



OFFICIAL NEWS LETTER

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THE YEAR 2021 SEEMED A LITTLE OF A REPEAT FROM 2020 WITH COVID CONCERNS. THANKS TO HELP FROM GRANTORS, THE CITY OF ATHENS, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, DONATIONS, AND UNITED WAY, LEARN TO READ MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER TRYING YEAR.


SOME OF OUR STUDENTS AND TUTORS TRIED TO USE TECHNOLOGY TO MEET, BUT WE FOUND THAT MOST PREFERRED ONE-ON-ONE INSTRUCTION. THE DIRECTOR, RHONDA ANDREWS, MET WITH ONE TUTOR AND STUDENT PAIR IN JANUARY AND MARCH TO GIVE THEM “ZOOM” INSTRUCTIONS.

IN FEBRUARY, THE LEARN TO READ TREASURER ATTENDED THE STATE OF THE COUNTY PRESENTATION HOSTED BY THE GREATER LIMESTONE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THIS ISSUE:

APRIL 15, OUR DIRECTOR WAS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID. IT WAS NOT A LIGHT CASE. THERE WERE GRANTS AND REPORTS TO COMPLETE AND THE LTR TREASURER, LORI WILSON STEPPED UP AND DID AN EXCELLENT JOB. RHONDA WAS UNABLE TO RETURN TO WORK UNTIL MAY 10.

RHONDA WAS ABLE TO ATTEND THE RETIREMENT EVENT FOR JENNIFER WILLIAMSON, GREATER LIMESTONE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR, ON MAY 27.



KELSEY FARR WAS HIRED AS OUR SUMMER YOUTH LITERACY PROGRAM AIDE AND BEGAN ON JUNE 7. THE WORKSHOP FOR THE SUMMER TUTORS WAS HELD JUNE 16. LATER THAT AFTERNOON, WE WELCOMED DEKKO REPRESENTATIVES WHO CAME TO VISIT WITH US WHILE THEY WERE IN THE AREA.

DR. KATIA MAXWELL CALLED AGAIN THIS SUMMER TO OFFER HER STUDENTS' WORK TO UPDATE OUR WEBPAGE. WE APPRECIATE MISTY CAMP AND ANDREW HUNT FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK.

WE WERE ESPECIALLY GLAD THE SUMMER AIDE WAS WITH US WHEN SHELIA HAD TO TAKE A COUPLE OF MONTHS LEAVE OF ABSENCE DUE TO HER HEALTH. WE HIRED KELSEY AS A TEMP TO FILL IN UNTIL SHELIA RETURNED IN SEPTEMBER.



RHONDA ATTENDED MANY OF THE CHAMBER'S COFFEES HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. SEPTEMBER'S COFFEE WAS AT DRIFTWOOD DRAGONFLY AND NOVEMBER'S WAS AT HOUSTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

ON NOVEMBER 3, THE TRAIL CLUB HOSTED ITS TRAINING MEETING FOR NEW MEMBERS. LEARN TO READ WAS INVITED TO ATTEND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION. RHONDA GAVE OUT NINETY-THREE FLYERS IN THE TIME ALLOTTED HER.

THE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE STUDENTS VOTED TO HAVE A "FRIENDSGIVING" GATHERING IN NOVEMBER. STUDENTS BROUGHT SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE DISHES.

THE FACILITY WHERE WE USUALLY HAVE OUR END OF THE YEAR DINNER HONORING OUR TUTORS AND STUDENTS WAS NOT OPEN TO ANYONE OUTSIDE THEIR MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID CONCERNS.



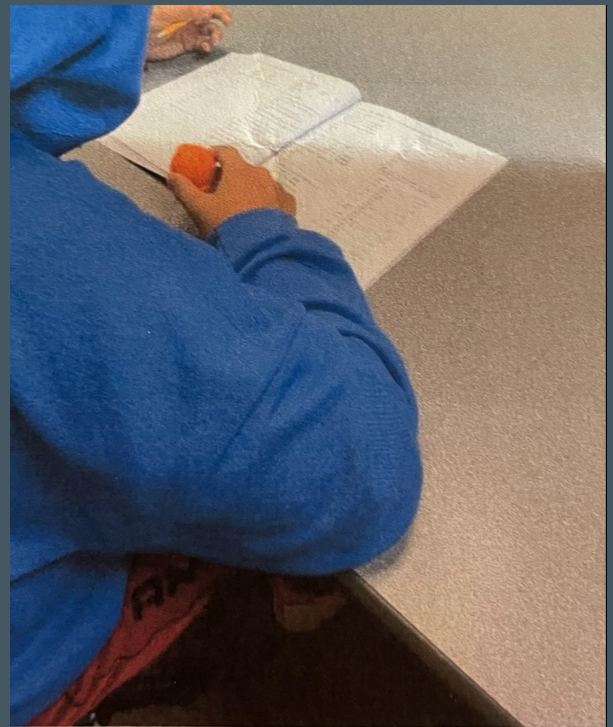
ON SEPTEMBER 7, THE WORKSHOP FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM WAS HELD. LEARN TO READ HAD A BOOTH AT THE SUPERHERO DAY HELD AT THE DUCK POND. VOLUNTEERS HAD A GAME FOR THE CHILDREN AND PASSED OUT FLYERS TO ADVERTISE OUR PROGRAMS.

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OF COURSE, THERE WAS THE REGULAR OFFICE WORK TO BE DONE. GRANTS, REPORTS, AND FINANCIALS DO TAKE TIME.

MINI WORKSHOPS FOR THE ADULT TUTORS WERE HELD AND BOOKS/MATERIALS HAD TO BE ORDERED. WE DID VIEW A FEW WEBINARS TO HELP US WITH TUTORING STUDENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC. COUNCIL MEETINGS WERE HELD EITHER ON ZOOM OR IN PERSON. THE SPELLING BEE FUND RAISER DID NOT TAKE PLACE IN MARCH BECAUSE OF THE ILLNESSES GOING AROUND, BUT MARIA TAYLOR DID OFFER “CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH” CLASSES TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR. IT IS THE ONLY PROGRAM THROUGH LEARN TO READ THAT CHARGES A FEE, THUS PROVIDING SOME FUNDS FOR OVERHEAD EXPENSES (AFTER EXPENSES, \$1371.57.) THE EXPENSES INCLUDE BOOKS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS, BUT MARIA GRACIOUSLY DONATES HER TIME.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THERE WAS THE TUTORING OF THE STUDENTS. HERE IS JUST ONE PICTURE THAT SHOWS WHAT OUR STUDENTS DO WHEN THEY COME TO THE OFFICE.



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS !

ASTP 97 PERCENT
PROMOTED ON GRADE
LEVEL

SYLP ALL 21
STUDENTS MET GOALS

SEVERAL
IMPROVED SKILLS

WHAT WE OFFER ?

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

BASIC LITERACY
ENGLISH- AS-A-SECOND
LANGUAGE

COMPUTER ASSISTED LEARNING
LAB

SUMMER YOUTH LITERACY
PROGRAM

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

