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January 8, 2014

You've been asking for an update on the new 2014 GED exam; this is your chance to learn about the new **MyGED** portal, see the new curriculum materials, and discuss with other instructors what changes need to be made to the way we have traditionally taught GED classes. This event is not only for GED instructors. **All adult educators are invited!** Your students and their family members will have questions about the new test and YOU their resource.

What: January Fourth Friday Forum

When: Friday, January 24 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: TCC Opportunity Center, 5901 Fitzhugh, Fort Worth 76119

Why: To learn about the NEW 2014 GED and how to better prepare your students. You will also have an opportunity to win door prizes, including new 2014 GED study materials.

Registration for this event is required by Wednesday, January 22.

[Click to register now!](#)

December in Review



When Tarrant area literacy instructors and tutors face challenges, they know where to turn for support...

FOURTH FRIDAY FORUM

JANUARY 24TH 9:00-11:00 A.M.

6901 FITZHUGH AVE. FT. WORTH 76119

This month, come learn about the new 2014 GED test and available resources.

Tarrant County College

The Learning Center of North Texas

Tarrant Literacy Coalition

A graphic featuring a chalkboard with handwritten text. Below the text is a cartoon owl wearing glasses and holding a red pencil. At the bottom are logos for Tarrant County College, The Learning Center of North Texas, and the Tarrant Literacy Coalition.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Rollins
Community Outreach Coordinator

2013 Holiday Gathering Award Recipients

November 20th was a very special day for us. In the spirit of giving, we were thrilled to be able to honor our community's literacy teachers: those who are so committed to giving the gift of education to their students year round. At our annual Holiday Party we drew for the second annual recipients of the Cash for Class prize money.

These literacy instructors and volunteers have dedicated much



of their time to attending our Fourth Friday seminars in an effort to give their students the best possible learning resources. To honor their dedication, we selected three individuals whose names had been placed in the drawing as a result of their attendance at one or more of our 2013 Fourth Friday training events. We are pleased to announce that Kathy Aaron was awarded \$300 for **Learn English Now**, Asako Fertitta won \$200 for **Grapevine Community Outreach Center**, and Julieta Rhea won \$100 for **YWCA**. To increase your chances to win Cash for *your* Class this year, be sure to attend as many Fourth Friday training events in 2014 as possible. Every time you attend, you have another chance to win one of the prizes given at the end of the year!

Also at our Holiday Party, we were able to gift computers to several adult education programs. **Marilyn Ackmann** from **Atmos Energy** was on hand to help distribute the computers donated by Atmos as well as two other anonymous donors. The recipients of these gently used laptop and desktop computers had been selected to receive the equipment after submitting written proposals to the Coalition which were approved by a selection committee. The recipients are as follows:

Center of Hope in Parker County was awarded 5 computers

Girl's Inc. in Arlington was awarded 3 computers

Grace Ministries of First Baptist Church in Grand Prairie was awarded 4 computers

Mission Central Metroplex in Hurst was awarded 4 computers

Samaritan House in Fort Worth was awarded 3 computers

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fort Worth was awarded 5 computers

Texas Re-Entry Services in Fort Worth was awarded 1 computer

With the GED exam transitioning to exclusively computer-

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: [Jennifer Rollins](#) Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program

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based testing as of January 2 and so many other essential daily tasks only accessible online, we know that these donations will help many programs continue and further develop their instructional methods, and we know they will be well used for student successes.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients and thank you all for working so hard this year to help your students. Those benefitted by your dedication are innumerable.

Love spending time with children and families? Want to be a part of an exciting one-day event that changes lives?



If you have a day to volunteer and want to be involved with a one-time community service event that literally changes lives, we have a deal for you! Kids Vision Fest is sponsored by the Alcon and Essilor Foundations and will be held on Friday, February 7th at TCC Trinity River Campus. Hundreds of children will come to have their eyes examined, and if needed, to select eyeglasses to improve their vision for school and home.

Volunteers are needed to help families with registration and assist vision professionals in many tasks throughout the day. The Tarrant Literacy Coalition has been a Vision Fest partner for three years and this is one of the most fun events we do all year! We love seeing the children from all across Tarrant county come to get their new glasses that will open up a clearer world of opportunities for them. If you want to learn more about this amazing event, click the link below.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

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