

We are United for Literacy

We've been building a culture of literacy with people of all ages and backgrounds across Canada free of charge, with the help of volunteers, for over 120 years **because literacy changes everything.**

LITERACY FOR ALL.

WHY LITERACY?

It's the foundation of all learning. No other skill shapes the course of a person's life more than the ability to read and write. Everyone can learn, but not everyone can access the support they need.

Together, we can change that.

Formerly Frontier College, we're the national registered charity dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth, and adults through literacy. Supported by extraordinary volunteers, we reach out to people wherever they are and respond to their learning needs. Our services are *free* for learners because we believe **literacy is a human right.**

Yet Canada's literacy divide widens daily because so many people and communities lack adequate literacy support. Bridging the literacy gap is key to advancing social equity and prosperity across our country. It's our most effective tool for change. And it's achievable—something we *can do*.

We see the impact of our collective work every day in the lives of individuals, their families, and their communities. Literacy unleashes potential and empowers people with the skills and confidence they need to realize their goals.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

In the past year, nearly 25,000 children, youth, and adults in over 211 urban, rural, and remote places across Canada (including 137 Indigenous communities), gained access to free, inclusive literacy and numeracy programs, in person and online, supported by nearly 2,000 trained volunteer tutors. **That's impact.**



24,541

PEOPLE IN 211 COMMUNITIES across Canada participated in United for Literacy Programs



1,960

VOLUNTEERS gave 41,969 hours of service



69,991

FREE, NEW BOOKS distributed to children and families



4,224

CHILDREN participated in literacy camps in 137 Indigenous communities last summer



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VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR SERVICES.

Volunteers give thousands of hours to **tutoring math, reading, and writing; reading stories; helping with special events; and supporting our book donation program.** Volunteers play important roles in the planning, coordination, delivery, and evaluation of our programs. From helping children read a favourite book to supporting adults as they work to improve their skills, volunteers are key to creating a culture of literacy in Canada.

WHO WE SUPPORT

We offer free tutoring and mentoring to adults, youth, and children who need extra support to succeed in mainstream school systems, in the workplace, or in life. Our learners include: people experiencing poverty and living in under-resourced communities; individuals with disabilities; low-skilled workers; and newcomers to Canada. Equity, diversity, and inclusion are key attributes of our approach.

WHAT WE HEARD FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS...



99.5%
rated United for Literacy programs as excellent, very good, or good



81%
noted their self-confidence improved



97%
said their tutoring skills improved



89%
said their communication skills improved



79.5%
said their leadership skills improved

Gain personal and... professional development.

Give back to your community.

Connect with others.

WHERE WE WORK

Because we believe any place can be a learning place, we serve learners across Canada in urbanized, rural, and remote locations, locally and online. Our goal is to meet the needs of people of all ages, wherever they are, with high-impact, learner-centered solutions through community partnerships.

Nationally, we work with partners to solve systemic literacy challenges with the goal of advancing social equity and prosperity across Canada.

LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES

Not only do our volunteers gain valuable personal and professional development, they often tell us that tutoring is one of the most rewarding and life-changing things they've ever done.



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Find out more about how you can make a difference as a United for Literacy volunteer.

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