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Lincoln Literacy's Global Celebration on November 9

Event to feature KZUM radio host Dinorah Garcia, Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, Sangre Azteca dance group

Lincoln, NE — The time is almost here for Lincoln Literacy's Global Celebration, a fundraising event to be held the evening of Thursday, November 9, at The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S 13th St, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Lincoln Literacy's board member and KZUM radio host Dinorah Garcia will be the event's keynote speaker. Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird will also speak at the event, and attendees will enjoy an international performance by the Sangre Azteca Dance Academy. The evening will include social time, Afghan and Ukrainian staff members sharing stories about their home cultures, and a cultural art sample from Lincoln Literacy's summer Art Family Camp students.

The Global Celebration will feature a plated dinner and cash bar with table service provided by The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel. Guests should inform the Lincoln Literacy team know if they have any dietary requirements, and they will be happy to accommodate.

Stepping up as leadership sponsors of Lincoln Literacy's Global Celebration are Joe and Chris Stone, along with premier sponsors <u>ALLO Fiber</u>, <u>Nelnet, Inc.</u>, and <u>Union Bank & Trust</u>. Joining them as grand sponsors are <u>Duncan Aviation</u>, <u>inExhaust</u>, <u>Sid Dillon</u>, and <u>West Gate Bank</u>. Lincoln Literacy thanks all their generous corporate, foundation, and individual sponsors.

This year, Lincoln Literacy is celebrating the successful launch of its capital campaign, moving to a new location, and record student growth. It served a total of 1,109 adult learners in 2022, and as of July 31 this year, it had already served 1,156 adults, beating last year's record growth in only seven months.

"We wouldn't be where we are today without the community that has rallied around us," says Executive Director Bryan Seck. "We are so excited for what the future holds for us, our students, and Lincoln as a whole. With this year's achievements and advancements, we will be able to go farther, help even more students, and deliver even more on our primary goal: helping others thrive!"

Tickets are still available and may be purchased for \$50 each through the non-profit's website, www.LincolnLiteracy.org. A portion of all ticket sales, donations, and sponsorships are tax-deductible.

More about Lincoln Literacy

Established in 1972, Lincoln Literacy is an award-winning, community-based 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. Thanks to 150+ trained volunteer tutors, it has grown to become the community's leader in helping refugees and immigrants gain the English language skills, cross-cultural competence, workplace skills, and career

navigation they need to become productive citizens, while also helping homegrown Americans acquire the skills they need to attain living-wage jobs.

Over 100 classes per week are hosted six days per week in the neighborhoods where Lincoln Literacy's students live — including in schools, churches, partner non-profits, and 11 businesses where the organization teaches employees to improve their English skills and safety on the job.

