

Lincoln's Story



Illiteracy is a problem that has affected so many in the Rockford community and other communities around the world. Without the ability to read and write, people struggle each and every day to make ends meet. These individuals want to improve their lives but struggle to achieve their goal due to lack of proper tools for obtaining literacy. One such individual is "Lincoln."

Lincoln is a forty-one year old man who was born and raised here in the Rockford community. He attended and graduated from Jefferson High School, but nevertheless struggled to advance professionally, having only a high school education. Lincoln has been able to maintain a job as a maintenance man at McDonald's for seventeen years of his life. While he enjoys his job, Lincoln wishes to gain a better paying one that requires substantial reading skills. Lacking the ability to pronounce certain words, as well as being unable to read advanced works, brought Lincoln to The Literacy Council.

Lincoln heard about the literacy program from a public service announcement on television. Within three weeks, Lincoln was working with a tutor on phonics, word recognition, prefixes, suffixes, and reading news articles/foreign country's names. At The Literacy Council, Lincoln is now comfortable sounding out words and is gaining confidence each and every day. Soon, Lincoln will be able to check out those higher-level library books he has always wanted to read. Lincoln's ultimate goal is to find a job that pays over the minimum wage. The Literacy Council works to provide support and encouragement to help Lincoln achieve this aspiration.

The Literacy Council has greatly influenced Lincoln's life, and he is deeply appreciative of the significance of the impact. Lincoln gives special thanks to The Literacy Council, saying that "it helps improve student's ability to contribute to their own advancement as well as help the Rockford Community." For Lincoln, it's all about being able to finally contribute to the community that has helped him grow. The Literacy Council helps hundreds of people just like Lincoln by encouraging community members to seek out a better future. **Sponsor a runner today, and your contribution will make more stories like Lincoln's possible.**

