

# TLP Tutors:

Mara Alper, Ross Angelella, Pat Avery, Jon Baker, D.G. Bancroft, Cheryl Barbasch, Trudy Baum, Megan Begert, Kris Bennett, Sarah Jane Blake, Linda Bors, Phyllis Bowers, Dawn Bricen, Julie Brumsted, Carrie Chalmers, Huimin Chen, Clarrisa Chin, Alison Christopher, Maya Cohen, Summer Copelan, Anne-Lise Cossart, Rebecca Costello, Lew Cramer, Deanna Crossgrove, Mary Lynn Cummings, Marion DaGrossa, Katherine Davies, Alexandra Dyer, Sara Egan, Morgan Ellithorpe, Lizzy Evett, Jim Eyster, Thomas Farmer, Zeke Faux, George Field, Roberta Frost, Anne Furman, Chris George, Barb Goldberg, Maggie Goldsmith, Ashley Grzetic, Emily Gunawan, Jan Gurnon, Susie Hatch, Barb Hatt, Emma Havstad, Annabeth Hayes, Jean Healy, Loretta Heimbuch, Debra Herrmann, Larry Hirschberger, Richie Holtz, Claire Horan, Elaine Hyams, Alicia Irwin, Susan Jacqueline, Meredith Jones, Linda Keeler, Rus Keeler, Nelda Kubat, Meredith Kusch, Bill Larsen, Sabine Lessmeister, Laura Linke, Claire Lobdell, Marge Loucks, Kate Lunde, Marielle Macher, Russell Martin, Virginia McAuley, Jan McCarrick, Jon Meigs, Kate Monaco-Angelella, Fran Morris, Michelle Moyd, Vasudha Neti, Anna Obermyer, Juanita Odell, Amanda Perl, Patty Porter, Nancy Potter, Wally Powers, Charles Pratt, David Rothstein, Ed Ryan, Karen Salino, Massiel Santos, Karen Sass, Maryam Sayed, Elliot Schrank, David Schwartz, Sara Sepansky, Nicholas Sims, Susan Soboroff, Ralph Soden, Edie Spaulding, Sherry Spitz, Geri Stevenson, Katherine Strizel, Nancy Suci, Jennifer Surtees, Sheryl Swink, Levana Taylor, Nicole Tedesco, Marina Todd, Claudia Tracey, Eileen Trumbull, Lisa Turner, Bill Tyler, Lucia Tyler, Nick Van Borst, Marian Van Loan, Jill Vaughan, Kristen Voget, Ben Warner, Sue Watkins, Tom Weiler, Amalia Weinberg, Elise West, Greg Wheeler, Ariel White, Valerie White, Carol Whitlow, Lola Winter, Jan Zeserson, Clare Zuraw\*

\*This list is compiled from the 2007 calendar year

## Revenues and Expenses

### Revenues:

County/City	77,771
NYS Dept. of Education	62,555
United Way	
Community Fund	14,451
Designations	2,492
Contributions	14,913
Service Organizations	7,258
Foundations	16,750
Fundraising Events	10,281
Misc. Income	4,710
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>211,181</b>

### Expenses:

Program Services	163,188
Management & General	22,910
Fundraising Expenses	4,458
Depreciation/Adjustments	7,794
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>198,350</b>

Value of Volunteer Time	<b>\$96,135</b>
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## 2007 Henry Cowan Outstanding Tutor: Barbara Hatt

Barbara was Tompkins Learning Partners' 2007 Henry Cowan Tutor of the Year Award recipient. The award is given to a volunteer tutor who has demonstrated a consistent commitment to the agency's mission to help students achieve their individual learning goals. Henry Cowan, the honor's namesake and a volunteer at the agency for 17 years, helped to present the award.

Barb has been an ABE tutor with Tompkins Learning Partners, Inc. since the summer of 2005 where she currently works with three students. Also, she is dedicated to the continuity that is essential in working with adults in our community who have specific and significant literacy needs and goals.

Barb has brought many instructional ideas and solutions, the "tried and true," to not only her students, but to the ABE coordinator, which in turn have become opportunities for in-service training for other tutors. She attended a regional workshop on learning disabilities, and has helped facilitate tutor trainings.

Barb also cooperates with other service providers, stays on top of scheduling, stays in touch with updates, and writes thorough and insightful monthly reports.

# TLP Student Achievements

## *ABE Students*

L.G. took a reading test which showed a gain of almost two grade levels.

T. has improved his touch typing and word processing skills. In addition, he is now able to e-mail independently.

G.H. continues to practice word spelling and organization. He is also working on his grammar and alphabetizing.

J.M. is learning about science, in particular the environment, animal behavior, ecosystems, and life cycles through graphs, timelines, and diagrams.

O.L. has written various poems and put them into plastic portfolios for safe preservation. In fact, O. won an honorable mention award certificate from a local human rights organization!

## *ESL Students*

L.F. is beginning to read in English. In her daily life, L.F. is beginning to notice words she knows on signs and in print.

A. has begun to use past and future tense verbs, and gain an understanding of the difference between regular and irregular verbs.

H.N. learned the English names of Vietnamese foods so she can ask for them at the Chinese store and prepare phenomenal dishes.

G.D. worked through the English words needed for simple tasks like opening a can of grapefruit.

L. has been practicing phone etiquette and learning how to use programs on the computer.

## Students Served

	ABE	ESL	Total
Instruction $\geq$ 12 hours	40	44	84
Instruction $<$ 12 hours	27	20	47
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>131</b>

## Active Volunteers

ABE Tutors	73
ESL Tutors	56
Other	41
<b>Total Volunteers</b>	<b>170</b>

## Volunteer Hours

ABE and ESL Tutors	4759
Other Volunteer Hours	409
<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>5168</b>

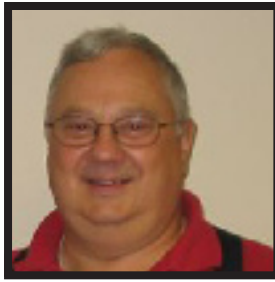
## Students' Birth Countries

Afghanistan	Dominican Republic	Japan
Botswana	Ecuador	Korea
Brazil	El Salvador	Latvia
Burma	Estonia	Mexico
Cambodia	Guatemala	Morocco
China	Honduras	Paraguay
Colombia	India	Peru
		Philippines
		Puerto Rico
		Russia
		Taiwan
		Thailand
		Tibet
		Uganda
		Ukraine
		United States
		Vietnam



## 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.



## *2007 Exemplar Award:* **Christopher Pastel**

Christopher R. Pastel, outgoing TLP Board President, was presented with TLP's Exemplar Award. The award is the highest given by the agency to a volunteer who serves in a non-tutoring capacity. Pastel, owner of the Pastel Law Firm, was honored for his dedication and service to the agency since 1999. It was noted that Pastel was particularly effective in the areas of board recruitment, strategic planning and assisting the agency in its transition from Literacy Volunteers of Tompkins County to Tompkins Learning Partners, Inc.

The award recipient is selected annually for presentation to an individual, business or organization that has partnered with Tompkins Learning Partners to further its mission to help individuals enrich their lives through literacy.

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"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning."  
-- Brad Henry

### **TLP Staff**

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David H. Smith, Executive Director  
Arline A. Woolley, ABE Coordinator  
Sarah B. White, ESL Coordinator  
Sharon McGee, Administrative Assistant  
Tom Connors, Program Support Assistant  
Tanesia Harris, Ithaca Work Study  
Jim Atkinson, Volunteer Librarian

### **TLP Board of Directors**

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Chris Pastel, President	Wilma Martin
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## A Message From *the Executive Director:*

2007 was a good year at Tompkins Learning Partners. Although funding for the agency is always dependant on sources that can reduce or remove their support at any time, we were able to make some funding gains in 2007, and as a result, we ended the year in the black. Through the work and support of TLP's Board of Directors, we updated our strategic plan which we will use to help guide us through 2011.

During the board's strategic planning retreat, discussion about priorities made it clear that our board members believe that program and program quality is the most important aspect of our agency. In support of that idea, the board approved expanding the Adult Basic Education Coordinator's position to full time. It is gratifying to have a board that understands that in order to provide quality programming, resources – of both time and money - must be allocated appropriately.

These two types of resources are becoming increasingly important as the need for our services is expanding and our space is not. In 2007, and continuing in 2008, our office is bursting at its seams. TLP board and staff

are continuing to cautiously look for better and larger space for our work. We believe that it is important that we have more space for our tutors and students to meet and work together. We also need more and better space for staff. Although tutors and students meet in over 20 locations throughout the county, having more space at our office for tutors and students will help us improve our program by giving us more opportunity to interact with our tutors and students and continue to learn what support they need to succeed.

As someone who supports our work, keep us in mind if you identify space downtown that might be appropriate for us. Also, keep us in mind if you are looking to make a planned gift or provide a legacy as you make retirement plans. Our agency is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our students and ultimately this can only be done well if we have the resources needed to provide a quality program and the space in which to do it.

*David H. Smith*