LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENT COUNTY

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FALL APPEAL

Please watch your mail for a letter from us regarding our annual fall fundraising campaign. If you believe what we are doing is important, please consider a contribution to the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County. If you work for a company that offers a charitable gift matching program, please consider participating in that program. As always, we thank you for supporting our efforts to change lives through literacy, one person at a time.

Support LVKC this holiday season by shopping with Amazon through AmazonSmile! Go to smile.amazon.com when going shopping, and 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases will be donated by Amazon to support LVKC! See the next page for more details in the app.

HOLIDAY SEASON

The "holiday season" is a North American term that refers to the period of time between Thanksgiving and the New Year. This covers many of the holidays in American culture when most people in the USA and Canada are likely to travel back to their home or take time off to spend time with their family. Since we discussed Thanksgiving in our November Newsletter, we’ll discuss the other holidays in the season.

**Hanukkah**

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight days and nights. In the 2nd Century BC, the Jewish people fought against the Seleucid Empire, who made Judaism illegal. Hanukkah celebrates the moment the Jewish fighters took back the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and were able to practice their religion again. Jews all over the world celebrate the festival by lighting candles in a traditional eight-branch candle holder called a Menorah, eating treats fried in oil and spending time with their families and communities.

**Christmas**

In Christianity, this is celebrated as the day Jesus Christ was born. A figure called Father Christmas / Santa Claus / St. Nicholas (depending on which country you are in) is thought to bring presents to children around the world on Christmas Eve. Today, many people, Christian or not, celebrate the holiday by having a big meal with their family and giving gifts to each other.

**New Year’s Eve**

This is the last night of the old year and the beginning of a new one! Many people around the world celebrate by gathering with friends or family and stay up to "ring in the new year" by counting down to the start of the New Year to midnight, drink champagne and kiss the people around you.

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NOVEMBER BUCKET RAFFLE

Thank you to all who participated in the November Bucket Raffle! Congratulations to the following winners of LVKC's Bucket Raffle Fundraiser!

1. The Arctic Playhouse Gift Bag - Victoria Dichiara
2. Dave's Marketplace Gift Basket - Candita Gerzevitz
3. Gift Bag from Trader Joe's - Heather Korsu
4. Handcrafted Jewelry Set - Jadyn Minda
5. Decoupage Décor Set - Jacquelin Mitchell
6. Glass Snowman Plate - Marilyn DiMicco
7. Brunch Book & Mug Tray - Jean Pomfret
8. Green Hand-Knitted Blanket - Christine Organo
9. Starbucks Coffee & Travel Mug - Megan Weeden
10. "Miracle on 34th Street" Tickets - Carolyn Gnite
11. Bath and Body Works Gift Card - Annette Nester
12. Visa Gift Card - Annette Nester

THANK YOU TO OUR BUCKET RAFFLE DONORS!

- Arctic Playhouse
- Dave’s Marketplace
- Trader Joe’s
- Starbucks
- Maryann Levendusky of WHIMSY & "WHOA"
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