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Stern Center Receives Grant from Citizens Bank

Williston, VT – The Stern Center for Language and Learning received a \$5,000 grant from Citizens Bank Foundation™ to support their African Family Literacy Project (AFLP). The African Family Literacy Project is a collaboration between the Stern Center for Language and Learning, Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program (VRRP) and Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) to help meet the needs of refugee families in Vermont. This project increases the literacy levels of parents and pre-school children and develops a research-based curriculum for teaching family literacy skills to non-literate immigrant/refugee families that can be replicated on a national level.

“This award is a wonderful endorsement of this most important work on behalf of refugee families,” commented Dr. Blanche Podhajski, Founder and President of the Stern Center. “We are very appreciative that Citizens Bank Foundation™ has invested in the application of literacy research across generations. This innovative program’s explicit language focus is a key to success for these families.”

The Stern Center for Language and Learning is dedicated to literacy for all. Many people who struggle with reading, writing, and mathematics do not learn the same way as those who easily achieve literacy. Stern Center professionals evaluate and teach all kinds of learners, including those with learning disabilities such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorders. The Stern Center is committed to helping individuals identify their learning strengths as well as their needs and to finding solutions that allow everyone to learn. More information available at www.sterncenter.org.

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