

## **OFTC's North Foundation Receives \$8,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

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Sandersville, GA., (OFTC) –The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Oconee Fall Line Technical College's (OFTC) Foundation North an \$8,000 grant to support adult literacy. This local grant is part of more than \$8.6 million in grants awarded to more than 950 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the communities Dollar General serves.

"We are so grateful to Dollar General for awarding us these funds," shared Kathy Aaron, OFTC's Executive Director for Institutional Advancement. "It is through generous donors like these that we are able to make a difference in the lives of those within our communities."

OFTC's Adult Education (AE) program serves 11 different Georgia counties including: Washington, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Warren, Laurens, Bleckley, Dodge, Telfair, Wheeler, and Wilkinson, and is designed for adults with a variety of needs, backgrounds, and skill levels.

OFTC's AE program offers day and evening classes, as well as GED testing to adult students age 16 and older. The program offers Basic Skills Instruction, GED Test Preparation, Workplace Literacy Programs, English Literacy Classes and Educational Development Diploma Testing.

With the funds from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, OFTC will reach more individuals in need of the College's AE services, shared Demme McMannus, OFTC's Dean of Adult Education.

"Our service area is in rural Georgia with limited transportation and transit. With these funds we plan to provide online education which will reduce the barrier of transportation," she said. "These 'GED Cafés' will be created in secure locations to support an individual's desire to obtain their GED."

"We are so excited to receive this grant to expand our reach," McManus added. "With these funds, our program will be able to place computers in partner locations to allow individuals that cannot travel to our sites the opportunity to participate in online classes to achieve their goal of obtaining their GED."

"During these extraordinary times, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to support communities' literacy and educational advancements through funds that will impact thousands of students across the country," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO and Dollar General Literacy Foundation board member. "We are proud to support the meaningful and impactful work that each of today's recipients conduct and support their ongoing efforts to help individuals improve their lives through literacy and education."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$182 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 11 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

### **About OFTC**

The mission of Oconee Fall Line Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is to contribute to the economic and workforce development of east central Georgia through quality technical and continuing education, adult education, and business and industry services. The College offers associate degrees, diplomas, technical certificates of credit, and non-credit certificates in a student-centered learning environment through traditional and distance education modes of delivery. With 100+ programs

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The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$182 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 11 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit [www.dgliteracy.org](http://www.dgliteracy.org).

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