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### State Recognition to Local Women – Wisconsin Literacy Awards

**Madison, WI** – Wisconsin Literacy recognized two local women Tuesday at their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Literacy at Monona Terrace in Madison WI. Nominated by the staff of Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley (LVCV) for their outstanding contributions to literacy were Dorothy Sorlie and Sr. Diane Boehm. Sixty-nine literacy agencies from across the state submitted recommendations. Awards were given in nine categories.



**Tutor of the Year: Sr. Diane Boehm**

**Tutor of the Year** is awarded to an individual who demonstrates a commitment to his/her learner(s) and has made a significant contribution to fulfilling the mission of his/her literacy agency through tutoring. Sr. Diane Boehm, a tutor for five years, has a heart for teaching and literacy. She has mentioned repeatedly how privileged she is to tutor her students and how hard they work. Her students find her consistently approachable; they love her sense of humor, and they strive to meet her high expectations. LVCV staff and students are truly the privileged ones. Sister Diane's time, talents, and treasure are all lasting gifts to our collective work of advancing literacy in Wisconsin.



**Honorable Mention Literacy Advocate of the Year: Dorothy Sorlie**

**Literacy Advocate of the Year** recognizes an elected official, agency professional or member of the public who has advocated on behalf of adult learners and the programs that serve them. Dorothy Sorlie was selected as **Honorable Mention**. As a co-founder of LVCV with Jack O'Connell, Dorothy raised the seed money and pulled community leaders together to create a vision of a literate Chippewa Valley. As a previous library board member and staff member at CVTC, Dorothy developed and implemented the workforce training model called Career Pathways. Over the years, Dorothy served as a national accreditation specialist for ProLiteracy. She has also served on the Wisconsin Literacy Board of Directors. Dorothy still continues to find opportunities to make a difference. She is a model for the definition of "advocate."

“Both of these women have played a significant role in the field of literacy,” said Executive Director MaryJo VanGompel. “They have transformed the lives of thousands of adults through their efforts as advocates and teachers. Because of their courage and passion to help others, adults have learned the skills they needed to pull themselves out of poverty to become effective citizens, workers and family members. The staff, board and students are so pleased that Dorothy and Sr. Diane were recognized for their work.”

### **About Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley**

Literacy Volunteers – Chippewa Valley (LVCV) is a community-based literacy program that trains and supports volunteers to educate adults and their families, helping them acquire the skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency and function effectively in their roles as citizens, workers, and family members. Founded in 1986, LVCV’s mission to help one individual, one family, and one community at a time and is realized through our core programs: Pair or small group tutoring; Family Literacy; Workplace Education; Corrections, and Citizenship. All programs utilize tutoring provided by trained and supported volunteer tutors. With offices in Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties, LVCV is classified as a tax exempt, 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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