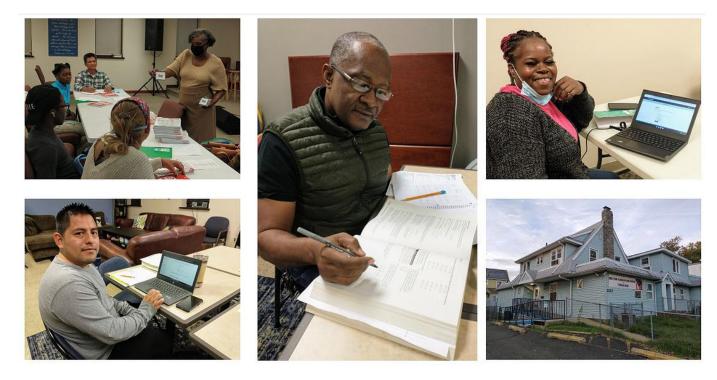
# **New Partnership for Adult Education**



Pictured: ELL, GED, and Digital Literacy students in OCCCDA's Adult Education classes. Bottom right: The Toben Center.

Adult learners in our classes come to OCCCDA for many reasons: to navigate English interactions in daily life, to hone their academic & computer skills, and to be eligible for better jobs. So it's natural that our popular Adult Education program would fit together with our growing Workforce Development program. A new \$100,000 grant will enable us to do just that: hire an Adult Education & Workforce Development Manager to build the programs together.

As part of this grant, OCCCDA is joining forces with another site in our community, The Toben Center, which currently offers career development along with high school diploma preparation & testing. This will give our students an opportunity to connect to even more resources, and let us expand our classes into space there. We hope to create a robust pathway from ESL & citizenship – to academic diplomas – to the workforce & integrating in to all aspects of society.

And it doesn't stop there. Students build great relationships with each other and volunteer teachers, and we've had the joy of welcoming and including several ELL families at our church on Sunday mornings. It's all part of OCCCDA's mission ...to minister on spiritual, physical, social, and economic levels.



Our ELL (English Language Learner), GED (high school diploma) and Digital Literacy (basic computer skills) classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-8pm. We also offer ELL classes Monday & Wednesday mornings, 10am-12pm.

To volunteer or enroll in a class: reach out to Sandi at <a href="mailto:adulteducation@occcda.org">adulteducation@occcda.org</a>. To give to support our work: go to <a href="mailto:bit.ly/oc-give-adult">bit.ly/oc-give-adult</a>.

### **Upcoming Events**



#### **Press Conference**

Thurs, Oct 27 | If you're in the area and want to learn more about the new Toben Center partnership and celebrate with us, we welcome you to join us at 11am at 7222 Castor Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19149 for the grant award press conference.

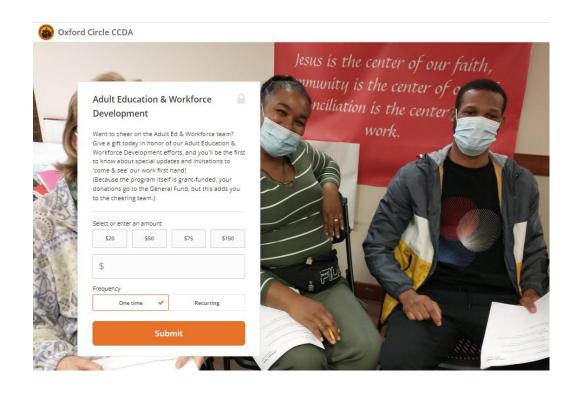


#### **Fall Festival & Prayer Walk**

Sat, Oct 29 | Come join us for a day of neighborhood fun! Morning activities begin at 10am at M&T Bank parking lot. 1pm Prayer walk leads to our afternoon events 2-4pm at OCCCDA's main office. Details here. Contact katie@occcda.org.

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