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Community Learning Center 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

A LEADERSHIP Philadelphia team painted classrooms at the new West Philadelphia site

Fedda, an English language learner at the West Philadelphia site

Sharday, the first CLC learner to pass the GED2014 exam

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2013-2014 Community Learning Center Annual Report. On behalf of the board of directors and Community Learning Center staff, we thank you for your support of our work.

Community Learning Center believes in lifelong learning, second chances, and better futures. We had remarkable performance outcomes and provided quality adult education and career support services to the adult learners we serve. Over the past year, CLC drafted and piloted preGED and GED level curricula to prepare our adult learners for the rigors and critical thinking skills required for the GED2014 exam. The board of directors and director-level staff participated in a year-long strategic planning process and are now developing a strategic work plan covering the next two to three years. CLC continues to have a strong financial position and unqualified audits.

We enthusiastically embrace the challenges of the 2014-2015 program year: partnering to create a new model for an integrated workforce system in Philadelphia, developing partnerships with employers, and continuing to prepare our adult learners for the rigors of the GED2014 examination.

If you have any questions about CLC's annual report or would like to contribute or volunteer to support our programs, do not hesitate to call or email us. And please sign up with microfunders AmazonSmile and iGive.com (among others), which will donate a percentage of your purchases to CLC. (More information is on our web site.)

Thank you again for your support and helping CLC provide a lifeline to our adult learners.

Sincerely,

Dan Johns
President, Board of Directors

Rebecca Wagner
Executive Director

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Student Achievements

100 Adults Earn GEDs

Community Learning Center helped 100 adults earn their GEDs in 2013-2014. This is the third program year in a row in which CLC graduated 100 or more GED earners.

We are proud of our learners' accomplishments, and we look forward to their future achievements.

More Milestones

For CLC learners, the GED is a stepping stone towards achieving economic self-sufficiency. During the 2013-14 program year:

- 568 adults were enrolled in classes
- 292 post-tested learners made a learning gain in at least one subject
- 65 gained employment
- 27 entered job training programs or postsecondary institutions such as:

  Lincoln Technical Institute
  Harris School of Business
  Peirce College
  Community College of Phila.
  All-State Career School
  Montgomery County Community College

Congratulations to all our learners for their achievements!

About GED2014

The GED Testing Service revamped the GED exam effective January 1, 2014. The four-part exam now emphasizes critical thinking skills and is entirely computer based. In 2013-14, CLC teachers developed new curricula to prepare preGED and GED learners for the exam's new challenges.

Spotlight on Achievements

Mamadou Maiga

Mamadou was one of the winners of this year's Jean L. Fleschute Award, which recognizes students who demonstrated dedication, motivation, and service to the community. Mamadou and his family emigrated from Mali. A positive force in his classes, Mamadou achieved two goals: earning a GED and finding employment.

Sherby McCloud

Sherby was the other recipient of the Jean L. Fleschute Award. Sherby earned her GED in December 2013. While attending classes, she held down a job, often coming directly to class after working an overnight shift. Despite her demanding schedule, Sherby had impeccable class attendance and was always upbeat. She now attends Community College of Philadelphia.

Belinda Hendrick

Belinda won the University of Pennsylvania Association of Alumnae Book Award, which honors a postsecondary-bound student who displays character and integrity. Belinda earned her GED in November 2013 and went on to excel in her medical coding studies at Harris School of Business.

CLC Presents New Award for Alumni Achievement

At the June Awards and Graduation Ceremony, CLC presented its first annual Alumni Achievement Award to former CLC graduate **Mary Anderson.**

Mary grew up in poverty and left school after eighth grade. After years of hardship, she enrolled at CLC and earned her GED. She went on Community College of Philadelphia, where she was president of the Student Government Association and graduated with highest honors. She was awarded a full scholarship to West Chester University and received a B.S. in education summa cum laude. Mary now works for Delaware County CCIS, a division of the Department of Welfare that processes child care applications.

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Organizational Achievements

The Power of Partnership

A Strategy for Growth

CLC wants to create stronger pipelines to jobs and job training programs for learners. Board members and staff agree that helping learners achieve economic self-sufficiency is a top priority, and the goal figures prominently in CLC's strategic growth plan, the draft of which was completed in April 2014 with the guidance of Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Wanamaker Scholars Program at CCP

CLC established a productive relationship with this program, a partnership of the Wanamaker Institute and Community College of Philadelphia that offers free education and training to underemployed or unemployed Philadelphia residents. In 2014, five CLC GED graduates completed the pharmacy technician program.

The JEVS Northeast EARN Center

CLC held GED classes for EARN Center clients, who also satisfied community service requirements by creating learning aids for use in other GED and preGED classes.

myPLACE

The Mayor's Commission on Literacy (MCOL) chose CLC as one of three agencies in the city to serve as a campus for myPLACE, an adult literacy and GED initiative launched in January 2014. Adults are referred from all over Philadelphia for assessment, computer training, and placement in literacy and GED programs.

Referral Partnerships

AmeriHealth Caritas (Keystone First)
ACHIEVEability
PA CareerLink
West Philadelphia Skills Initiative (WPSI)

Pearson VUE-Authorized Test Center

We opened a test center at the West Philly site where we administered 434 GED and other tests in 2013-14.

Our Volunteers

This year, we presented the Mary E. Flournoy Award to Mary Laver in recognition of her outstanding commitment to CLC's learners and mission. Mary has tutored GED, preGED, and beginning reading CLC learners for 20 years, most recently at our St. Vincent's location. The award was named for Mary Flournoy, CLC's past board president.

Many thanks to all CLC volunteers! 2,496 hrs. of service

James Alcock	Timothy Fray	Kelly Kitz	Claude Scarborough
Catherine Barnes	Constance Gardner	Tilda Mann	Laura Seeley
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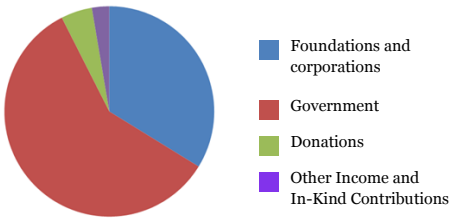
Financials

This year's successes were made possible by generous support from the government, private and corporate foundations, and supporters like you.

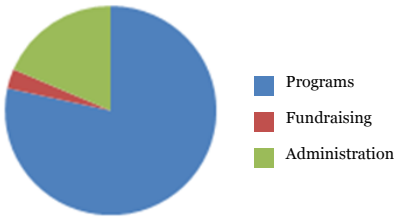
Thank you.

Income



Foundations/Corporations	370,000
Government	643,895
Donations	52,762
Other Income and In-Kind Contributions	29,410
Total Income	**$1,096,766**

Expenses



Programs	830,550
Fundraising	31,766
Administration	197,185
Total Expenses	**$ 1,059,501**

"CLC offered me an opportunity to fix all the brokenness in my life." *Trondell Hill*

Trondell Hill was one of 15 children growing up in North Carolina. He quit high school after his father died and worked in the fields. He wanted to quit, but his family needed his wages. Life improved, but Trondell still didn't have an education. "No one will ever know how I felt on the inside...wanting to go back to school but was ashamed," he said. But he did. Trondell earned his GED and is now a manager at the Kimmel Center.

After Svetlana Strunskaya had her son, she realized that she didn't have the resources to provide him with the life he deserved. So she signed up for GED classes. She worked hard and earned her GED. She attended a semester at Community College of Philadelphia and then learned Temple University accepted her. Svetlana said, "There are two possible paths in life. One is easy, and that's giving up. The other is harder, and it's fighting for the life you want."

Many thanks to CLC's dedicated staff and board of directors!

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Community Learning Center's mission is to help adults develop literacy, math, and life skills using a supportive and holistic approach so that they can realize their fullest potential at home, in the workplace, and in the community.

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