



December 21, 2001

Happy Holidays Literacy Volunteers,

We have been busy little elves in the last few weeks. Our office has moved from the downtown location to a cozy house at **715 N. Humphreys**. We are working hard to be ready to re-open on Tuesday, January 8. You can still phone, fax and email us at our old numbers during the transition. These numbers will not change. We will return calls as soon as we can.

This letter is your official invitation to our **Open House on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** from 4-6 pm. We are hoping to have the majority of our decorating, remodeling and re-organizing done by then. Please join us for hot tea and cookies and a look at our new training center, library, and kitchen.

We would like to welcome the following **new tutors** to our program: Lisa Acchione, Amy Armstrong, Bill Austin, Alysson Balfour, Sandy Bryant, Dave Carlson, Maggie Carrillo, Mary Carter, Marianne Davis, Nick Elias, Hilary Giovale, Patty Gutterman, David Hobson, Rhonda Johnson, Michelle Nickol, Mitch Smith, Leslie Thatcher, Vicki Thompson, Ted Tonkinson, and Elizabeth Virant.

We are planning an in-service workshop February 28 or 29<sup>th</sup> on citizenship. We are working on bringing an immigration lawyer from Phoenix here to discuss the procedures and current issues involved in seeking citizenship.

Tell your friends. **New Tutor Orientations** will be held Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 10-12 and Thursday, January 31st 6-8 pm at the Public Library. Our next **Tutor Training** session will take place Saturday February 2nd and 9th from 10-4 pm at our new building, 715 N. Humphreys. If you

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would like to come for a refresher, please do. We would love to have you and it's free.

If you suspect that your learner has a **vision problem**, contact our office as soon as possible and we will submit an application for free vision screening on your behalf. This offer is made possible through the American Optometric Association. The deadline for applications is January 23rd, 2002.

We will be purchasing a set of matching tables and chairs for our new training center, but there are lots of little things we need like a whistling tea kettle, kitchen towels, tall green plants for the front windows, platters, cups, mugs, and some kitchen utensils. In the summer we will be able to have picnics and potlucks in the backyard so we are looking for gardeners, seed, outdoor furniture and the like. Let us know if you have any of these items.

We would like to thank Nurses Network Director and new tutor, Elizabeth Virant, for their donation of a Gateway Computer. We now have two computers dedicated to student and tutor use. Both have internet access, a learn-to-type program and Learning 2000 (reading and writing) software.

This spring we will have 2 interns from NAU working with us. They will be able to support some drop-in conversation classes and help us improve our student and tutor support. I will introduce them in the next letter. We are also planning drop-in conversational ESL classes at Pondersosa Head Start (2500 N. First St., behind Killip School, next to the playground) starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. Tutors Maryan Fox and Marianne Davis will be running these groups. All students are welcome to attend these free classes for additional practice.

We wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season. See you next year!