 years, the Adult Literacy League has taught thousands of adults in Central Florida how to read and write in English. The organization provides one-to-one tutoring, classes and family literacy programs to students in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Last year, the organization served 1,400 adult learners and helped them reach their goals of becoming better workers, more effective parents and engaged citizens.

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