

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford



Flovia moved to Connecticut from Jamaica four years ago with hopes to be closer to her family and start a new career. She was taking adult education classes and studying for the GED when someone suggested she might benefit from a class at LVGH. “I was not able to communicate effectively because I’m from the island, and that bothered me a lot,” Flovia says. “Whenever I went out and I spoke, I was wondering if I was saying the right words. It really had an impact on me.”

This is what led Flovia to reach out to LVGH. She became a student here in 2019, passed the GED in 2020, and continues to take classes to improve her English. “I feel more confident now because I’m learning a lot of new words and speaking more fluently. It makes me feel really great. I don’t think words can describe the way I feel.” Flovia is now working towards her next goal of going to college. She’s deciding between accounting, because she was always a good math student, or social work, because of her desire to help children in need. “I know I have a lot of reading and writing I will need to do and LVGH can help me continue to prepare. For my starting point, this is the best school for me.”