COVID-19 has taught us lessons in ingenuity and flexibility. As a result, we’re emerging more agile and responsive. We’re using this time as an opportunity to refocus our efforts and get stronger.

We launched mobile learning opportunities for our students so that they can learn anytime, anywhere on various devices, with or without the help of a tutor.

We also re-engineered our Tutor Training for online delivery.

Additionally, we audited our technology and are making needed changes. We scrubbed our databases and tightened our policies and procedures. We received an SBA Payroll Protection Program grant. We implemented low-to-no cost employee benefits.

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In a year when life tested all of us, we are deeply grateful for each other and the ways we worked through these challenges.

Thank you for your support!

Mary Marin Taylor
Executive Director

2020 — What a year!

WE DON’T JUST TEACH ADULTS TO READ BETTER.
We give them hope and help them learn how to live better.

Helen called us out of loneliness and desperation. She was illiterate and profoundly isolated. She lives in a rural community far from family and has full care of her husband, who suffers increasingly from Alzheimer’s.

Working with tutor Vandy, Helen has gained a whole new world of skills, information, and resources in addition to reading. Vandy helped Helen get an inexpensive cell phone and service. Now she can easily connect with her family by voice, text, and social media. She helped Helen research candidates and issues, and in 2016 Helen voted for the first time. With Vandy’s help, she has obtained important medical services for her husband.

During COVID-19, this pair continues to work remotely, talking on the phone weekly. Helen doesn’t drive, so Vandy delivers food from a local food cupboard and lesson materials. Probably most importantly, Vandy delivers hope.

“I’ve improved a lot. Vandy is a big part of my life!” - Helen

We have a brand-new website! Check it out at LVBangor.org
Despite the pandemic, we had an excellent year!

WE HELPED 306 ADULT STUDENTS

Gender
76% women
24% men

Types of Students
65% basic literacy
29% English language learners
5% high school equivalency

Education Facts
23% have less than 12th grade
35% have a high school diploma or equivalent

Achievements
25 got a job or a better job
48 improved employability skills
29 entered education or training
37 increased involvement in children’s educational activities
30 increased involvement in their community
82 achieved another personal goal

31 countries are represented by our students

WITH THE HELP OF 228 VOLUNTEERS

11,037 hours were donated
76% are women and 24% are men
79% have at least some college
68% are tutors
32% are writers, web designers, board members, accountants, and more

AND YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR SERVICES

- Basic Literacy (reading and writing)
- English Language
- High School Equivalency
- Family, Financial, and Prison Literacy
- U.S. Citizenship
- Math
- Transition to Post-Secondary Education

Annual Budget: $153,000
0% Government Funding

This work is only possible through volunteer time and community support. Thank you!