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**Literacy Volunteers of Broome-Tioga Counties Awarded a Three-year Grant from the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation**

Binghamton, NY – A \$50,000, three-year grant from the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation will support Literacy Volunteers of Broome-Tioga Counties’ (LVBTC) in their work to help low-level English language learners achieve their education, employment, and personal goals. Klee’s investment in the Partnership to Enhance and Expand English as a Second Language (ESL) Services program underwrites the training of 15 new tutors and tutoring for over 50 ESL students. Klee’s support helps LVBTC build a new partnership with Binghamton Adult Education and their ESL classes at the American Civic Association (ACA).

“Assisting low-literacy level ESL students to gain higher English proficiency levels will enable them to achieve their education, employment, and personal goals,” says Kristen Gordon-Pier, LVBTC Executive Director. “With over 50 years of providing adult literacy and English as a Second Language (ESL) literacy programming in our community, LVBTC knows that learning English is often a challenging, long-term task.”

Through individualized instruction, Literacy Volunteer tutors will help Binghamton Adult Education teachers strengthen the instruction for the lowest level ESL students. The project’s goal: ensure that students who need extra help are provided the individualized attention that will enable them to meet their education, employment, and personal goals.

Literacy Volunteers of Broome-Tioga Counties (LVBTC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing low-literacy level adult learners with basic reading, math, computer literacy, and English language instruction. 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).

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