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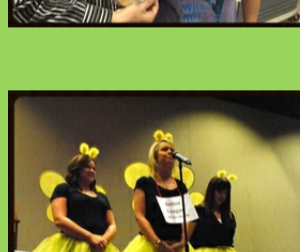
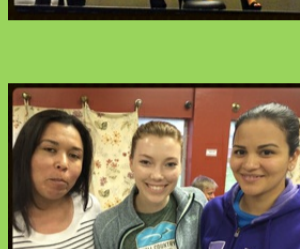
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**This Month in Pictures**



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 Stewart](#). Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program.

Stay Connected to the Tarrant Literacy Coalition!



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**Dear Literacy Partner,**

It's Spring and the wildflowers are not the only thing budding in North Texas. TLC is blooming, and we want to tell you all about it! Read on to learn more about what's happening this Spring and Summer in Tarrant County's literacy community.



**TLC's Great Big Book Giveaway**

Visit Tarrant Literacy Coalition on May 20, 2016 and participate in our Great Big Book Giveaway! Our bookshelves are filled with resources for literacy instructors of all types and we want to share them with you. This is also a great opportunity to network with other adult literacy instructors and program directors!

When: May 20, 2016 Between 9:00am and 11:00am  
Where: Tarrant Literacy Coalition Office located at 3554 Southwest Blvd in Fort Worth [\(Click here for Map\)](#)

[Register Now for the Great Big Book Giveaway!](#)



**State Board of Education Delays Implementation of New High School Equivalency Testing Options, Tarrant Literacy Coalition Vows to Help Students Get There Sooner!**

Texas Education Agency staff announced they will not be able to accommodate the new vendors for high school equivalency exams in Texas for as long as six additional months while the agency updates their database. The change in test vendors was originally anticipated for July 2016, but it is now likely students will not be allowed the choice of exams until, at least, the end of this year. The delay has prompted the Tarrant Literacy Coalition to raise money to take TLC students to Oklahoma, the Sooner State, to take a non-GED paper exam. Oklahoma does not require test-takers to have residency in the state and students may begin taking the HSET immediately.

[Are you interested in helping Tarrant Literacy Coalition students get there sooner? Click here to donate now!](#)

[Click here to read the full article from The Texas Tribune](#)



**TCU's 'Nature of Giving' Students Grant TLC Money to Help Fund HSE Transition**

The Texas Christian University Nature of Giving class awarded TLC \$14,200, and a total of \$125,000 to area non-profit organizations, at their annual awards ceremony April 28th. The money, designated to fund TLC's transition from the GED® to the HSET®, will help us to teach ourselves, teach other area providers, and teach our students.

We are exceedingly grateful to Bryan Tony, Timothy Betts, Kyle Keyzer, and Caroline Rydquist! These amazing and dedicated students put in countless hours of research and preparation, as well as deliberating with their peers for over 9 hours, to ensure TLC was among the grant recipients.

Thank you Bryan, Timothy, Kyle, Caroline and TCU!

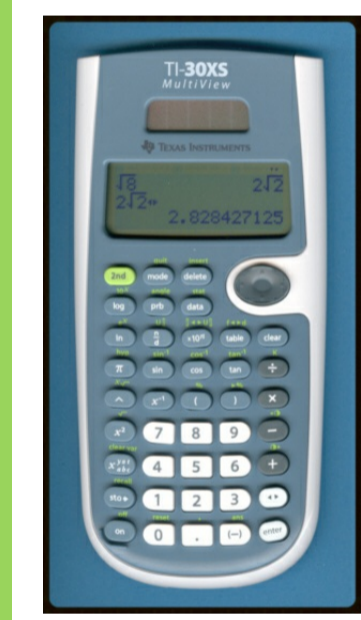


**Congratulations to the Winners of the TLC Corporate Spelling Bee: Texas Wesleyan University Crushers**

After they initially misspelled "typhoid" in round five, the TWU Crushers used one of their Bee Lines - allowing them another chance to spell the word correctly - and went on to win it all! They faced some stiff competition from 2nd place Acme Brick and 3rd place United Way, both of whom are

former winners, but the Crushers spelled their way to victory and a to a spelling bee three-peat!

[Thanks to all who came and supported the BEE! We can't wait to see you again next year!](#)



**Instructors, Don't Let Students Forget Their Calculators!**

Students taking the GED® social studies, science, and math tests should not expect the testing center to provide them with a calculator. Rather, students who do not bring their own calculator to the site will be required to use the on-screen calculator imbedded in the test. The only calculator approved for the GED® is the TI-30XS. Please ensure your students know what to expect when taking these exams!

[Click here to read the guidance from GED® Testing Service.](#)

**Catholic Charities of Fort Worth to Host Refugee ESL Providers Community Meeting in August**

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth will host an ESL Providers Community Meeting on August 24, 2016. The purpose of this meeting is to share information about ESL programs for refugees and discuss gaps in services in order to meet the needs of refugees in Fort Worth. Anyone who serves refugees in ESL programs is encouraged to attend and participate in this meeting.

When: Wednesday, August 24th at 2:00pm  
Where: Catholic Charities Fort Worth, 249 W. Thornhill Drive

For more information contact Amy Snyder by calling 817-289-0468 or [click here to email her](#).



**Thank You, Enterprise Holdings! We Are So Grateful for Gifts Like Yours!**

Jared Thompson, regional vice president of Enterprise Holdings (pictured right), presented a \$1,500 gift to Tarrant Literacy Coalition on Friday, April 8th. On behalf of TLC, the check was received by some of our high school equivalency students and their family members.



**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!](#)