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**Literacy Volunteers Will Expand Tioga County Programs and Services With Support From The Community Foundation for South Central New York**

Binghamton – A \$4,865 grant from The Community Foundation for South Central New York will help Literacy Volunteers of Broome-Tioga Counties, Inc. (LVBTC) strengthen Tioga County communities through literacy education. The Community Foundation’s support will enable LVBTC to recruit and train new tutors, build partnerships with community agencies, and most importantly, serve greater numbers of students.

“Adults who read...succeed,” says Kristen Gordon-Pier, Executive Director of LVBTC. “Our one-to-one tutoring and Literacy Lab instruction helps adults to increase their basic skills so they can enter the workforce, retain a current job or move to higher paying job, earn a high school equivalency diploma, transition to post-secondary education and career training, and prepare for the U.S. citizenship test.”

Literacy Volunteers of Broome-Tioga Counties celebrated 50 years of service to Broome and Tioga Counties in 2017. LVBTC is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing adult learners with basic reading, math, computer literacy, and English language instruction. LVBTC provides services at no cost to students.

“Community Foundation for South Central New York’s support has been essential to our mission and our effort to build a more literate Broome and Tioga Counties,” according to Gordon-Pier. “We value our partnership with the Community Foundation and look forward to continuing to “make our region a better place for all of us.”

For information about Literacy Volunteers of Broome-Tioga Co.’s tutor training, volunteer opportunities, and services for students, call (607) 778-6406 or visit [broometiogaliteracy.org](http://broometiogaliteracy.org).