



Kosciusko Literacy Services Receives \$10,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Adult Literacy

[Warsaw, IN] – [May 22, 2017] – This week, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Kosciusko Literacy Services a \$10,000 grant to support adult literacy. This local grant award is part of more than \$7.5 million in grants awarded to nearly 900 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

Executive Director Cynthia Cates states that the grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation makes the local community stronger by supporting the One-on-One Tutoring for Adults and the Jail High School Equivalency Diploma Program. In conjunction with Warsaw Adult Education, Kosciusko Literacy Services provides tutors for adult students who need additional help to learn to read, to earn a High School Equivalency Diploma, or to learn English as a new language. In collaboration with the Kosciusko County Jail, Kosciusko Literacy Services provides high school equivalency diploma classes at the Jail. Each of these programs helps adults become self-sufficient members of the community by removing barriers to employment.

With the additional funding, Kosciusko Literacy Services is able to offering a free web-based tutoring program for teens and adults. The goal is to reach adults and teens who seek to improve their reading skills. Individuals may register by calling Kosciusko Literacy Services at 574-267-5380. Once registered, the student may use the program to practice reading.

“Dollar General is excited to provide these organizations with funding to support literacy and education throughout the 44 states we serve,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s CEO. “Providing these grants and supporting the communities we call home reflects our mission of **Serving Others** and it’s rewarding to see the impact these funds have.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$135 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 8.6 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

About Kosciusko Literacy Services

Kosciusko Literacy Services is a member of ProLiteracy Worldwide, the International Literacy Association, and the Indiana Literacy Association. Kosciusko Literacy Services is an IRS 501 (c) (3) nonprofit and a United Way Agency. United Way partially funds three programs: One-on-One Tutoring for Adults, the Jail High School Equivalency Program, and Read to Grow Children’s Book Club. Grants, corporate and individual donors, an author dinner, and other in-house fundraising efforts provide additional support for the literacy programs.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education as part of the company's mission of ***Serving Others*** for nearly 25 years. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$135 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 8.6 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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