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Vita Education Services *Bringing Learning to Life for Over 50 Years*

Celebrating the Successes of Vita's ESL Students



Vita's English as a Second Language End-of-Year celebrations highlighted the dedication and accomplishments of students across our Warminster, Bensalem, Fairless Hills, and Doylestown locations. Vita instructors and tutors handed out certificates of achievement to ESL students at every level.

From September through May, we had 292 ESL students attend over 24,000 hours in instructor-led classes and 73 ESL students attend over 6,900 hours in tutor-led classes. Amazing!

It's an honor for us to recognize the gains made by Vita's students and the commitment of Vita's instructors and tutors as they complete this year's academic journeys!

[Click here for celebration video.](#)

Honoring Vita's Inspiring Teachers



May is Teacher Appreciation Month! On May 10, Vita was pleased to mark the occasion at the Peggy Blanco Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at the beautiful Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland, PA.

Vita's teachers are the heroes who change the lives of adult learners every single day. Vita's instructors teach classes in GED prep, English language learning, Family Literacy, Decisions, career preparation, and digital literacy, and they meet students where they are, guiding them towards the futures they dream of.

The event also recognized ESL instructor Joe Garcia, who recently retired from teaching at Vita after 21 years!

Peggy Blanco, the event's namesake, was a staunch supporter of literacy education. She was a beloved Vita English as a Second Language instructor and also taught in our Adult Basic Education program. Peggy later became a Vita Board member.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Vita Board Member Christina Blanco and her sister, Theresa Blanco, whose generous contributions were instrumental in making this event a wonderful success.

Gratitude for ProLiteracy's Support



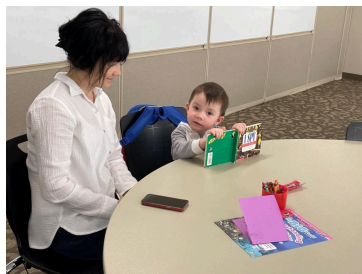
Vita extends its gratitude to [ProLiteracy](#) and its [Literacy Opportunity Fund](#) for their generous grant of \$5,000 to support

Vita's general operations and enhance our programming.

The Literacy Opportunity Fund is generously funded by the [Nora Roberts Foundation](#) and recognizes organizations whose work transforms lives through literacy. We appreciate ProLiteracy for acknowledging the impact of Vita's adult education programs.

Little Library, Big Stories

During every Interactive Literacy Activity class at Vita's Warminster Family Literacy location, children have the opportunity to explore a "library" within the classroom where they can choose books to read with their parents. This important routine fosters self-discovery, decision-making, and reading skills.



As children read their books to and with their parents, they learn to recognize letters, sound out words, and build their vocabulary in an interactive

environment that enhances comprehension and critical thinking.

Classroom library time is cherished by both parents and children, as it allows them to discuss the stories and illustrations, connecting the narratives to their own experiences while strengthening their bond!

Vita Vibes



At Vita, we believe that creating lasting change for our students and their families takes a collective effort. That's why we're proud to work in partnership with other community organizations who share our vision of equity and opportunity.

Recently, we had the privilege of attending [Immigrant Rights Action's Night of Hope](#) event and celebrating its merger with [The Welcome Project PA/EI Proyecto de](#)

[Bienvenida PA](#). Together, they are working to "Widen the Welcome" – a powerful vision that aligns closely with our own: ensuring that everyone in our community has the opportunity to live with dignity, safety, and hope. We are grateful to stand alongside them in this important work.

Vita's Executive Director, Heather Giampapa (left) and Fundraising Manager, Eileen Shapiro (right) congratulated The Welcome Project's Heidi Roux (middle).

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