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“My husband and I started out as dropouts, but we were not going to allow that to be the path for our children.”

Thank you to everyone who supported Literacy Council last year!

Our Circle of Honor luncheon was held on January 31 at Willow Brook Country Club. Former Literacy Council student and current student at the UT Health Northeast Master’s of Public Health program, Abygayl Alvarez, gave the keynote speech. Her story from 8th grade dropout to soon-to-be master’s graduate is a testament of the power of adult education.

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