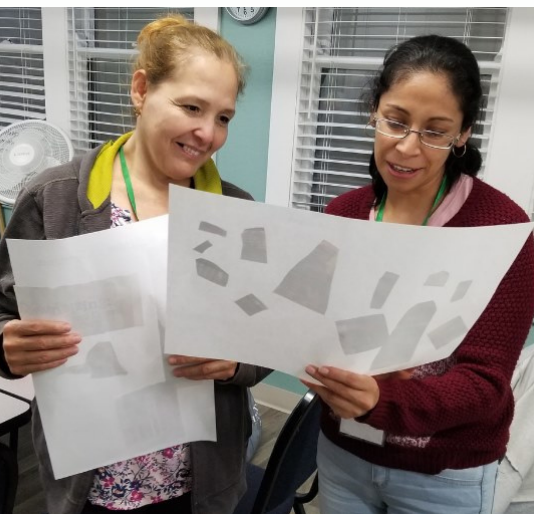




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# 2021-2022 Impact Report







## Student Story: Giovanni Ortega

After moving to the United States, Giovanni focused on learning English so he could begin a professional career. He has participated in a variety of KLC programs to achieve this goal.

Giovanni shares that he remembers the first time he went to the store he couldn't understand anything. Now he can communicate at the store, the bank, the doctor, and restaurants! He says, "KLC has a special magic that helps you feel comfortable so you can practice English! It is the best place for learning!" Now he is studying for his master's degree and has a good job where he speaks English.



# 200

TRAINED  
VOLUNTEER  
TUTORS



# 7,860

HOURS OF  
ENGLISH LITERACY  
EDUCATION

## ELL CIVICS PROGRAM

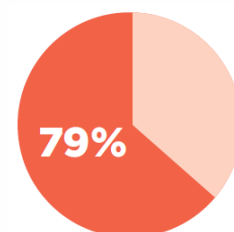
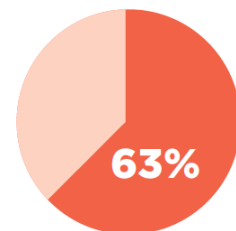
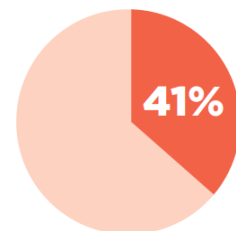
In KLC's ELL (English Language Learner) Civics classes experiential learning methods are used to explore important topics like public schools, health, finance, safety, housing and government. Students improve their English while also learning about the community. Hands-on activities, field trips and guest speakers play an important role in the ELL Civics classes. While learning about health literacy, for example, students do research to create a Medical Services Guide, learn about blood pressure and cholesterol from a registered nurse, practice exercise led by fitness experts, learn about healthy eating from a nutritionist and tour a local hospital. They are learning much more than how to read; they are learning to become leaders in their families and in our community!

## SMALL GROUP CLASSES

A variety of small group classes give students the opportunity to practice English conversation and vocabulary while learning about important topics. For instance, students in KLC's book club read novels and prepare for a community book discussion. Conversation classes provide English Language Learners with the opportunity to practice conversation with their peers. Women in Focus workshop sessions bring in guest speakers and allow students to learn about important community topics.

## CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

KLC's eight week citizenship class is offered several times a year. Students learn about the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship, the N-400 application form and the application process. Students prepare for the civics and English tests that are required for naturalization. They also learn strategies for communication in the interview and resources for citizenship study. We are proud to report that 96% of the students that completed the class are prepared to pass the citizenship test.





470

→ ADULT  
LEARNERS



40

→ DIFFERENT  
COUNTRIES

## TUTORING PROGRAMS

Kenosha Literacy Council's tutoring programs include drop-in tutoring and one-on-one tutoring. Drop-in tutoring is held at the Council four days a week. Adult learners are matched with volunteer tutors and work on individualized education plans. In the one-on-one tutoring program a volunteer tutor is paired with an adult learner and works with them weekly, at a library or other public place. Adult learners are able to build better practical English reading, writing and speaking skills in these personalized programs.

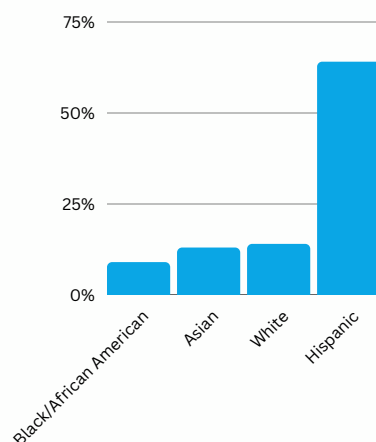
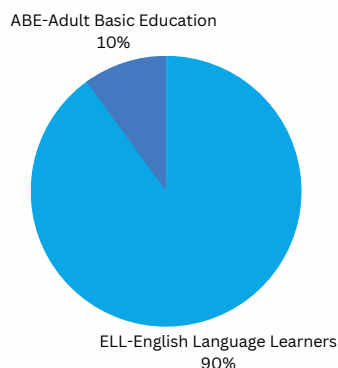
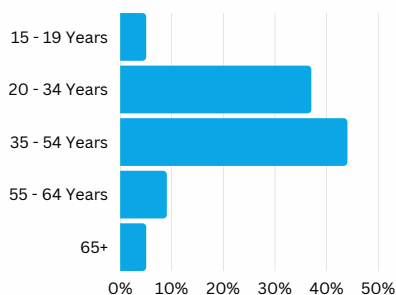
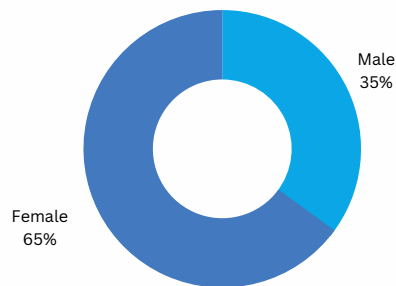
## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart of the Kenosha Literacy Council! In 2021-2022, 200 volunteers gave nearly 6,000 hours of their time to help adult learners reach their goals. Our volunteers are changing lives every day! Tutor training sessions were held throughout the year for new tutors. Each new tutor was also required to complete online modules as part of the training. Two tutor in-service opportunities were held for current volunteers. The estimated value of volunteer time for 2022 is \$29 per hour. KLC's volunteers provided nearly \$175,000 worth of service to our community! KLC would not be able to provide the services it does without the assistance of volunteers.

OUR VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED NEARLY

\$175,000

WORTH OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!



## Student Story: Viktoriia Stoieva

Viktoriia is from Ukraine. She was excited to start her new life in Kenosha but first needed to learn English. Her mother brought her to the Kenosha Literacy Council, and after 3 years, Viktoriia has accomplished many of her goals with the help of KLC's English programs. She had been able to get her driver's license, begin a job, and help her son succeed in school. Now she can speak with her son's teachers and her doctor. This year she was even able to purchase her first home!





Friends of the Kenosha Literacy Council,

THANK YOU! With your support we were able to move forward through the challenges of the pandemic. We never stopped serving learners and their families. They persisted and overcame many obstacles to work towards their goals.

We celebrate with students who receive promotions, get new jobs, attain their U.S. citizenship, and begin college classes. Our programs teach reading, writing and speaking skills to adults so they and their families can achieve financial independence, good health and greater involvement in our community. We give adult learners the tools they need to change their lives.

Your support makes this possible. You help us serve adults who participate in Kenosha Literacy Council programs. You create hope and opportunity for adults and families in our community.

Looking forward,

*Cheryl Hernandez*

Cheryl Hernandez  
Executive Director

*Ashleigh Henrichs*

Ashleigh Henrichs  
Board President



United Way  
of Kenosha County



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I enjoy being a tutor because the students are highly motivated and eager to learn. This pairs well with my love of language and desire to help others. Short-term successes are highly rewarding but seeing the long-term successes is nothing short of amazing!

KLC Tutor Chip



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I love Kenosha and little by little I'm learning more English. My classes at KLC helped me learn a lot of things that I never knew existed. My citizenship class helped me pass my test to become a U.S. citizen!

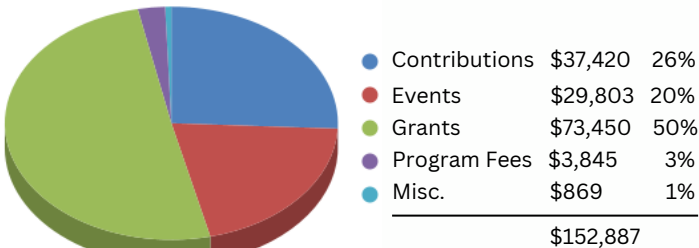
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## Financials at a Glance

Thank you for your enthusiasm, generosity, and dedication to adult education. For an in-depth look at our audited financial statements, please visit [kenoshalit.org](http://kenoshalit.org).

### Where does our money come from?



### How do we spend our money?

