



# Literacy Council of Carroll County

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## The 2020 Spelling Bee

The 2020 Spelling Bee has been canceled for this year.

We are sorry to have missed sharing a night of fun with our many friends and supporters.

We are overcome with gratitude to the following sponsors who generously honored or increased their financial pledge to the Spelling Bee:

**Giant Food**  
**CCPL Leadership Team**  
**Penguin Random House**  
**Wegman's**  
**Carroll Community College Foundation**  
**Hoffman, Comfort, Offutt, Scott**  
**& Halstad LLC**

*Thank You!*

**Save The Date**  
**Golf Tournament**  
has be postponed to



**Friday, September 4, 2020**

Quail Valley Golf Club

8:00 AM Tee Time

## GivingTuesdayNow

Giving Tuesday was a HUGE success.

We are so thankful that so many in our community appreciate the work of our tutors and students.

**Mike O'Connor**

**Ronnie Bohn**

**Heidi White**

**Donna Crafton**

**Anita Wilcox**

**Jim Ball**

**Brenda Lewis**

**South Carroll Lioness**

**Barbara Weir**

**Magdaline Vandal**

**Jason Goldberg**

**Gary & Henrietta Arenson**

**Richard & Kathleen Keen**

**Taneytown Lions Club**

**ACNB Bank**

**Anonymous**

*Thank You!*

As George Washington wrote:

“To encourage literature (i.e. literacy) and the arts is a duty which every good citizen owes his country.”

Thank you for all the Washingtons, Lincolns, Hamiltons, Jacksons, Grants and Franklins donated to us.



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## Tutoring in a World with COVID

Heidi White, Student Tutor Coordinator, is taking a serious look at distance learning. She wants to know the tutors' comfort level and familiarity with various types of distance learning. She will be calling each of the tutors on her list to query them about their hardware and software access and needs. She will also ask if the tutors have any knowledge of their students' access and needs. **If there is a preferred time that tutors wish to be called please email Heidi at [lcouncilcc@gmail.com](mailto:lcouncilcc@gmail.com) with the designated time.**

Many of the tutors meet their students at county libraries. When libraries reopen, they may open only for circulation and not for sitting and meeting. If tutors and students are comfortable meeting in person, Heidi is looking into other public places that are safe either inside or outside. **The Literacy Council Office does not have a reopening date for the public yet. So tutoring in the tutor rooms is not available at this time. We will reevaluate when Phase III is announced by the governor.**

Heidi and all of the Literacy Council will offer whatever support possible during these most unusual times. The personal bond between tutor and student has been a strength of the Literacy program. COVID 19 puts a strain on that relationship as it does on so many daily tasks these days. Stay well.

## The Next 3 to 5 Years – The Good, the Bad & the Better!

We really need your input and ideas to set priorities and develop a path forward for the Literacy Council. We are developing a Strategic Plan (three to five years), and our first step is to gather your input and ideas for the future of our program. You are our stakeholders, whether a tutor, volunteer, student, or community member, and we request your input on our programs and activities - what works well, what needs to change, and ideas for the future.

To share your thoughts, please complete and submit our Strategic Plan Survey by one of the following methods:

1. **On-line survey:** please complete our anonymous on-line survey by clicking the link below.  
[Start Survey](#)
2. **Download** and complete the Survey that is an additional attachment to the newsletter e-mail, and then e-mail it to [outreachdir.lcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:outreachdir.lcouncil@gmail.com).
3. **Print** the Survey, and send the completed form to the Literacy Council, 255 Clifton Boulevard, Suite 314, Westminster, Maryland 21157

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