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Dear Community Member,

The last year at Literacy Unlimited has been marked by growth, connection, and resilience. Through our one-to-one tutoring program and group conversation classes, we served over 500 adult English and Basic Literacy students from across the MetroWest area. I am filled with gratitude for the incredible team of volunteers, staff, and donors that enables our program to have such a broad reach and profound impact.

As Literacy Unlimited's Program Coordinator, the best part of my job is hearing stories from our students and volunteers of how this program has touched their lives. This year, I want to share Kodjo's story with you to give you a small glimpse into the huge impact the Literacy Unlimited program has in our students' lives. We hope you will consider donating to this year's Annual Appeal campaign so we can continue to provide deep and meaningful support to the dedicated adult learners in our community.

In May 2025, Kodjo earned his Associates Degree in Biotechnology from Mass Bay Community College. As he walked across the stage at graduation, Literacy Unlimited Office Manager Karen Boudreau and Kodjo's English tutor Lauren, cheered him on from the audience. Literacy Unlimited has been a critical community in Kodjo's life over the last four years, and he wanted to celebrate this academic milestone with the people who encouraged and supported him along the way.

First matched in 2021, Lauren and Kodjo have worked diligently together over the last four years, and Kodjo's English level has steadily improved as a result. In spring 2023, the Literacy Unlimited staff nominated Kodjo for an academic scholarship from the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education. Kodjo was selected as a recipient, and he enrolled at Mass Bay the following semester.

Though he had earned a high school diploma in his home country of Togo, this was Kodjo's first experience in post-secondary education, demanding a new level of academic rigor in his non-native language of English. Kodjo has met that challenge with grace and grit, and he's not done yet. Kodjo is continuing his studies in Biotechnology this fall, with the goal of getting a Bachelor's Degree in the field. We have no doubt that Kodjo can accomplish any goal he sets his mind to, and we can't wait to see what he does next!

Please consider donating to this year's Annual Appeal to help us serve more motivated MetroWest learners like Kodjo. This year, our goal is to raise **\$25,000 in donations by December 31st**. Donations from individuals like you make up about 25% of our budget each year—every dollar and every donation counts! With your support, we know we can reach our goal and continue providing free, comprehensive educational services to students living across the MetroWest region.

Sincerely,

Martha Coleman
LVM Literacy Unlimited, Program Coordinator



Kodjo on Graduation Day