

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude to the teachers, donors and partners of Literacy & Learning Success Centers.

I am a new immigrant from China. Two years ago, I ended my 20-year career as a documentary director in Beijing and came to Lancaster, looking forward to being a journalist in the United States.

Although I have studied English for many years in China, my hearing and speaking skills were far from enough. I was so unconfident in my English that I dared not stay outside my house, because I didn't know what I could say if I met my neighbors there. After this, covid-19 epidemic further locked me down in the house and cut off my communication with the English-speaking world. My dream of being a journalist in the United States seemed to be a fantasy.

One day, while chatting with an old immigrant, I accidentally learned of the existence of Literacy & Learning Success Center in Lancaster and Lebanon, so I signed up. The center soon asked a teacher named Amanda to test me remotely and arranged for me to follow teacher Rita in zoom class. In this way, I returned to the school when I was 46 years old.

Rita is a patient teacher. She encourages every student to speak more and practice more, and sends greeting cards to those who have

made progress. Under the encouragement of Rita, my knowledge of English was activated little by little, the door to the English-speaking world was reopened, and my journalist dream was ignited again.

After being carefully taught by Rita for about two months, I was promoted to Cathy's intermediate class.

Cathy is a teacher who teaches students in accordance with their aptitude. She helps every student set up career goals and guides us to design action plans. She agrees with my career plan as a journalist and always encourages me to achieve it. Just on this past weekend, while enjoying the warm sunshine in the park, I received a text message from Cathy, saying that she was trying to think of a way to speed up my study.

What a dedicated teacher! She puts all her energy on us students to increase our capacity!

I believe that there must be many teachers like Cathy and Rita in Literacy & Learning Success Centers. From these teachers, I know that Literacy & Learning Success Centers are places where people can get a second chance at an education. Thanks to the teachers, donors and partners of Literacy & Learning Success Centers. From

you, I understand why the U.S. is called the promised land. Because of you, I believe, my journalist dream will come true.