Giving adults in Strafford County a second chance, a fresh start or a new opportunity.

Director’s Message

Satellite Service Model: Meeting the Needs of the Community

Our Rochester location is expanding its definition of “outreach” to better serve our community of adult learners.

Many of these students face multiple challenges that can make it difficult to attend school, such as childcare, transportation, housing, health issues, and more. In addition, it can sometimes be helpful to be in a familiar place when you take a leap into something new, like going back to school.

So we are turning the model around and bringing the school to the students!

This fall, “pop up” classes have started at the Homeless Shelter of Strafford County, Lydia’s House of Hope, and My Turn.

The need is there. We have also heard from Sober Sisters, Rochester Housing Authority, Whittier Falls, Strafford County Department of Corrections Transitional Housing and Community Corrections, SOS Recovery Communities, and Headstart, all of whom have expressed an interest in hosting classes for their clients.

We welcome conversations with other agencies who would like to discuss this option. Wherever there is a small group of people needing to finish high school or sharpen academic skills for college or training, Dover Adult Learning Center can do an assessment of needs to determine if there is an opportunity to start “pop up” services at other locations.

Would you like to be a part of our efforts?

◆ Serve on a committee
◆ Become a volunteer tutor
◆ Join our Board of Directors
◆ Take an enrichment class
◆ Teach an enrichment class
◆ Become a Friend of the Center by making a donation
◆ Include DALC in your estate planning and become a member of the Helen Phipps Heritage Society
◆ Become a corporate or event sponsor

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In Their Own Words:

“Saddest Story” by Nicole Coutu Olivares

Let me tell you about myself.
I’ll tell you how I really felt
The night he made my heart melt,
He slipped into my life, then into my veins.
He made all my emotions and problems go away.
He made it seem like nothing else mattered.
When he was around, I felt like everything was so easy to do and say.
As time went on, it was more of a fight every day.
I fought every day for my sickness to go away.
He took a hold of me, leaving my mind, body and soul weak.
He left my heart so cold, with no cares in the world.
He was my life line.
It’s one of the saddest stories ever told;
Only a certain few will ever know
Parents lose their children. Children lose their parents.
Heroin destroys everything it touches.
Heroin robs you of everything in life.
If you’re rich, he will make sure you’re poor.
If you’re happy, he will make sure you are miserable.
He doesn’t care; he wants you on your knees.
Heroin is the Devil.
It’s the saddest story ever told.

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Being a Friend Means:
• Students realize their dreams
• Children receive care
• Books/materials are plentiful
• Non-readers have a tutor
• Inmates develop job skills
• Immigrants learn English
• Teen dropouts have a second chance

In Our Own Words… is a collection of original writings. In poetry, personal reflection and artwork, students reveal their diversity, as well as their commonality as learners.
Center Stars - Francisc

Forty-year old Francisc is from Timisoara, Romania. He stands out in his Level 3 ESL Class as the only man in a class of 13 women. Francisc speaks Romanian, Hungarian, and some Serbian in addition to English. Back in Romania, he watched American movies and understood the spoken English most of the time without having to read the Romanian subtitles. But still, he aims to become more fluent in English.

Francisc and his wife and son have been in Dover for two years, and both he and his wife work at Contitech Thermopol. He misses playing soccer with the same friends for ten years, but has filled that void with hiking and tennis here in the US. He thinks that this part of the US is the most beautiful. “I like the ocean and mountains close together, but winter is too long for us.”

When he talks about his eight-year old son, he smiles. “We are here for him.” His son has fit right in to life in America to the point that his English grammar is better than his Romanian grammar. Francisc smiles and says, “The gates are open for my son.”

Board Focus - Meet Our Newest Members: Rollins and Laura

The Dover Adult Learning Center welcomes two new members to the Board of Directors, Laura Baxter and Rollins Janetos.

Laura Baxter

Laura works at Federal Saving Bank in Dover, where she is a loan administrator. Her desire to join the DALC Board comes from her passion for the mission. “I, myself, am a product of adult education,” Laura said. Her path after high school almost led her to art school, but instead she opened a bakery.

“At a turning point in my life, I opted to go to community college. I used Exeter Adult Education to help me,” Laura said. “As a single mom, working full time, it took three years to get my associate’s degree...so the mission is within me.”

Laura has three sons and her husband Jimmy is a lobsterman out of Kittery, Maine. She has a dog named Cole who she takes on the lobster boat or to the beach whenever she can.

Sometimes she helps her sons at the bakery, Sweet Dreams in Stratham.

Rollins Janetos

Rollins is President and CEO of Janco Electronics in Rollinsford, the 32,000 square-foot manufacturing facility supporting a wide range of contract manufacturing services.

Rollins said he sees his role on the DALC Board as an opportunity to learn about where the next generation of manufacturing workers will come from.

“DALC has been a source for meeting those needs in the area,” Rollins said. “I also want to try to do something to give back to the community by serving.”

Rollins and his wife Jean have three grown sons and two granddaughters.
In honor of Andrew’s 23rd birthday, his family is hosting a fundraising dinner to benefit Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford County. Andrew’s celebration dinner will be on his birthday:

**Tuesday, November 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Dover Baptist Church, 151 Washington St., Dover

Andrew was killed during a military training accident December 9, 2015, serving his country and doing what he loved. The staff at Dover Adult Learning Center assisted him in his pursuit of his GED, and he received his certificate on his 17th birthday. He then enrolled at Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth to pursue criminal justice. While there, he made the decision to join the Army and to ultimately become an Army Ranger.

Tickets are $8 Adults, $4 Children 3-12 years old, free for children under three; $5 for veterans/active duty military, and free for on-duty police and fire.