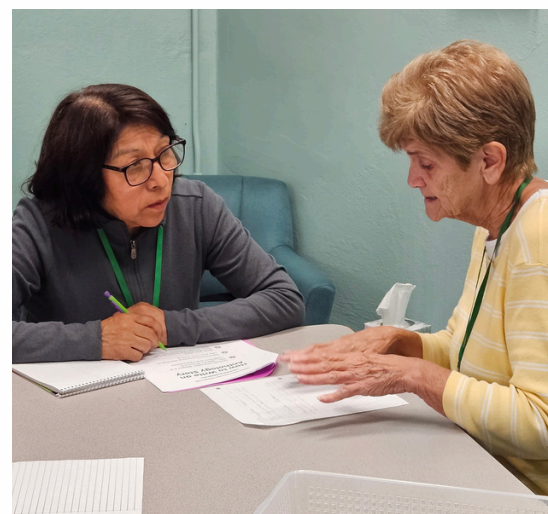


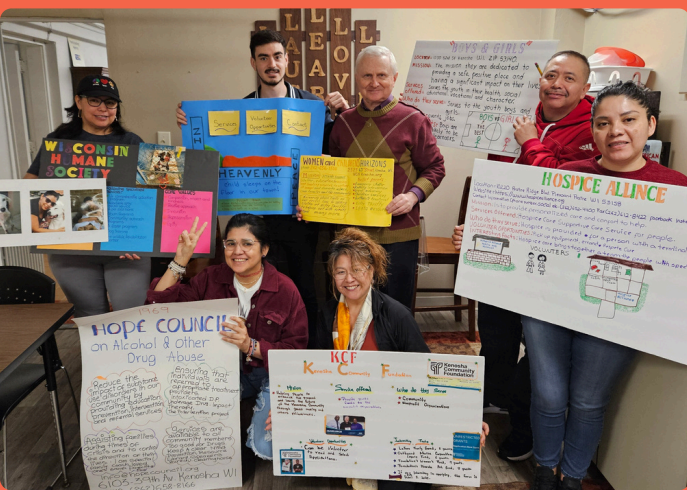


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2023-2024 Impact Report






Student Story: Pedro Popoca

I remember when I moved to the U.S. It was the biggest challenge of my life; I realized my life was going to be different. Since moving here 4 years ago, I've learned a lot. The ELL Civics Class at KLC helped me learn about the community. Now I can use the library and talk with people at the bank. If I had to compare myself now to when I started, I can see how much I improved. Because of my learning experience at KLC, I gained confidence to speak and start conversations with people. In my opinion KLC is one of the best places to learn & practice English. People there help and support you. Learning English has helped me find more opportunities. Now I work in a remodeling company where I like what I do. In the future I hope to continue my education in Gateway in the interior design program.




102
 TRAINED
 VOLUNTEER
 TUTORS


10,194
 HOURS OF
 ENGLISH LITERACY
 EDUCATION

→ to provide

ELL CIVICS PROGRAM

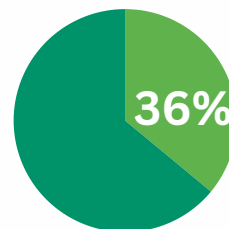
In KLC's ELL (English Language Learner) Civics classes experiential learning methods are used to explore important topics like public schools, health, finance, safety, housing and government. Students improve their English while also learning about the community. Hands-on activities, field trips and guest speakers play an important role in the ELL Civics classes. While learning about health literacy, for example, students do research to create a Medical Services Guide, learn about blood pressure and cholesterol from a registered nurse, practice exercise led by fitness experts, learn about healthy eating from a nutritionist and tour a local hospital. They are learning much more than how to read; they are learning to become leaders in their families and in our community!

SMALL GROUP CLASSES

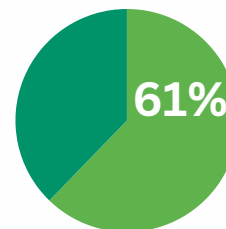
A variety of small group classes give students the opportunity to practice English conversation and vocabulary while learning about important topics. For instance, students in KLC's book club read novels and prepare for a community book discussion. Conversation classes provide English Language Learners with the opportunity to practice conversation with their peers. Women in Focus workshop sessions bring in guest speakers and allow students to learn about important community topics.

CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

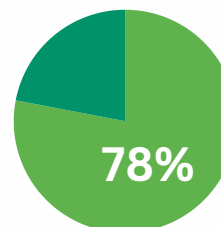
KLC's eight week citizenship class is offered several times a year. Students learn about the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship, the N-400 application form and the application process. Students prepare for the civics and English tests that are required for naturalization. They also learn strategies for communication in the interview and resources for citizenship study. We are proud to report that 97% of the students that completed the class are prepared to pass the citizenship test.



36% of learners who participated for more than six months found employment, improved their current employment, or enrolled in post-secondary education.



61% of adult learners who participated in at least 60 hours of instruction advanced one education level.



78% of adult learners who participated in an ELL Civics class improved their knowledge of important community topics such as public schools, banking, and healthcare.



535

ADULT LEARNERS



40

DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



TUTORING PROGRAMS

Kenosha Literacy Council's tutoring programs include drop-in tutoring and one-on-one tutoring. Drop-in tutoring is held at the Council four days a week. Adult learners are matched with volunteer tutors and work on individualized education plans. In the one-on-one tutoring program a volunteer tutor is paired with an adult learner and works with them weekly, at a library or other public place. Adult learners are able to build better practical English reading, writing and speaking skills in these personalized programs.

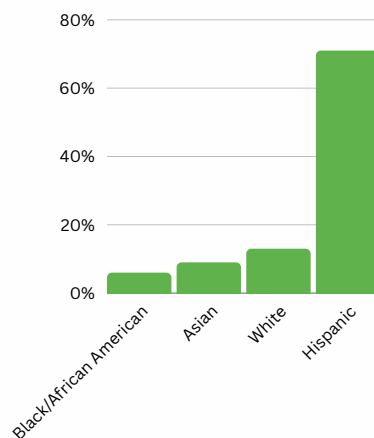
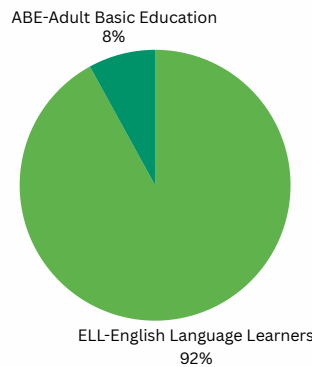
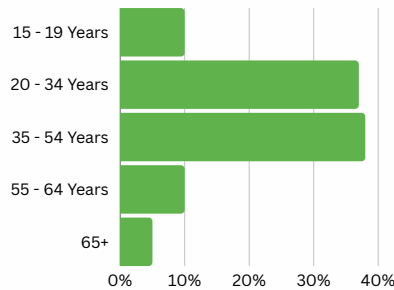
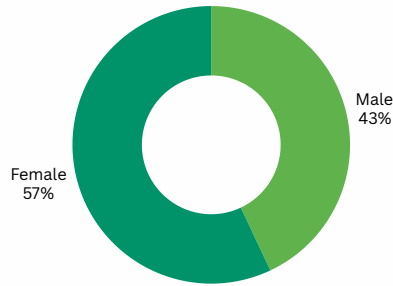
VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart of the Kenosha Literacy Council! In 2023-2024, 102 volunteers gave more than 4,000 hours of their time to help adult learners reach their goals. Our volunteers are changing lives every day! Tutor training sessions were held throughout the year for new tutors. Each new tutor was also required to complete online modules as part of the training. Two tutor in-service opportunities were held for current volunteers. The estimated value of volunteer time for 2024 is \$32 per hour. KLC's volunteers provided \$100,000 worth of service to our community! KLC would not be able to provide the services it does without the assistance of volunteers.

OUR VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED

\$128,000

WORTH OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!



Student Story: Juliya Semenova

At first, the fear held me back. I couldn't speak English. I lost my independence, confidence, and self-esteem. Classes at KLC have helped me overcome my language barriers. In ELL Civics Class I learned how to find medical insurance, rent an apartment, and use credit cards wisely. In Book Club, I've completed four books in English. The Literacy at Work class prepared me to get my first job in the USA as a hotel receptionist. I love my job, but it's not my dream career. In Russia, I was a marketing manager. I plan to pursue a marketing degree here. Thanks to KLC, I have found both my voice in English and a sense of belonging in this community.



Friends of the Kenosha Literacy Council,

THANK YOU! With your support we were able to provide a year of great results for our adult learners and families.

We celebrate with students who receive promotions, get new jobs, attain their U.S. citizenship, and begin college classes. Our programs teach reading, writing and speaking skills to adults so they and their families can achieve financial independence, good health and greater involvement in our community. We give adult learners the tools they need to change their lives.

Your support makes this possible. You help us serve adults who participate in Kenosha Literacy Council programs. You create hope and opportunity for adults and families in our community.

Looking forward,

Cheryl Hernandez
Cheryl Hernandez
Executive Director

Ashleigh Henrichs
Ashleigh Henrichs
Board President



United Way
of Kenosha County



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I enjoy mingling with people from diverse backgrounds. I am happy to give students exposure to English language and culture. The students seem eager to learn and it feels great to help them through a challenging lesson.
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KLC Tutor Judy



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At first I felt very nervous because everything was new to me and it was difficult. Now I am more confident speaking with people. I can understand the doctor and talk to the receptionist. I shop at stores & order at restaurants. At work, I just got promoted to a lead position. I'm thankful for all of the friendly, patient teachers. KLC is a good school for me!
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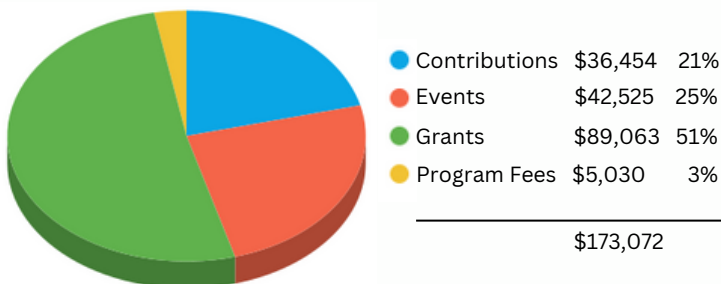


KLC Learner Veronica

Financials at a Glance

Thank you for your enthusiasm, generosity, and dedication to adult education. For an in-depth look at our financial statements, please visit kenoshalit.org.

Where does our money come from?



How do we spend our money?

