



9th Annual Trivia Bee and Silent Auction to Benefit Certified Literate Community Program d/b/a Literacy Alliance

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February 10, 2014 (Columbus, GA) – Literacy problems in the southeast alone cost nearly \$57.2 billion annually; in Georgia it is \$2.1 billion annually. 1.3 million Adult Georgians are at literacy attainable levels below eighth grade and most are in the workforce.

The Literacy Alliance is excited to announce the **9th Annual Trivia Bee and Silent Auction**, a fundraising event that will take place at the Cunningham Center on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. This fun, exciting and colorful event will keep you laughing for hours! “Countless items will be available for purchase at the Silent Auction ranging from a Char-Broil grill, beautiful jewelry, signed and framed artwork by local artists, infrared turkey fryer, baskets of goodies, gift cards, and much, much more,” says Board President Trina Lumbard. “It is going to be a wonderful night to raise money for our literacy advocate agency and support those who benefit from our programs.”

Barbara Moushon, Executive Director of the Literacy Alliance, said, “The Literacy Alliance gives thousands of books away, reaches all age groups from kindergarten to seniors. Events like the **Trivia Bee** help drive the funds so desperately needed to help those who are unable to read move toward brighter futures.”

The event is open to the public. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with the Silent Auction running during the event. Hundreds of items will be available for purchase with all proceeds benefiting the Literacy Alliance’s programs. Tickets may be purchased prior to the event or at the door. For ticket or event information, please call Barbara Moushon at (706) 587-2131.

About the Literacy Alliance

Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) d/b/a Literacy Alliance, the first CLCP in Georgia, has served Muscogee County and the surrounding area for more than 25 years. Programs include **Kindergarten Readiness**, which significantly raises Pre-K children’s vocabulary levels in just eight weeks and **Dictionary Project** for all MCSD third grade students, which promotes staying in school. In nine years, more than 25,000 dictionaries have been presented. **Adult Literacy Class** helps undereducated adults become more self-sufficient through learning to read, health literacy, financial literacy, and personal safety classes and **Book Giveaway Events** distribute books to low income children and adults to encourage the love of reading and share with them learning opportunities. More than 2,550 books have been given away during this last fiscal year. In addition, the **Public Awareness Campaign** is designed to educate the public about the effects of low literacy levels on individuals and the community and to encourage those who are in need to seek help.

If anyone would like to make a donation to the Literacy Alliance, they may mail their check to P. O. Box 2123, Columbus, GA 31902-2123.

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