



June in the Village

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Hello, friends!

Summer is in full swing! Our classes wrapped up in May, and we had so many **graduations** to celebrate. Our **2025 Impact Report** is out. Summer also saw the start of our **Coffee and Conversations** class, and we are celebrating our successful **Keep the Village Strong** campaign (thank you for your continuing support!). Plus, **Journey** has been busy with all sorts of fun activities.

Let's start with graduations.

Graduations

Adult Education

Our end-of-semester adult education celebrations are so much more than graduations. Many of our students have children, multiple jobs, or they work the night shift and get up to be in class at 10 a.m. twice a week. When we celebrate the end of the semester, we are celebrating their determination, resilience, and joy.



This spring, we celebrated together with classroom parties where we shared food, laughter and great conversation. Teachers also presented each

student with a certificate acknowledging their hard work!

To each and every one of our adult students, we are so proud of you!

Journey.

This spring, 23 of our high schoolers graduated! Three of those students walked away with their Associate degree at the same time. 17 of this year's Journey grads have already committed to a college, and the list includes universities like Tennessee Tech, Belmont, Lipscomb, and more.



And that's not all — at least 7 Journey college students graduated this year too!

We're so proud of our high schoolers and college students, and we can't wait to see where they go from here!

Kindergarten Readiness Program

Celebrating our KRP students was such a blast! They may be small, but they are mighty – they sang and danced for us to show us just how much they have learned!



The parents and children who finished our KRP program are headed into the American school system more prepared for its educational culture because of their hard work in combination with our amazing KRP teachers and volunteers.

2025 Impact Report

47

*countries were
represented by our
students & families*

109

*people became
citizens through our
citizenship program*

101

*Adult education
students joined our
classrooms*

Our Impact Report is out now! Here are a few stats from it. For even more numbers, program overviews, budget summaries, and other cool information, check out the full report by clicking the button.

"Coffee and Conversation"

English Groups

For years now, Melissa has been dreaming of creating a summer **English class that's all about conversation, community, and building confidence** (around a good cup of tea or coffee).



This year, that dream became a reality – and it has been amazing!

This class gives our students a chance to learn and practice a lot of colloquial

phrases and vocabulary that a normal class might get to. For instance, this week's prompts were based on Independence Day, and students learned terms like "Uncle Sam" and "Liberty Bell", while other class sessions have revolved around more everyday fare. Games like Uno and Simon Says have been another way to practice vocabulary while having a lot of fun; there is a lot of laughter in the building when this class is in session!

World Refugee Day and June Fundraising Campaign



This year, on June 18th, we celebrated **World Refugee Day** at the Village! We shared a meal and heard many members of our Village share their journeys with us – from the refugee camp they were a part of to resettling here. Their stories were hard, but beautiful – they told us about the power of resilience, hard work, and hope.

That night was also part of our June fundraising campaign, and thanks to the amazing support of our Village, around **\$20,000** were raised!

We are so grateful to every donor who keeps our Village strong. We would not be here without your faithful support!



Journey in June

During the summer, our high schoolers take a break from formal academics and spend time just being kids — learning about American culture, being together, and having fun. Interested juniors and seniors also have classes to study for the ACT.

In June, they played soccer with Nashville Soccer Club, visited the National Museum of African American Music, toured Ellington Agricultural Center, visited Percy Priest Lake, and went to the zoo.

This week, they visited Fall Creek Falls — stay tuned to Facebook and Instagram (and next month's newsletter) for pictures!



*Playing soccer in partnership
with Nashville Soccer Club.*



*At the National Museum of
African American Music.*

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Stay tuned for our July edition! Thanks for reading — see you next month!

— Abigail

Thank you for being part of the Village!

— *Legacy Mission Village Team*

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