



## Literacy Works, Inc.

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### LITERACY WORKS RECEIVES \$15,000 GRANT FROM DOLLAR GENERAL

BALTIMORE (Aug. 2, 2005) – Literacy Works, Inc. – a nonprofit organization that coordinates, promotes and supports adult and family literacy services in the Baltimore area – has received a \$15,000 grant from Dollar General Corporation, a Fortune 500(R) discount retailer with 7,660 neighborhood stores as of July 1, 2005.

Literacy Works will use the grant to support program development, training and administration with regard to individualized computer-assisted instruction in reading, writing, math and computer skills.

“We are thrilled to receive this funding from Dollar General that will enable us to support our various programs that increase the functional literacy of adults and families,” said Helene Waranch, executive director of Literacy Works.

Dollar General’s commitment to literacy began with company co-founder, J.L. Turner. Despite only having a third grade education, Turner overcame tremendous odds and built the Fortune 500 company. In 1993, the company established the Dollar General’s Literacy Foundation to support non-profit organizations within Dollar General’s market area that are committed to increasing the functional literacy of adults or families and providing direct literacy services within their community.

In 2005, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded \$1,798,633 in grants – to Literacy Works and 233 additional non-profit organizations across the company’s 30-state market area. Grants were awarded to non-profit organizations that provide instructional services in one of the following literacy areas: adult basic education, GED preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), family literacy or workforce literacy initiatives.

Founded in 1990, Literacy Works, Inc. operates a distance learning program, as well as adult learning centers in Rosedale/Essex, Lansdowne, Randallstown and Chase in Baltimore County and Walbrook, Madison and Washington Village/Pigtown in Baltimore City. For more information about the organization and its programs – for students and volunteers, call 410-887-2001.

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