

ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

Focusing on the Building Blocks of a Good Life Income: Meeting Basic Needs; Building and Sustaining Self-Sufficiency



FACT: *Twenty percent of clients served by The Literacy Connection in 2008 were developmentally disabled.*

David is cognitively disabled and has dyslexia. When he was 25, he had a second grade reading level and struggled with everyday life tasks that require reading skills.

But since 2004, David has been tutored by volunteers from The Literacy Connection (formerly The Janesville Literacy Council). He and his tutor worked on basic reading and writing skills, as well as reading for many specific life tasks.

He's learned how to read directions on a food box and can now do some of his own cooking. He learned how to write checks and to write out a bill to invoice his snow-blowing customers. He also passed his written driver's test and has his temps.

David's mother says he's learned tremendously and is now "like a sponge." And he's inspired his twin brother to enroll with The Literacy Connection too.

How United Way of North Rock County Helps

United Way of North Rock County partners with The Literacy Connection to increase access to skills training, education and other support systems that enable people to achieve self-sufficiency.

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