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**J. MARION SIMS FOUNDATION AWARDS LITERACY GRANTS TOTALING \$750,000**

The J. Marion Sims Foundation, Inc. has made awards totaling approximately \$1 million to organizations conducting adult literacy and basic skills programming in partnership with other organizations.

“The purpose of the partnership grants is to offer limited funding to continue research-based literacy practices, promotion, and collaboration,” said foundation president Jim Morton. “The foundation seeks to support literacy providers that perpetuate effective adult literacy programs and services that promote education, health, and economic development through the development of workplace skills with successful, documented, evidence-based programs and services.”

Two-year partnership grants were awarded to the following literacy programs:

- Lancaster County Literacy Council (partner: Brooklyn Springs Elementary School), “Reading for Workplace Success,” \$150,000;
- Christian Services of Lancaster (partner: Lancaster County Adult Education), “Serving Our Families,” \$150,000;
- Chester County Literacy Council (partner: Fort Lawn Community Center), “Health, Wellness, and Literacy,” \$150,000;
- Faith, Hope & Victory Christian Church (partner: Lancaster High School): “Community Powerhouse,” \$150,000;
- Housing Authority of Lancaster (partner: Erwin Elementary School), “Map to Success,” \$150,000

The J. Marion Sims Foundation supports programs of prevention and education that enhance health and wellness in Lancaster County, South Carolina and the communities of Great Falls and Fort Lawn.