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"ENABLING ADULTS THROUGH EDUCATION"

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December 2011 *Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

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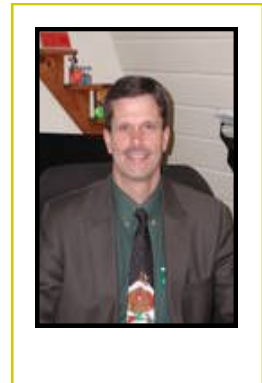
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A FEW WORDS FROM Steve Schwarz—Board Vice President

My parents moved to Kerrville in the summer of 1967. I enjoyed my first 13 years calling the Hill County my home. I did not know how much this town would mean to me in my future. I was quite certain that when I graduated from Tivy High School in 1980 I was not going to be moving back to Kerrville. Oh, how my plans changed. My wife and I returned to Kerrville in 1994 and have raised our four children in this very special place. Being a part of this community means more to us than anyone could imagine.

The support that this small town offers to its citizens is truly amazing. Our businesses, churches and our non-profit organizations consistently reach out to help others. Being a part of Families & Literacy is just one way I can be a part of helping others in Kerrville. The support that F&L receives in the way of volunteers, classroom space and monetary donations is staggering. I would like to offer a special thank you to the staff of Families & Literacy for their hard work

and dedication. What a blessing it continues to be to call Kerrville my home.



Steve Schwarz
Board Vice President

WE SUPPORT FAMILIES & LITERACY

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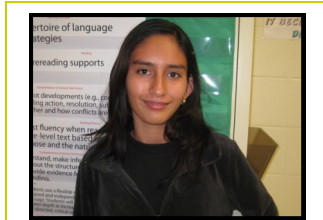


Carrie Schmerbeck
Silpada Designs Fundraiser
raises \$500.00 for
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SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT

My Dream



Michele Charnichart
ESL— Taking Off
Student

¡Hello! My name is Michele Charnichart. I am 18 years old. I am from Mexico, and I live in Kerrville, Texas.

The reason I started studying with Families & Literacy is that I want to learn to speak, write, and better understand English.

I want to be able to begin a career in nursing and also help other Hispanic people who, like me, come to this country without understanding English.

It is for this reason every day I do my best to learn more and realize my Dream.



WHY I VOLUNTEER



Jeannette Cockroft
ESL—Taking Off
Instructor

After graduating in 2000 from Texas A&M University with a Ph.D. in history, I got the opportunity of a lifetime--the chance to teach English in China. Although I had had plenty of teaching experience, I had never taught English. The experience was both a personal and professional challenge. Since joining the Schreiner University faculty in 2002, I've spent two additional summers in China teaching English. Over time, I have realized that, although I love teaching Eng-

lish, I have not always known the best ways to help my students. In the summer of 2011, I decided it was time to learn. I took Cambridge supervised training to become a certified English language teacher for adults (CELTA) at the International Language Institute in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I am delighted now to be able to continue my professional development by volunteering with Families & Literacy. My students and colleagues in the program have reminded me of just how much fun there is in being part of a life changing adventure!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5—15
Progress testing all classes

December 19 –Jan 2
Christmas & New Years
Office closed

January 3
Registration for all classes

January 17
GED Classes start

January 23
ABE, ESL & Citizenship
classes start



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EPILOGUE

"I just didn't appreciate the importance of a high school diploma," says Christa Dorsey. "So I just stopped going to school. A few years later I began to realize I had made a big mistake." So Christa started looking on the Internet for a program to help her take and pass the GED test. The classes closest to her home near Fredericksburg were all full, so she contacted Families & Literacy in Kerrville.

After taking the pre-class assessment, Christa enrolled in GED classes. In May, she took the GED exam and passed "on the first try," she says proudly. With the GED success under her belt, Christa is now preparing to enroll in Austin Community College. She is working on the Accuplacer assessment testing, to determine at what level she should be enrolled and possibly to get Advanced Placement credit for some classes. Her ultimate goal is to become an RN (registered nurse) and maybe even a PA (physician's assistant).

Christa says "she was always down on herself and didn't have the confidence that she could pass the GED. Sometimes the classes were a struggle." But she was determined to get the GED so she could further her education for herself and, most importantly, for her daughter. She said "that taking the Families & Literacy classes was a great boost for her self-confidence, and the day she passed the GED exam was a day of personal victory." Today, Christa's motto is: "*Whatever it takes.*" Through her hard work, the encouragement of her instructors and all of the folks involved with Families & Literacy, she has proven to herself that she can succeed.

Congratulations, Christa!



Christa Dorsey and her daughter

SPRING 2012 CLASSES

GED PREPARATION

January 17—May 17
Tuesday & Thursday
5:30 pm—8:00 pm

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

January 24—May 10
Tuesday & Thursday
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

CITIZENSHIP
January 23—May 9
Monday & Wednesday
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)

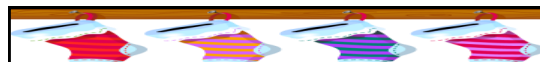
MATH
January 23—May 9
Monday & Wednesday
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

LANGUAGE
January 17—May 17
Tuesday & Thursday
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

PARENTING CLASSES

FOR KID'S SAKE
Third Saturday of every month

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Our Vision

A community whose residents are literate, responsible and productive.

Our Mission

It is the mission of Families & Literacy, Inc. to enable Hill Country adults through education to be better prepared to participate in the life of the community.

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An Excellent Student...

- *Attends class regularly*
- *Listens to the teacher*
- *Listens to classmates*
- *Asks questions*
- *Participates in class*
- *Completes homework*
- *Uses English outside class*



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By: June Hartley — ESL INSTRUCTOR

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