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## **Upcoming Events**

- Olympic Games Continue (7/27-8/12)
- International Friendship Day (8/5)
- **Literacy Texas Conference** (8/6-7)
- Third Thursday (8/16)
- School resumes for FWISD (8/27)
- TEX Basic ESL Training (9/7-8, contact <a href="mailto:contact">canthony1000@aol.com</a> for more details)
- TLC Open House (9/8)
- North Texas Giving Day (9/13)

Check the website for a complete calendar of events and contact <u>Jennifer Rollins</u> to have your event added.

Changes at the TLC Office

July brought many changes for the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. We moved offices, said good-bye to a VISTA, and grew by two.

July 10 we moved out of our former office space and into a new building on Hwy 377 South (also known as Benbrook Blvd). Literacy ConneXus and Agape Baptist Church are close neighbors at our new location. We are very excited about the new space and look forward to

having an Open House Meet-Greet-Giveaway opportunity (currently slated for Sept. 8). Then, less then two weeks after moving, we bid farewell to our AmeriCorps VISTA, Amy Pickrel. Amy served the

Coalition for a year and has decided to stay in Fort

Worth to work for Catholic Charities as their new Execu

tive Assistant. We are so proud of her and thankful for the work she did with the Coalition, but we dearly miss her smiling face.



The Coalition has received two unique additions this summer. We are very excited that Keome Rowe, Assistant to the Mayor and the Chief of Staff, is joining our board through the Fort Worth Board Shadowing Program. Earlier in the season, Cory Walden, a volunteer

with Executives in Action, partnered with the Coalition to serve as Strategic Planning Consultant. Many of you had an opportunity to meet Cory at a couple of the training events held in July.

All these exciting changes have been keeping us very busy. We are planning to welcome a new VISTA staff member at the end of August and hope you will attend the Open House to meet her. Watch your email for invitations!



### July in Photos

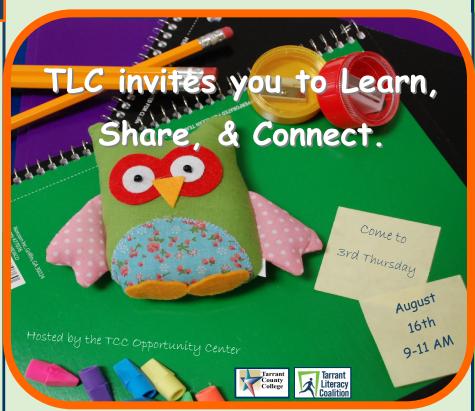




We want to feature <u>you</u> in upcoming issues of the Coalition newsletter. You get to hear about our efforts and events all the time but we really want to hear from you!

Please submit stories and articles to:

Be sure to include a short author bio and your program's information.



**Third Thursdays dates for 2012:** 

August 16<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> October 18<sup>th</sup> November 15<sup>th</sup>

Hosted by: TCC Opportunity Center 5901 Fitzhugh Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76119 817-515-2500

discuss work, exchange experience, share expertise

At our next Third Thursday event our featured speaker will be **Beth** Boatman, a Qualified Mental Health Professional who has been working with the Samaritan House and the MHMR Center of Tarrant County. Joan Grigsby has invited Beth to share her expertise to help us deal with adult students who may be struggling with mental health/behavioral issues. She will be sharing information and language we can use in the classroom to provide encouragement, avoid conflict and help all our students succeed! Please join us on August 16th at the TCC Opportunity Center (5901 Fitzhugh Ave., FW 76119) from 9-11 AM. Please RSVP for this event to <a href="mailto:jrollins@tarrantlit.org">jrollins@tarrantlit.org</a>.

# On September 13, at 7 am, the giving begins....





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Give \$25 or more to Tarrant Literacy Coalition via <a href="DonorBridgeTX.org">DonorBridgeTX.org</a> on September 13<sup>th</sup> between 7 am and midnight and your donations will be **multiplied**.



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