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Thank You!!



In May, we made the finals of the State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant contest, as one of 200 applicants out of 4800 entries chosen for the final round. Although we did not make the top 40 in votes to win one of the \$25,000 grants when the final count was completed, we are grateful to everyone who voted, shared a post on Facebook and tweeted about the contest.

Thanks for your support - we'll make it into the top 40 next year!

RUN GERMANTOWN

We're hosting a 5K race and 3K fun run with our good friends and partner organization, Urban Resources Development Corp. The race will be the first of it's kind in Germantown.

Register: RunGermantown.com

Save the Date: Saturday, September 12th!

Time: 8am - 10am

Location: Maplewood Mall. Philadelphia, PA 19144



Stories & Feedback

2015 Personal Finance & Education Survey

We're doing a survey to capture the banking habits and financial knowledge of low-income adult Philadelphians and to better understand their attitudes toward higher education. Thank you to our intern, Pu Jiang from the University of Pennsylvania's Non-profit Practicum for her research and community outreach work. And a special thank you to Erin Bronchetti, Assistant Professor of Economics at Swarthmore College and the University of Penn, Wharton College for her assistance with developing the survey questions. Take our survey [here](#)

RISE Programs

- There are a few days left to register for [College Bound - Prepare to Succeed](#) for soon to be college freshmen. We're looking forward to providing the workshop for the Urban League - Philadelphia chapter this year too.
- High school Juniors and Seniors can sign up now for our next [SAT Prep class](#) beginning August 8. Check our [calendar](#) for dates of other classes and programs.
- Don't forget to follow our [TOLF Student tumblr](#) blog to get updates on scholarship and grant opportunities throughout the year.

Life Coaching and Financial Literacy & Capability for Adults

- There is a new way to learn how to better manage and take control of your finances. We now offer one-on-one classes to help you become financially empowered.
- Our next Financial Literacy classes will begin in a few weeks. [Sign up here](#)

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I have been in the RISE mentoring program and SAT prep class for 6 weeks and I have learned a lot of valuable information. The first time I took the SAT's my score was a 900. The second time that I took the test my score was 150 points more than the first time.



The mentoring program helped me a lot as well. In the mentoring program, I learned about different careers. I also learned about the types of degrees that I would have to obtain in order to get in the career that I want. We also talked about school. On the last day of the program, my mentor and I made friendship bracelets. In the end, Whitney was a great mentor and became a good friend.

~ Amara B. (Northwest Parkway HS)

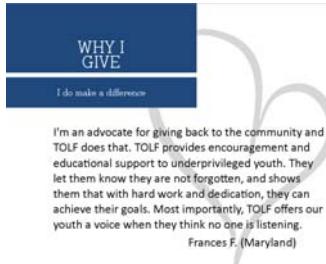
Advocacy update: Payday Loans

We mentioned in our last newsletter that we signed a national letter of support created by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) asking the DoD (Department of Defense) to close loopholes in their rules that govern consumer credit and payday lending products for members of the armed forces, which is one of the biggest demographics targeted by the payday lending industry. As of July 21, the DoD passed new rules closing the loopholes that we petitioned to have closed. Read more about the new rules and how they affect our men and women in the armed services. [DoD MLA Final Rule 15072](#)

For more information about our advocacy work, please visit our website: [Advocacy and Research](#)

DONOR LOVE

In June we launched our Donor Love campaign to thank our donors, who contribute generously to us at all levels. We asked our donors to share their 'Why I Give' reasons for supporting our organization. Read about our wonderful donors and find out why they support our work: [Donor Love Stories](#)



TOLF in the news...

We'd also like to give a big shout out and send congratulations to our board member Yusuf Azizullah, CEO of Global Board Advisors Corp., for his appearance on the television show Squawk Box on CNBC Asia. He spoke as an expert on board governance and how new corporate governance laws in Japan will affect boards and how boards operate. [Watch the segment.](#)

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Welcome!

We have a new Office Administrator, Ms. Danita Sanders. She joined our team in July and has been a great spark of energy in the office. We're happy to have her on our team and hope everyone gets the chance to hear her friendly voice when calling the office, or interacting with her at community meetings and events.

Best Wishes

A huge THANK YOU to Edwin P. and Jacklyn B., two of our social media specialists. They have helped grow our online presence on twitter and provided inspiration via our [TOLF Inspires](#) tumblr blog over the last few years. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Volunteer Orientation & Training

- Our next orientation and training sessions will be in August and September. [Check our calendar for details](#)
- If you're interested in learning about our volunteer opportunities, or want to sign up to volunteer, [click here](#)

Come and learn how you can make a difference!

There are many ways to support the work our organization does, and we are grateful for your support!

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