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*Working Toward Adult Literacy*

**December 12, 2006 (Minneapolis)**—Minnesota-based Harebrain Inc. is proud the Washington Literacy Council proactively uses WhisperPhone, an educational tool used to improve reading, in their adult literacy programs.

“We’re dedicated to helping learners acquire skills needed to be successful readers and we’re thrilled the Washington Literacy Council finds our product helpful. Hearing success stories is what our business is all about,” said Steve Swain, co-creator of WhisperPhone.

A tutor who works for the Washington Literacy Council contacted Harebrain Inc. after reading an article about reading fluency and literacy featuring WhisperPhone in the Washington Post. When Harebrain sent the council WhisperPhones to try, the office staff all sought to be first to open the box when it arrived.

“In teaching our adult students to read, we find that teaching correct pronunciation of sounds is critical. WhisperPhone is a great tool to enable students to hear what they are saying and whether it differs from correct pronunciation,” said Elisabeth Liptak, executive director of the Washington Literacy Council.

The mission of the Washington Literacy Council is to raise the literacy level of adult nonreaders in the nation’s capital and to be the standard-bearer for adult literacy instruction in Washington, DC. The Council is committed to innovation through:

- Finding and implementing best practices for teaching basic literacy to adults.
- Recruiting, motivating and retaining the staff and volunteers who carry out this work.
- Enabling students to enhance their life experiences and reach personal development goals.
- Educating decision makers and raising public awareness of literacy efforts to benefit adult learners and their children.

WhisperPhone by Harebrain Inc., an educational tool for children and adults, is available for purchase through education suppliers, specialty catalogs, school product retailers and [www.whisperphone.com](http://www.whisperphone.com). WhisperPhone is an educational tool designed to improve reading scores and meet the standards of No Child Left Behind. This hands-free, acoustical voice-feedback headset helps learners hear phonemes, the sounds that compose words, more clearly. Phonemic awareness is a key predictor of literacy success, according to the National Reading Panel. It is hands-free, reversible, lightweight and dishwasher safe. No batteries are required. It is made in the United States by Harebrain, Inc. To learn more, visit [www.WhisperPhone.com](http://www.WhisperPhone.com).

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