



*Growing a Literate Community*



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Dear Friend of Literacy,

The 15th Annual Red Hat Literacy Luncheon is around the corner and the excitement keeps growing! This year we will not have a speaker but instead, we would like to honor the Adult Reading Center's President and CEO, Mrs. Dale Pillow. Dale Pillow is a founding member of the Adult Reading Center and has served as its President & CEO since 2001. After 30 years of service, Dale has announced her retirement from the Center. Returning this year is Channel 13 news anchor Elissa Rivas as our Mistress of Ceremonies.

Our Mayor, judges, county commissioners, city council members and local businessmen will be serving as Celebrity Waiters to raise scholarship funds through the tips generously donated by our attendees. The event will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pearland, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Of the 93 million adults in the U.S. functioning at or below basic levels of literacy in reading, writing, and math, 30 million are the parents or primary caregivers of children ages 0-8. The Adult Reading Center provides services to Brazoria County, southern Harris, western Galveston, and eastern Fort Bend County. We have a long history of student success. None of these achievements are possible without the support of the community and the Red Hat Literacy Luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to their education and, of course, to have fun!

Through community donations and sponsorships, the Center provides instruction free of charge to adults with limited literacy skills who seek to learn English as a second language, to obtain their HSE or citizenship, or to acquire computer skills and get a better job. More than that, the Center helps dreams come true—adults who want to be able to help their children with homework, go to college, or get a job that not only helps pay the bills but also brings dignity and pride. Career dreams begin here!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 281.485.1000 or [Kelly.Miller@AdultReadingCenter.org](mailto:Kelly.Miller@AdultReadingCenter.org).

Sincerely,

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