

November 2020



From the Director

Hello all!!

We have some exciting events coming up: The Charity Golf Tournament put on by MM Golf and Travel and Elwin Miles on November 23 as well as Giving Tuesday on December 1.

As of November 5, we have 16 students/tutors working together. That is almost as high as our Pre-COVID Shut-Down numbers of 17.

But we need more tutors!

We have 11 students waiting for a match. If you would like a second student or know a volunteer, please let me know.

Here are our tutoring needs:

- 1 (online tutoring in math);
- 6 (reading 1 adult, 5 students) Conway Library (meeting at C3 Coffee Shop until library opens);
- 1 (reading adult) at Chapin Memorial Library;
- 1 (reading) Carolina Forest Library (meeting at Dunkin' in Carolina Forest until library opens);
- 2 (reading 1 adult, 1 student) Socastee Library (meeting at Inlet Square Mall until library opens).

COVID AND FLU: It is important to remember we require the wearing of masks, sanitizing hands, tables and chairs before and after a tutoring session. COVID is at a new peak that none of us want to experience.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Dodi Hodges, Ph.D. Executive Director

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

Carla Taylor, our new Training Coordinator, will conduct our next Volunteer Orientation and Training, **November 20**, 6:30 PM on Zoom.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about tutoring for PLC, contact Dodi Hodges at 843-945-9278 or info@palmettoliteracy.org.

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We Appreciate Our Tutors! Tutors in Action



Peggie Anderson tutoring Amy Rosales



Maria Stensrud tutoring Alania Brown



Elaine Hunter tutoring Ian Rosales

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT November 23, 2020

We are still in need of **Raffle prize donations.** We also need folks to fill snack bags or to provide some chips or other snacks to put in the bags. Bags will be filled in an outdoor venue, and everyone will be wearing masks.

Please contact Dodi if you would like to assist with the charity golf tournament.

Businesses can still sponsor a hole. A sponsorship costs \$100 per hole and comes with the opportunity to have a sign placed at the sponsored hole.

To sponsor a hole, please visit the following link:

https://mmgolfandtravel.com/new-events/2020/8/25/palmetto-literacy-council-charity-golf-tournament

For Tutors and Parents:

Featured Reading Strategy "Cause and Effect"

- Identify cause-and-effect relationships in an article or a story;
- Understand the link between a series of causes and effects in an article or a story;
- Recognize how a series of cause-and-effect relationships leads to the resolution of a story problem

Scan the text looking for causes and effects. Remind students to look for signal words, such as *because*, *cause*, *as a result*, *why*, *since*, *so*, and *therefore*. This strategy can also be used to illustrate how one effect may become the cause of a new effect, and how causes and effects flow in a chain. When appropriate, have students add arrows to show additional connections between causes and effects.

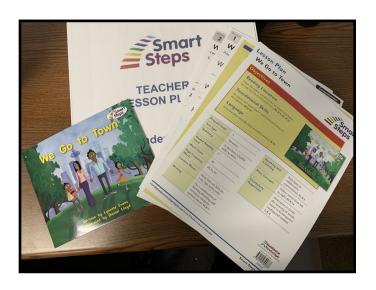


This year we are participating in #givingtuesday. Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement that focuses on the power of people to help communities through their donations. This year our goal is to raise money so that 100 students can have the materials they need to learn to read. The cost of materials for one student is \$300. It costs \$25 to replace the used material for one student.

We are grateful for any donation large or small from individuals or businesses. All donors will be thanked on Facebook and in our newsletter. We appreciate everyone who makes PLC a success!

Donate for Giving Tuesday at palmettoliteracycouncil.org

Giving Tuesday was initially started in 2012 by the 92nd Street Y and the United Nations Foundation as a response to commercialization and consumerism in the post-Thanksgiving season (Black Friday and Cyber Monday). The date range is November 27 to December 3, and is always five days after the holiday.



PLC Student Materials

Thank you to our Supporters

Peggie and Doug Anderson
Suzanne Boulet

Elwin and Jackie Miles Foundation
Bill Endorf

How you can support PLC

Individual membership: \$25/year *Pays for materials for one student*

Business membership: \$50/year Pays for materials for two students Your business card will be featured in the newsletter and on our website

Donate through palmettoliteracycouncil.org



PLC would like to thank Leah Sullivan, who has been our extern student from Miller-Motte College for the last five weeks. We are going to miss her desperately. She will graduate in December and is looking for full-time employment. She is amazing at detail, has excellent customer service skills, and is very skilled on Microsoft Office (for example: letters, flyers, applications forms, tables) and Excel. She is ambitious, works well independently and completes projects ranging from working with new databases, fundraising, spreadsheet development, making cold calls, flyer development to putting together training materials. We wish her the best! We know she will make us proud and will have many positive accomplishments.

MEET A VOLUNTEER Cheryl Burns

All non-profit organizations rely on volunteers to run smoothly. Palmetto Literacy Council is fortunate to have just such a volunteer: Cheryl Burns, who helps out in PLC's office. For the past two months, Cheryl has worked with an online student data management system designed specifically for the adult and community education team. This program enables Dodi to effectively organize and match tutors with students. And that's what PLC is all about!

Cheryl, who lives in Murrells Inlet with her husband Tim, said she learned about PLC through Volunteer Match last winter before the coronavirus shut everything down. According to Cheryl, she and Dodi immediately hit it off.

"I enjoy being with her and I enjoy helping people," she said. "I started working in the office and found that there was a lot I could do to assist her in what she wants to accomplish."

Three years ago, Cheryl and Tim, who both owned successful businesses, retired to Murrells Inlet where they now spend their winters. In the summer, the couple head back up to Ohio where they also own a home. They spend a fair amount of time traveling to visit their three children and grandchildren as well.

Cheryl, who is 66, recalls that after she retired from operating a bail bond business, she took some time to replenish. "I had to learn how to just be me. After that, I was able to look out for volunteer work," she said.

She wanted to give back and help others. In addition to volunteering for PLC, Cheryl also works with Barnabas Horse Foundation, a nonprofit organization that offers equine assisted therapy for individuals and families recovering from a traumatic experience.

"I've always loved horses and it's wonderful to be with them," she said.

In addition to volunteering, Cheryl enjoys photography and keeping in close touch with her family through Face Time. She plans to spend the winter in Las Vegas with her daughter who is expecting her second child.

Cheryl is looking forward to creating opportunities for PLC volunteers to get together on a regular basis, sharing stories about tutoring successes and learning from one another.

"This can be a great learning tool," she said. "We need to get to know one another. We need to sit down and talk!"

Hopefully, we can look forward to having these opportunities in the near future.



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Charity Golf Tournament Benefiting Palmetto Literacy Council

\$200 per team \$50 per player \$100 hole sponsor









Green Fees to Area Golf Courses & Raffle

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