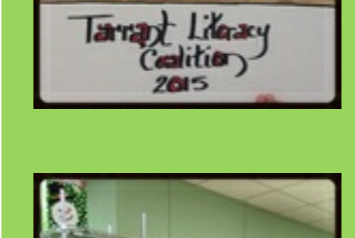
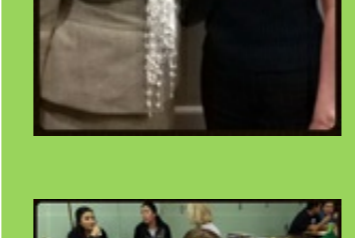
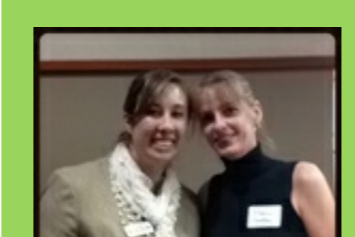
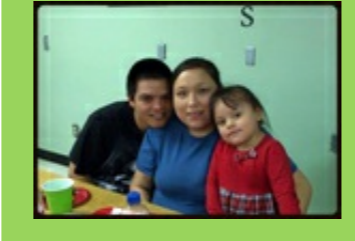
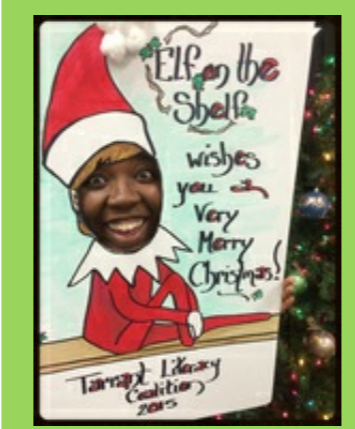


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### This Month in Pictures



We want to feature YOU in upcoming issues of the Coalition newsletter. You get to hear about our efforts and events all the time but we really want to hear from you! Please submit stories and articles to [Sarah Starnard](#). Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program.

Stay Connected to the Tarrant Literacy Coalition!




**Dear Literacy Partner,**

Happy New Year from all of us here at Tarrant Literacy Coalition! Thank you for your continued support and interest in all we do. We certainly couldn't do it without you!

It's the time of year for resolutions and we at TLC have made some resolutions of our own: We're resolving to take down our Christmas decorations before February, get more exercise (for real this time), and of course keep you informed about literacy news and upcoming events!

Join us as we ring in the new year, and see what Tarrant Literacy Coalition is up to in the months to come!

### Adult Education Superbowl - Resources for a Literacy Playbook




You can change the game for your students when you find the right resource to help augment your existing adult literacy programming. Don't be blind-sided by students who may have some additional needs. Our panel discussion will help you identify those community resources which can help your students reach the end zone! Panelists will include representatives from Easter Seals, The Learning Center of North Texas, the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), and Goodwill Industries. Our A-Team will take you, play-by-play, through the wide variety of services they offer to Tarrant County adult learners.

**Who:** Literacy Providers and Program Directors  
**When:** Jan. 29 from 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.  
**Where:** TCC Opportunity Center 5901 Fitzhugh Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76119 (Enter the building with the TCC Opportunity Center sign)

[Click here to register now!](#)



### Registration is Now Open for the North Texas Math Literacy Symposium!



Are you teaching adults who are studying for the GED® exam? Do you have students who lack sufficient math skills to succeed on tests, on the job, and/or in community college? This workshop will provide you with hands-on tools you can use with your students to help them improve their math skills now!

The North Texas Math Literacy Symposium will consist of a full day of math training for literacy instructors, featuring guest-trainer Heidi Schuler, from Canton, Georgia. The fee to attend is \$10 per person, which includes lunch, snacks, and all workshop materials. Registration is open now and space is limited! [Click here](#) for more information.

**Who:** Program Directors and Literacy Instructors  
**What:** The North Texas Math Literacy Symposium  
**Where:** First Baptist Church Arlington (301 S Center St. Arlington, 76010)  
**When:** Friday, February 26, 2016.

[Register Now!](#)

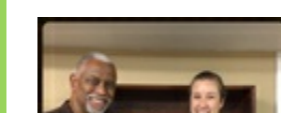
**Yelp Foundation Gives Local: Thanks to All Who Voted!**

We are so grateful for everyone who has voted online to help us raise \$5,000 to support our students. The votes have all been cast, so stay tuned to your email or our [Facebook page](#) see if TLC has won \$2,000, \$3,000, or even \$5,000 from the Yelp Foundation! Winners will be announced this week!



If you haven't yet liked Tarrant Literacy Coalition on Facebook, here's the perfect opportunity! Keep up to speed on all the work we're doing in real time!

### Thank You to Ed McFalls, BNSF Foundation for Your Generous Gift!



Upon his retirement from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Ed McFalls, the outgoing Assistant Vice President, Human Resources and Diversity, and the BNSF Railway Foundation granted Tarrant Literacy Coalition \$5,000 to commemorate the occasion. One of TLC's high-school-equivalency students, Azuena Fuentes, pictured left with McFalls, accepted the check on behalf of the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. This generous grant will help to sustain high-quality adult education programming in Tarrant County.

We are so grateful to Ed and BNSF for their continued patronage!

### Congratulations to our Executive Director, Kathryn Thompson!



In early December, Kathryn received the Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County's Unsung Heroes Award for her advocacy work on behalf of adult learners in Texas. The Unsung Hero works tirelessly behind the scenes and makes a significant impact on the populations that we serve," said Tracy Cummings, Workforce Systems Manager for Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County Board. J.R. Lobbis, one of Tarrant Literacy Coalition's funding board members said of Kathryn, "[her] efforts are appreciated across the state, but nowhere more than right here in Tarrant County, where we get to see the remarkable impact of [her] work up close and personal."

### In the Spotlight: Mary Daley



This month, we're honoring Mary Daley, a Tarrant Literacy Coalition volunteer tutor who celebrated her 90th birthday on November 25th! Mary has been with Tarrant Literacy Coalition for a few months now, and tutors a student in basic reading and writing skills. Mary came to TLC with an abundance of teaching experience, and we are so grateful to have her!

Mary says the most enjoyable things about volunteering is being able to watch students learn and open up, and even claims she gets more out of the process than they do. Although at times it can be challenging to work with students struggling to overcome learning disabilities, watching them do so is an incredibly rewarding experience, Mary says.

Outside of tutoring, Mary enjoys gardening and knitting, and, when she was younger, enjoyed spending time outdoors and playing tennis. She also has 5 children and a whole host of grandchildren, which keep her plenty busy. Many plans on volunteering with Tarrant Literacy Coalition for as long as she can, and we at Tarrant Literacy Coalition are certainly thankful for all she does.

### TLC's 2015 "Cash For Class" Grant Winners



The Tarrant Literacy Coalition is proud to support our literacy instructors and our partner organizations with "Cash For Class" grants each December! These grants are awarded to local literacy instructors or program directors that attend TLC's monthly training events throughout the year and can be used to purchase materials for literacy instruction. To be eligible for next year's drawing, all you have to do is attend TLC's Friday Forums and you'll automatically be entered to win. This year's "Cash for Class" recipients include:

- Colby Mowery of Grapevine Community Outreach Center: \$300**
- Carla Bownds of Christian Women's Job Corps: \$200**
- Brenda Reynolds of Rainbow Housing Resource Center: \$100**



### Check Out Literacy ConneXus' 2016 English Language Acquisition Instructor Training!

Teaching English With Excellence (TEX) Training is coming to a city near you! These trainings will help new instructors to master the skills they need to be effective leaders of an English Language Acquisition classroom. Reservations are required.

[Click here to learn more about these upcoming training events!](#)