

# A Message From the Executive Director:

The recent results of the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL), one of most significant assessments done in the last few years, have not received the amount of national attention they deserve. This is probably because of their complexity and results that cannot easily be condensed or turned into a quick sound bite.

The executive summary is clear, however. Approximately 30 million adults, including 7 million who are not literate in English, have below basic literacy skill levels. These are individuals who cannot function effectively in society. They are likely to live in poverty and cannot participate in their children's education.

It is also disturbing that the NAAL survey showed that there are more adult New Yorkers in the below basic literacy category than the national average.

These statistics make it clear how important literacy agencies like Tompkins Learning Partners are. Not everyone in the county who needs our help will be served by us; we have neither the financial nor the volunteer personnel resources. However, we do a good job serving those who ask for our help and are willing to work hard to achieve their reading, writing, math, computer or English speaking goals.

Take a minute and look inside this report to see how our tutors give generous amounts of their time to help our students reach these milestones. I am always impressed by the generosity of all of our volunteers and supporters. I think you will be too.

# Annual Report 2005 Tompkins Learning Partners, Inc.



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"Literacy is not a luxury, it is a right and a responsibility. If our world is to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century, we must harness the energy and creativity of all our citizens."

-- Bill Clinton

## Some TLP Student Achievements

### ABE Students

M.Z. improved reading comprehension & prepared for GED.

P.M. worked with Tax Forms & practiced investing in companies.

T.J. practiced mind mapping & got hired for a job at Cornell.

A.M. (MacCormick resident) received an award for Most Improved Student in science class & GPA increased 6 points.

### ESL Students

H. now enjoys doing homework, reads everything that comes in the mail, and now has the confidence to initiate conversation with other people in the community, all of which he avoided up till now.

S. is barely literate in her first language but she tries very hard and does work on her own. S. learned how to walk to TLP alone now.

E. has been trying to learn the city bus system. She is so proud that she could use the transit map and schedules to get to her doctor's office on her own.

G. now reads her own schedule at work. Someone has had to read it for her for several years.

## Students Served

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	ABE	ESL	Total
Instruction > 12 hours	41	41	88
Instruction < 12 hours	48	48	82
Total Students	89	81	170

## Student Contact Hours

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One-to-one	3412.23
Small Groups	411
Computer Assisted Learning	337.50
Drop-in	32.50
Total Student Contact Hours	4576.73

## Active Volunteers

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ABE Tutors	57
ESL Tutors	70
Work-study Tutors	3
Total Tutors	130

## Volunteer Hours

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ABE Tutors	1937.98
ESL Tutors	2522
Office Tutors	117
Board Members	360
Total Volunteer Hours	4936.98

## Revenues and Expenses

(Cash Value)

### Revenues:

County/City	68,627
United Way	
Community Fund	13,189
Designations	5,275
Contributions	13,427
NYS Dept. Of Education	38,694
Foundations	12,180
Fundraising Events	13,792
Misc. Income	2,615
 Total Revenues	 167,799

### Expenses:

Program Services	159,867
Management & General Exp.	24,841
 Total Expenses	 184,708

## Students' Birth Countries

Armenia	Ecuador	South Korea
Argentina	India	Taiwan
Azerbaijan	Iraq	Thailand
Bosnia	Lativa	Tibet
Burma	Mexico	Uganda
Cambodia	Molduva	Ukraine
China	Morocco	United
Colombia	Peru	States
Cuba	Puerto Rico	Vietnam
Czech Republic	Russia	Venezuela
Dominican Republic	Senegal	



## TLP Tutors:

Milly Acharya, Pat Avery, D.G. Bancroft, Cheryl Barbasch, Mary Blake, Sarah Jane Blake, Darcy Binns, Katy Bishop, Phyllis Brodhead, Christa Lachman Cady, Yan Hong Cai, Carrie Chalmers, Lachlan Chambliss, Mary Chapman, Robert Chapman, Lydia Child, Emily Clay, John Corso, Tracy Cranston, Lewis Cramer, Mary-Lynn Cummings, Marion DaGrossa, Lansing Day, Pat Deabille, Juliane Deacutis, Demetra Dentes, Rick Didonato, Elisa Evett, James Eyster, Rachel Ezra, Juraj Gavurnik, Barbara Goldberg, Diane Harbert, Annabeth Hayes, Loretta Heimbuch, Jeanne Henderson, Rob Hileman, Larry Hirschberger, Hannah Hirschland, Alyssa Hochberg, Greg Hostetler, Mary Hudson, Alicia Irwin, Susan Jaquette, Leslie Jones, Julie Joosten, Kim Killingsworth, Michelle Kirchgraber, Karen Knudson, Nelda Kubat, Huhn-Kie Lee, Sabine Lessmeister, Gary Lindenbaum, Laura Linke, Claire Lobdell, Claire Locke, Marge Loucks, Deborah Lozano, Margaret Mackenize, Ann Matthews, Mary Mathios, Tendai Masaya, Jamie May, Laurel McIntyre, Grace McMenamin, Emily Miller, Lee Miller, Tim Miller, Franziska Morris, Sadie Munson, Jimmy Newton, Annabella Ng, Ngoc-Quynh Nguyen, Mary Grace O'Connor, Juanita Odell, Joan Packard, Frank Paz, Margaret Pogorzala, Wally Powers, Jean Praninskas, Luke Reynolds, Sarah Rienzi, Nevin Sabet, Carol Santucci, Karen Sass, Tracy Sault, Elliot Schrank, Tanya Schug, Martha Sitzman, Anna Smith, Brenda Smith, Susan Smith, Isaac Spencer, Geri Stevenson, Nancy Suci, Jennifer Surtees, Sheryl Swink, Chris Talman, Dee Thaler, Jasmine Thorington, Lucia Tyler, Marian Van Loan, Ben Warner, Nicole Waters, Sue Watkins, Amalia Weinberg, Marissa Weiss, Elise West, Brian White, Valerie White, Anne Wildman, Elizabeth Wills, Lola Winter, Shirley Wirth, Chirs Woodard, Jen Zuroweste

This list is compiled from the 2005 fiscal year.

## TLP's Mission

Our mission is to help adults and young people who live or work in Tompkins County meet their personal goals, free of charge, by improving their ability to read, write, and speak English, and to use math and computers. Students achieve these goals by working together with professionally trained and supported volunteer tutors.

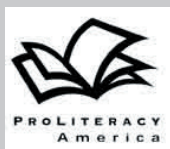


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## Grace McMenemy: 2005 Henry Cowan Outstanding Tutor

Grace McMenemy was the recipient of the Henry Cowan Tutor Year award, presented Thursday evening, April 28, 2005, at the annual student and tutor recognition dinner of Tompkins Learning Partners. Grace McMenemy, a real estate agent received the 6th Henry Cowan Tutor of the Year Award for her consistent, outstanding commitment to helping students achieve their learning goals. McMenemy has been a volunteer with Tompkins Learning Partners since 1999. She has been working with her current student since February 2000. During that time she has tutored her in math and reading. She continues to provide encouragement and support for her student.

"Besides her devotion and dedication to her student, Grace has also been a tireless supporter of our organization. Whether it is a special event, an early morning radio spot, or serving on a committee, Grace is there and ready to help. She is always willing to speak to organizations about why literacy is so important to her," said David H. Smith, executive director of Tompkins Learning Partners.

McMenemy received the award from Henry Cowan, the award's namesake and a volunteer at the agency for over 17 years. Mr. Cowan is a former Tompkins Learning Partners board president, tutor and agency librarian.

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