

## Lehi City: Big on Literacy, Big on Volunteers

Lehi City Literacy Center will honor 73 National Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipients during their Annual Green Eggs & Ham fundraising event

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*Lehi City, Utah | February 6, 2013* — For years the Lehi City Rippy Literacy Center has provided meaningful volunteer experiences for thousands of volunteers. This coming Presidents Day (February 18, 2013), the annual Green Eggs & Ham Event will not only continue to serve as the flagship fundraising event for the Literacy Center, but most importantly, will provide an opportunity to recognize some of Lehi City's most dedicated volunteers. Last year at this event, 32 volunteers received the National Presidential Volunteer Service Award—this year 73 volunteers qualify for this distinguished achievement.

The mission of the Lehi Rippy Literacy Center is to offer effective one-on-one literacy training to help families and individuals develop the necessary literacy skills to thrive in society, finding value and happiness in their work, in their educational experience, and in their personal lives. Last year alone, the Literacy Center served 4,391 participants—which is double the participation from the year before. Participation is sure to continue to grow through new programs like Early Readers, English as a Second Language, and a variety of book clubs for the youth.

"I love the Literacy Center and the Green Eggs & Ham Event; it's a great family event, with a great breakfast, for a great purpose," Mayor Bert Wilson said. "Every citizen should come!"

**The Green Eggs & Ham Event:** Breakfast will be served from 8 - 11 am on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (Presidents Day) for a small \$6.00/plate suggested donation (\$30/family of six). The Presidential Service Awards Ceremony will be at 11 am. Fun activities such as storybook reading, inflatable bouncing toys, face painting, balloon animals, and a book fair will also be enjoyed by all who attend. Additional details can be found online at [www.lehi-ut.gov/discover/literacy-center](http://www.lehi-ut.gov/discover/literacy-center).



After making their Cat in the Hat accessory, students and mentor-students are fully engaged in reading.

The Lehi Rippy Literacy Center was originally founded by William and Hesther Rippy in 1998 and is now a division of Lehi City's Leisure Services Department. The Literacy Center specializes in teaching reading, math, computer and language skills to people of all ages on a personalized level. The Center never charges for the services it provides to residents.

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