

# Literacy Volunteers of Franklin and Somerset Counties

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Hello, my name is Wendy. I started Literacy Volunteers as a class to get my high school diploma and found a community of so much more. To start this process and tell you all about how this program has heled shape me, let me begin by telling you I was very scared of being with people who made me feel uncomfortable about not doing my schooling as a child and that is not what I found here. I found a group of committed human beings that band together to help others better the people within our community...I've had the greatest experience of sharing what I learned with family and friends and the more I shared the more my life became open to new people and experiences I had never thought were possible. The experience made me realize I wanted more than just the lessons...and the next thing I knew I had 3 more credits to go. I now have the confidence to start classes for Peer Support career that I am so passionate about...I have made lasting progress, strong friendships and had amazing experiences that have led to many great moments. I want to help others find the same way of learning that can influence your future in the same amazing way.

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