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Dear Friend of Literacy,

Can you recall a time when you struggled to accomplish a task, finish a project, or achieve a goal? Maybe the task seemed too great, or the obstacles kept stacking up, but despite these struggles, you still succeeded. You probably got some kind of support from friends or family around you, whether they physically helped you get there or supported you emotionally. A support system is a crucial key to success, especially when faced with many obstacles.

For our learners, Literacy Green Bay is an important part of their support system. When learners come to Literacy Green Bay, they set a goal. It is our job to make sure no matter how many challenges they face, we provide the tools and assistance they need to achieve it. This past year we have had 217 volunteer tutors who have worked one-on-one with learners to meet their goals and have been an important support system for their learner. These tutors generously give their time to help our students work through their obstacles and gain the skills they need to be successful. In addition, we have also served hundreds of students through our English Language Learner Classes, Children First Family Literacy GED classes, College and Career Readiness classes. On the back of this letter, you will read a story about Angel, a student who, despite many hurdles, has been able to persevere and work towards her goal of obtaining her GED. She is truly a testament to what our learners can achieve through the support of Literacy Green Bay.

But we can't do it alone! Our support system isn't just made up of our volunteers and staff, but also friends like you who give generously to support our mission of literacy. By giving to Literacy Green Bay, you are joining our learners' support network. You are a vital part of helping our learners achieve their goals, no matter what obstacles they face. Please consider donating today to help support our students in accomplishing their goals and building lifelong skills of literacy.

Our learners greatly appreciate your contribution as they continue to face their obstacles and grow in their learning!

In grateful friendship,

Robyn Hallet
Executive Director

P.S. Your gift of \$80 provides curriculum for a tutor to instruct a learner; \$50 subsidizes a student's registration and book; \$35 covers a new tutor's resource portfolio. Please consider a gift today!



DESPITE ADVERSITIES, CFFL STUDENT FORGES FORWARD

Dedication. Perseverance. Determination. These qualities are ever-present in Children First Family Literacy Student Angel. Angel began studying for her GED in the CFFL program in July of 2016. Having completed high school through the eleventh grade, she wanted to show her daughter, Nevaeh, an infant at the time, that literacy and education are the keys to moving out of poverty and opening up greater opportunities for both of them. In the beginning, Angel was quite reserved, having built up a wall of protection against any anticipated failures. With much encouragement from her teachers as well as her classmates, that wall eventually began to come down.



There have been many challenges along the way for Angel in her journey toward GED attainment. She was a single parent when she enrolled, juggling an infant and trying to find adequate study time. Unlike most students who enjoyed the comfort of their own vehicle to get to class, Angel lacked reliable transportation and would often take the city bus with Nevaeh and a stroller – no easy task. However, she was determined not to miss class, as she never lost sight of her ultimate goal. When Angel eventually found a part-time job, she would often go to work in the evenings and work overnight after attending class, going home and putting Nevaeh to bed, and hopping back on the bus. She showed this same level of resolve every night in class. In the words of one of Angel's instructors, "Her perseverance and dedication are unparalleled. In all my years with the program, there is

not anyone who can match her tenacity."

Angel remains in the CFFL program and has passed both the Civics and the Social Studies tests to date. She continues to work hard to master the remaining subject matter with the same doggedness that she approaches everything in her life. Not only does she work extremely hard, she also encourages others to do the same. When she passes a test, she comes back to class and reassures her classmates that they too can be successful and not to give up. If she fails a test, she just works that much harder to pass it the second time around.

Rarely has there been a student who more graciously exemplifies hard work, dedication and resilience in spite of adversity. Though she has not quite reached her goal of GED attainment, Angel is absolutely a success story in the truest sense!



Donations from you support the education of people like Angel!

Please consider giving to our Fall Friends Campaign!