

WABASH COUNTY

LEARN MORE CENTER

The start of something better.

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

October has quickly come upon us! I am looking forward to some beautiful fall weather and the Learn More Center's 5K Walk/Run. We are hoping many of you will join us to celebrate education and help support our mission.

We are in the midst of our Matching Grant campaign, as well. An anonymous donor has graciously blessed us with another matching grant. If we can raise \$30,000 by the end of 2012, they will match our donations. These funds will help the Learn More Center continue our vital mission of providing free adult basic education to Wabash County and surrounding communities.

Currently we have 23 GED graduates since January 2012! We are so proud of our students for pursuing their goals! There are many changes to the GED scheduled to occur January, 1 2014. All students who have passed part of their GED need to retest and pass their GED before 2014 or they will be required to take all sections of the GED 2014.

We thank all our supporters who are so committed to our mission. A special thanks to the Pauline Barker Trust and Ivy Tech for partnering with our Fast Track GED and Ivy Track courses. Both programs are assisting students with attaining their goal of attaining a high school and/or college diplomas.

I continue to admire the courage and persistence of our students as they face multiple challenges with grace and excellence. Many of our students are facing barriers of severe health issues, lack of transportation, lack of childcare, and nonsupport from family and peers. Many students have learning differences, which in previous educational settings, made learning especially difficult. They report the return to school was a "scary and frightening" experience. The fear of ridicule, exclusion, and the "unknown" made them not want to return; yet they did. At the Learn More Center they are greeted with a warm and nurturing learning community which fosters growth and success. We are so proud of our students' successes and courageous living!

Cynthia Johnson

Director of Education

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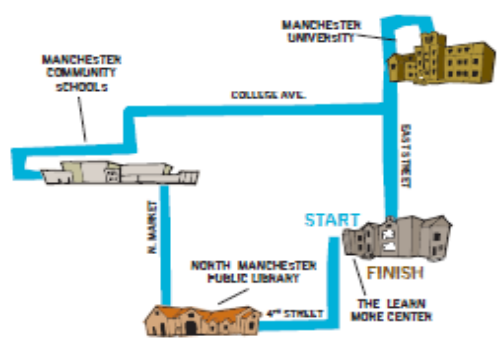
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# 5K RUN/WALK



## FEEL THE LEARN **5K** WALK/RUN



### SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

RACE-DAY REGISTRATION – 7:45-8:45 AM

### RACE STARTS 9:00 AM

Register online at [learnmorecenter.org](http://learnmorecenter.org)

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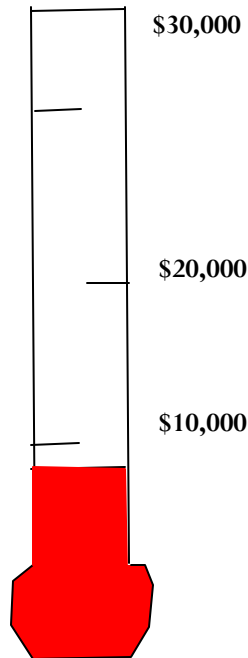
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# MATCHING GRANT

A generous anonymous donor has once again extended a matching challenge grant to the Learn More Center. The grant will be awarded on a matching \$1 for \$1 basis up to \$30,000 raised before December 31, 2012. We are grateful to be awarded this challenge for the fifth year, and very thankful to the donor. The donor has asked that this year, a portion of the money raised be from new donors. We are inviting all persons who appreciate the Learn More Center to consider making a gift this year.



## COMPUTER INFORMATION

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Together with Good Search \$ goes directly to the Learn More Center.

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# STUDENTS' PAGE

## COMING HOME

It's harder coming home than it is leaving, sometimes.

Let's say you're leaving to go across seas to go to war. It's not too hard when you go. It's when you come back: you are nervous and happy at the same time. It's almost as if your heart is going to explode.

Everyone you know, from friends to family, are waiting for you to arrive, holding signs up. It's almost like you're embarrassed to be seen with these crazy people!

So I think it goes both ways. It's hard coming home, but it's also hard to leave. Being nervous about your first arrival and not knowing anyone where you're at. It can be hard for you to adapt to the new changes, such as being in a danger zone. It can put a lot of pressure on you, so it is also hard to leave as well as to come home.

-Colt-

A response to a poem regarding the hardships of leaving and returning home from battle.

## Needs/Wish List

The items below are needed on a consistent basis to meet our mission, and to extend student learning.

Any donation is tax deductible & provides critical support.

1. Copy paper
2. College & wide ruled loose leaf paper
3. Highlighters, colored pencils, & markers used for study skills instruction & enhanced learning
4. Post it notes & post it flags
5. Staples & paper clips
6. Pens & pencils
7. 1 inch and 2 inch 3-ring binders & binders for student portfolios
8. Food & beverages: many students arrive hungry & food/beverages assist in their ability to learn & maintain concentration. Fruit, lunch meat, mixed nuts, food bars, and vegetables are all welcome and needed, or consider gift cards from area grocers!
9. Casio fx 260 solar calculators to provide students with a calculator for GED preparation & for college.

## Current and Former Students

**Do you have any books or other study materials in new or like new condition that you are no longer using? If so, please consider donating them back to the Learn More Center. Your generosity allows us to serve more students by recycling our materials. If you are still using them, but not attending classes or are unsure of where to begin, call 260.982.6138 and talk with David or Cynthia. Wabash area students can call 260.563.5737 and talk with Jeanie or Drema regarding getting enrolled in our 2012 program. For those needing more flexibility due to transportation or scheduling issues, please ask about our Distance Learning options.**

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