

»»» NEWSLETTER «««

# CORE THE LEARNING CENTER

"Helping you achieve more today"



THE LEARNING CENTER  
"HELPING YOU ACHIEVE MORE TODAY"

Our offices are in Batavia,  
Belmont, Mt. Morris,  
Olean & Warsaw!

Contact an office nearest you  
to get started with classes!

### Offering Free Services:

- High School Equivalency • Workforce Readiness
- Computer Classes • Volunteer/Tutoring Services
- College Prep Services • ESOL & Civics
- Vocational Training & Certifications

Helping You Achieve More Today

Join Our Team, Visit Us Online!

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core2learn.org

### Empowerment

We empower each other to make choices and pursue excellence in everything we do.

We creatively adapt to a changing world in pursuit of lifelong learning.

### Innovation

### Respect

We treat each other with courtesy, politeness and kindness.

We are committed to demonstrating honesty, trust, and respect through our deeds and words.

### Integrity

### United

We achieve goals through caring, acceptance, teamwork and trust.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



- September- Colleen Rak, Warsaw
- October- Steven Wyrosdick, Mt. Morris
- November- Hannah Florentine, Olean
- December- Ashley Ralyea, Belmont

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- October- Sarah Mills, Belmont
- November- Stacy Schmidt, Friendship
- December- Jackie Dent, Friendship



## CORE VALUE RECIPIENTS

### Congratulations to our outstanding staff!

# WRAPPING UP 2024, WELCOMING 2025!

## ➤➤➤ 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

This year was our 4th year running a Holiday Hat & Mitten Share the warmth initiative. In 2023, staff gathered 958 items across our Adult and Youth programs! A special thank you to our partners and community members for their generosity this year and every holiday season. Stay tuned for our 2024 total!

If your agency would benefit from having items available or have families in need, please reach out to our Program Site Coordinators about donation distribution.



NEARLY NEW  
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S  
WORK WEAR

## CAREER IMPRESSIONS CLOSET

We are collecting donations on a continuous basis to offer the community an opportunity to buy professional attire and work related items at a significantly below retail value. We encourage you to call ahead, however, donations can be brought by our Belmont location (5455 NY-19, Belmont, NY 14813) Monday- Friday 8:30am-4:00pm. For those needing assistance with clothing purchases, please contact our Program Site Coordinator at (585)268-5213.

Visit us:  
5455 Rte 19N  
Belmont, NY 14813

Hours:  
Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 am-12:00 pm  
or by appointment



# ADULT PROGRAMS

**>>> BATAVIA** We had one student obtain their HSE diploma since July, and 5 students have made academic gains, who are well on their way to meeting their goals!

Our community partners came together to donate hats and mittens/gloves to our drive, ensured our students and families were fed, warm, and their children had Christmas gifts this holiday.

A huge thank you to Genesee County DSS for their generous donation of holiday gifts for our families in need!

Our Belmont site has several certification programs available to the community at no cost! Check out the upcoming opportunities on the next page!

**BELMONT** <<<

## PROGRAMS/ SERVICES

- GED Prep
- Workforce Readiness
- Financial Literacy Classes
- Computer Classes
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Certification Programs
- College Prep
- Health Literacy Classes

**>>> MT. MORRIS**



This holiday season our students have been working hard and making gains. Several of our ABE/GED students have tested and passed at least two of their subtests! That's half way to a GED. We received several donations of hats and mittens, some of which were handmade by a neighbor's elderly mom and a friend. Another member of the group also went out and bought 3 brand-new coats for our ESL students in need and donated them.

We've also had a couple of ABE/GED students test and pass at least two subtests!

**OLEAN** <<<

Stay tuned for Olean Updates!

**>>> WARSAW**

Since the beginning of the fiscal year (July), we have had five students proudly awarded their GEDs, and our enrollment continues to grow steadily. We remain committed to celebrating the progress and educational achievements of all our students, and we look forward to even more success in the months ahead.

This year we participated in our third Moonlight Magic event, and it was a delightful experience for all who attended. Santa, along with Mrs. Claus and their cheerful elves, made a special visit, bringing joy to many families in the community. Children, parents, and community members had the opportunity to meet Santa, take memorable photos, and write letters to the North Pole. It was a heartwarming occasion that brought the community together in the true spirit of the season. We look forward to continuing these wonderful traditions and connecting with our community.



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## **UPCOMING FREE COURSES OFFERED AT CORE THE LEARNING CENTER**

### [OSHA 10 ONLINE CERTIFICATION](#)

This OSHA Training for General Industry provides training for entry level workers and provides Prevention of safety and health hazards in the workplace. This is at no cost to students, pre and post testing is required to be eligible for no cost. This is a four-week course, Tuesdays 9am-12noon.

### [Serve Safe \(Restaurant\) Certification](#)

SERV Safe certification is a food safety training program. The program is developed by the National Restaurant Association and offers multiple certification levels, including: SERV Safe Food Handler SERV Safe Manager. Pre and post testing is required to be eligible for no cost. This is a 4-week course. Tuesdays 1-3pm.

### [GED Prep Classes](#)

A GED Prep class is an educational course designed to prepare individuals for the General Educational Development (GED) test, covering the four main subject areas: Reasoning Through Language Arts (reading and writing), Mathematical Reasoning (basic math and algebra), Science, and Social Studies, with the goal of equipping students with the necessary skills to pass the GED and earn a high school equivalency diploma. Pre-and-post testing is required. Classes run Mon-Fri.

### [NORTHSTAR Digital Literacy Course](#)

An eight-week online interactive computer course that covers basic concepts of computing and teaches students how it can be incorporated into your everyday life and work.

If you are interested in attending any of our upcoming classes or for more information, please contact Mary Layman Data Manager at 585-268-5213 ext. 1003.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## ➤➤➤ BELFAST AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

We had a Cyber Security assembly back in September. -Our younger students learned about being safe on the internet, and safe with their online games. -Our highschoolers learned about how our digital activity is public and permanent, and how to use our social media for good. They also learned about cyber cruelty and how it can affect us. -Save a Life tour came in for grades 9-12. They had their impaired driving simulators, and we also had Ardent Solutions and ACASA bring in different impaired goggles for students to try different tasks while "impaired."

4th+5th/6th grade Girls and Boys groups have been learning about healthy vs. unhealthy friendships, bullying, and how to be kind.

Some of our 4th grade students have been learning about resiliency in our Why Try group that meets once a week. We have learned about making our own choices and not leaving things to chance, and we learned about consequences that can happen if we make bad choices.

Our high school students have the opportunity to join the Q+A Club we started up. Q+A is a club for LGBTQIA+ Youth and their Allies to express themselves while exploring various themes centered on diversity and inclusion.

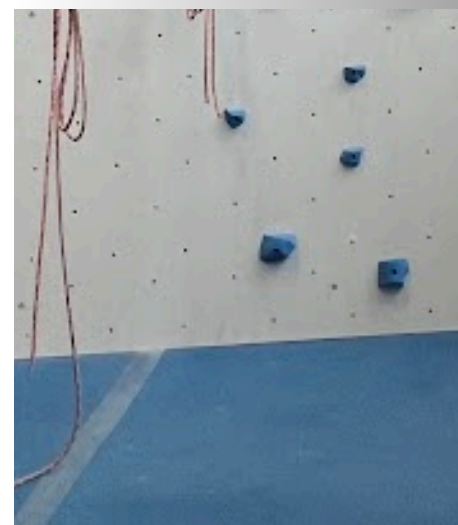
## FILLMORE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM <<<

Stay tuned for updates with our Fillmore Afterschool Program!



## PROGRAMS/ CLUBS

- Fab Lab -
- Lego Club -
- Grub Club -
- STEAM Programming -
- School Violence Prevention -
- MH Counselor Services -
- Explorers Club -





## »» FRIENDSHIP AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

### November: Community Service Holiday Food Boxes

For the Holiday season, students from our Friendship After-School club helped deliver 50 food boxes to a community food pantry at the First Baptist Church in Friendship. Students loaded up boxes into a school vehicle then walked to the pantry to finish the job. Complete with an assembly line, all hands were at work – passing boxes along and singing Christmas songs! Our students were excited to give to others in need and worked together to bless our Friendship Community.

### Holiday Hat and Mitten Drive

Game on! From competing on the basketball court to collecting hats and mittens for our students and families in Allegany County, Kevin Willis led the team in being the first to put a donation in. Literacy West employees of both the Youth and Adult programs have a fun Holiday Competition of collecting the most hats and mittens for the counties we serve. We will see who wins – students were excited to decorate the box and can't wait to see the donations keep coming in!

### November: Family Fun Night

Literacy West After-School club held our second Family Fun Night Event: Roller-Skating Event at the Funland Skate Center in Wellsville. It was a blast! Over 90 students and families came for the fun – skating, eating pizza, even doing the limbo! The Wellsville team was awesome to work with, and they were so impressed by what a great group we had that came from Friendship. Thank you to all our families and students who made it a wonderful night! So glad you all enjoyed the FUN! We look forward to more Family Fun nights coming up in the new year! Stay Tuned!



# FIDELIS CARE RURAL HEALTH GRANT

Literacy West NY, Inc. (LWNY) is committed to serving diverse and rural populations by offering workshops, classroom-based instruction, and community outreach that focus on practical health information. The Fidelis Care grant will help LWNY launch a health literacy program to empower adults with knowledge and skills for healthier living. Participants will gain tools to navigate healthcare systems, understand preventive care options, and make informed health-related decisions for themselves and their families.

“We are immensely grateful to receive funding from Fidelis Care for our rural health initiative,” said Literacy West NY, Inc. Executive Community Relations Coordinator Adrianna Seewaldt. “Empowering individuals with the knowledge to make informed health decisions is essential to our mission of supporting lifelong learning and self-sufficiency. With this initiative, we aim to address health disparities in our region by equipping people with the resources and confidence they need to lead healthier lives.”

Stay tuned for additional services in Allegany County.

To continue reading about the grants issued across NYS visit

<https://www.fideliscare.org/Blog?id=1032>

## WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

We pride ourselves on being involved in the local community. If you have information you’d like to share, we’ll gladly distribute flyers, pamphlets, etc. to partners, students, families and schools.

Benefit for the 8 families that lost their homes and belongings.  
A community effort with our love and support.

# Benefit for Friendship Fire Victims January 25, 2025

*Start at FCS*

## **10 AM-2 PM Basket Raffle**

Friendship Central School CAFE  
Enter by Basketball Court Door  
Drawing starts at 2:15 PM

*Finish the Night at the Friendship Legion*

## **1-7 PM Live Music and Dinner**

Have a night out with good music, food available for purchase from Carlin's Catering and 50/50 raffle



How Can I help:  
Monetary donations at Friendship ALCO  
Drop Gift Baskets and Donations at Friendship Free Library by 1/23/2025



# DON'T MISS SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2025

Benefiting Allegany County Food Pantries

## Donation Wish List:

- Non-Perishable Food Items
- Pet Food and Supplies
- Household Cleaning Supplies
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Cash Donations Accepted



Come Down & Donate at:

 **TOPS**  
Friendly Markets

Riverwalk Plaza


Wellsville, New York

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by:

 **Ardent Solutions.**  
Network for Community Health

**Allegany**  
COUNTY  
New York

 **ACCESS ALLEGANY**  
ride relax go green

For information on this event call 593-1738!

# SUPPORT OUR MISSION

## ➤➤➤ VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our Adult Basic Education Programs and English for Speakers of Other Languages Classes are looking for interested volunteers to work with students on bettering their skills.

We currently offer services in Batavia, Belmont, Mt. Morris, Olean and Warsaw from 8:30am-4:00pm.

Call us today (844) 969-2673 and join us in our efforts of empowering the communities we serve through lifelong learning!

**DONATE** <<<

Help keep our programs and services available at no cost to the participant.  
Your donation is greatly appreciated!

## ➤➤➤ PARTNER PROMOTION

Are you interested in presenting information to our enrolled students about what you do, and how your agency can be of benefit to them?

Do you need space to provide a community workshop? Let's talk! We have spaces available to help you deliver services.

To arrange an opportunity in our classroom/site, please contact our Program Site Coordinators at (844)969-2673.



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES <<<



### Join our team!

Full time and part time positions available across WNY!

Competitive wages based on experience!

**Benefits Include:**

- Vacation, Personal and Sick time
- 10+ Federal Holidays
- Health, Dental and Vision Insurance
- Retirement plan with 3% match
- HSA/FSA, and supplemental insurance plans available!

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