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Chatham Literacy granted \$10,000 by Dollar General Literacy Foundation

PITTSBORO, N.C. – The Chatham County Literacy Council has been awarded \$10,000 by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support and expand literacy programming for adults who live or work in the county.

“We are so grateful for the Dollar General Literacy Foundation’s support of Chatham Literacy’s efforts to help adults in our community reach their potential,” said Executive Director Vicki Newell. “Today, more than 14 percent of adults in Chatham County do not have a high school diploma and 15 percent speak a language other than English at home. We provided free tutoring services to about 200 adults last year, helping them improve their proficiency in reading, writing and English, or prepare for citizenship. Sixteen of those students got a job or promotion, 22 earned a high school credential, and 16 became U.S. citizens.

“In the coming year, the grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation will help us expand our services so that even more adults can reach their goals and prepare themselves for the new jobs envisioned for Chatham County,” she said.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation, established in 1993, supports initiatives that help people improve their lives through literacy and education.

“It is exciting to see the impact grants from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation make throughout the country, especially as we cross the \$100 million threshold in overall donations and the difference it has made to nearly six million people,” said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General’s chairman and CEO. “The Dollar General Literacy Foundation truly embodies the company’s mission of *Serving Others* throughout the communities we serve.”

For more information about Chatham Literacy, visit www.chathamliteracy.org or call 919-742-0578.

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