

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful experience to have our ABE learner, Lester present his life story to triumph over illiteracy to over 1900 people at Mrs. Bush's Celebration of Reading April 22, 2010 at the Hobby Center!

Lester first came to Literacy Advance on April 15, 2008. On April 22, 2008 he started class with volunteer tutor Hervé Chain. The Pre-test he took during this class showed that his reading and writing skills were at a level 3 ABE. Through hard work and dedication, Lester advanced to a level 4 ABE at the end of his first 12 weeks of classes, and kept advancing within the same level. Due to schedule conflicts, Hervé, his tutor at that time couldn't continue assisting Lester with his learning. Pat McCracken was assigned as Lester's tutor in June 2009, and they have been working together since then. The last test that was administered to Lester on April 5, 2010 showed that Lester has advanced from level 4 ABE to level 5- Adult Secondary ABE. That means Lester has advanced 2 levels (from level 3-5) in 24 months!



Students at this level can:

- Can read and follow multi-steps directions.
- Read and interpret common legal forms and manuals.
- Use math in business, such as calculating discounts, and create and use tables and graphs.
- Communicate personal opinion in written form.
- Write an accident or incident report
- Can integrate information from multiple texts, charts, and graphs.
- Evaluate and organize information.
- Can perform tasks that involve oral and written instructions in both familiar and unfamiliar situations.

Because of the help from Literacy Advance and his tutors, he is now able to write emails and reports at work. His manager said during a staff meeting, that he is one of her best employees because he reads and respond to her emails, and his reports are very descriptive and well written. We are all so proud of Lester and the great strides that he has made!!!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Learners, Volunteers, and Staff we would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. George H.W. Bush for honoring Lester's great accomplishment and all of our friends for your continued support of our mission.

With appreciation,

