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## Lincoln Literacy Partners with Goodwill to Provide Literacy Classes to Lincoln Community

Lincoln, NE — Thanks in part to financial support from Goodwill Industries (<a href="www.lincolngoodwill.org">www.lincolngoodwill.org</a>), Lincoln Literacy (<a href="www.lincolnliteracy.org">www.lincolnliteracy.org</a>) continues to provide free literacy and adult skills classes to the Lincoln community. Fall classes launch on Tuesday, September 5, and run until December 16, 2023.

Lincoln Literacy — an award-winning, community-based 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization founded in 1972 — is Nebraska's primary contractor for English language services to refugees in Lincoln. This year, to date, we've served 1,156 adult students (which already exceeds last year's total). Primarily, we help refugees and immigrants learn English language skills. Spanish-speaking students are one of our biggest demographics, along with students from the Middle East, Asia, and Ukraine. The average family size is 3.5 with 28% of our students reporting they earn less than \$10,000 per year. Lincoln Literacy aims to change that by helping students acquire the skills they need to attain living-wage jobs. We also offer free basic adult skills to all Lincoln area residents, such as computer and financial literacy, GED preparation, driving in the USA, and CDL and CNA preparation.

Lincoln Literacy partners with Goodwill to help immigrants and refugees access professional attire for interviews and careers through their <u>Job Outfitters program</u>. Goodwill also runs a Job Connect Center that helps people with job application support, digital skills training, and resume support. Considering Lincoln Literacy does not offer digital skills training, this serves as a great complimentary support for Lincoln Literacy students.

"The impact of Goodwill's funding with Lincoln Literacy is incredible," says Executive Director Bryan Seck. "We aren't just improving people's literacy so they can talk to their teacher, law enforcement, or landlord — we're also impacting their entire future. Thanks to our volunteer tutors and the funding Goodwill provides, our students can overcome language barriers and become successful, sustainable contributors to our community."

Lincoln Literacy is still enrolling learners and training volunteers to tutor small group and one-on-one classes. Students may visit <a href="www.lincolnliteracy.org/about">www.lincolnliteracy.org/about</a> to learn about classes and enroll. Those interested in becoming a volunteer may register at <a href="www.lincolnliteracy.org/tutor-about">www.lincolnliteracy.org/tutor-about</a> and attend a two-part training series.

The community can support Lincoln Literacy by visiting <a href="www.lincolnliteracy.org/ways-to-give">www.lincolnliteracy.org/ways-to-give</a>. All donations are tax-deductible. To support Goodwill, donate or shop at any Goodwill thrift store in Lincoln and York, where the revenue supports a variety of local employment services and programs. Community members may also make tax-deductible financial donations at <a href="www.lincolngoodwill.org">www.lincolngoodwill.org</a>.

The Lincoln Literacy staff, students, and volunteers thank Goodwill for their support. For further information, you can view <u>Goodwill's Community Partner Feature</u>.