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*'Choosing a goal
and sticking to it
changes
everything.'*
Scott Reed

Volunteer Appreciation

On Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 7 to 8 pm we will be honoring our many wonderful volunteers at Tri-County Literacy Council. Without your efforts, time, and heart our agency would not exist. I hope you will all be able to attend and let us thank you for the amazing work you do. You make our community a better place to live. Some of the sponsors of this event are: Best Western Parkway and Conference Centre, Art & Technique Academy of Hairstyling and Esthetics, Philos, Elegance, Café Connectionz, Moustache Joe's, Roy's Florist, Cornwall Flowers and Ramada Inn. We thank our sponsors for their generosity.



New Website Launched

Thanks also to the talents of St. Lawrence Co-op student, Kristina McDermid, Tri-County Literacy has a new online resource, chucked full of real-life documents for students to practice reading and forms to be filled out. The site is located at: <http://z7.invisionfree.com/tricountyresources>. You will need to create a password and username. If you were unable to attend the launch and need instruction or would like to use a computer at TCLC, then call us and we will be happy to help you. You will find information pertaining to children, work, self-improvement, and forms individuals may encounter in real-life. Literacy is always about making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. This site also allows tutors the opportunity to interact with one another. Members can post helpful suggestions or questions. They can also email each other. With one step at a time, we are gradually opening the world to our students!

'Without goals, and plans to reach them, you are like a ship that has set sail with no destination.'
Fitzhugh Dodson

Lunch & Learn Results

Our Lunch & Learn

Workshops were well attended. For those who were unable to make it, following is some of information that was shared with tutors.

Each month students and tutors are asked to fill out a monthly goal sheet. It was explained that this was in part to meet the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities mandate. They want to see that students are making progress and that taxpayers' money is being well spent. Monthly goals also benefit students. It helps them to see their successes and build on it. For many of our students, school represents failure and negative, hurtful experiences. When they come to the Literacy Council they may believe it is impossible for them to learn. Their self-esteem is low. Focusing on small goals is one way to create a positive experience for the student. The monthly goal sheet also allows the student to be heard. The dialogue between the student and tutor enables the student to work on material that is meaningful to him/her. For the tutors, it has the possibility of making lesson planning easier. It allows for tutors to celebrate their students' success and as well create documentation of their work with the student. Some students may have a tendency to quit, hardly before

the process begins. Having early success and positive tangible experiences, give the student encouragement to keep going.

We also took time to review the concept of SMART goals. These are goals that specific, manageable, achievable, realistic, and timely. Having long term goals are great, but short goals allow us to move into action and create a strategy of make dreams come true.

If you are struggling with monthly goals, speak to your student. See what ideas he/she can come up with. Re-read the training plan you received of your student at the time of match. Our assessor works hard to put forward strategies that will help each individual student reach his/her goal. And always remember that help is only a phone call away. There are many people who work at the Tri-County Literacy Council who will be happy to help you.

'Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success.'

Stephen A. Ruppman



Kristina McDermid
lauches her new
website:
<http://z7.invisionfree.com/tricountyresources>.



'The reason most people never reach their goals is that they don't define them, or ever seriously consider them as believable or achievable. Winners can tell you where they are going, what they plan to do along the way, and who will be sharing the adventure with them.'

Denis Watley