



## Statement of Purpose

Welcome to the first issue of GPOIC News. The purpose of this monthly communication is to keep our partners informed on what's going on within the organization.

We will be sharing information achievements of program participants, updates on services provided, including current and new program additions, as well as any other information deemed pertinent to our partners.

We hope you find this resource helpful and informative.



Samaher, ZamZam and Ahlam with Art Eason, and Kate Demirtas

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## Student Achievements

Many of the students here at GPOIC are faced with a variety of obstacles that can stand in the way of achievement. However, in the face of these challenges we are proud of how our students rise to the occasion and refuse to let those obstacles stop them.

Zamzam Tamimi from Jordan, Ahlam Abufana, from Palestine, and Samaher Alkhawaja from Syria all arrived at GPOIC as TANF customers in our Literacy/ESL program. They all had goals of entering college here in the US, to improve their chances of obtaining viable employment. Being able to speak sufficient English was a major barrier to that goal.

Under the instructional guidance of Kate Demirtas, who conducts GPOIC's Literacy/ESL program all three have now become proficient enough in English to be accepted as students at Passaic County Community College. All of us here at GPOIC wish them continued success, and we are confident that with

their drive and determination they will accomplish their goals, and be an asset to future employers.

Congratulations are in order for Ms. Leslie Porcha a GA student enrolled in the literacy program at GPOIC. With hard work and determination Ms. Porcha passed her test and received her GED. Now its on to bigger and better things. We wish her continued success as she pursues her dreams.

We are also celebrating with Ms. Gwendolyn Brown a participant in GPOIC's Learning Link program. Gwen as she is affectionately called by her classmates has not only advanced to enroll in Passaic County Community College, she was also offered Counselor's Aid position at Eva's Village on Main Street in Paterson. Her Learning Link classmates and the GPOIC associates will miss her as we wish her the best in both undertakings.

## Program and Services

We recognize here at GPOIC that the work we do is not done alone, but in collaborative effort with our partners.

Our ultimate concern is serving the needs of both our partners and our students which

can sometimes slightly differ from one another.

We remain committed to meeting the challenges inherent with this work, and in working with our partners to achieve

the best outcomes possible, and making a positive difference in the lives of those who participate in our programs.