

**We're off and running!**

- Since Project Steno began fundraising in January of this year, we've raised over \$200,000 in pledges.
- We have granted tuition assistance (approx. \$2,500/year per student for two years) to a number of students who have come to us from NCRA's A to Z programs run by volunteers around the country. A to Z is an effective screening tool to weed out weak candidates; thus our Project Steno enrollees are the students most likely to succeed.
- Eight court reporting schools have signed on as "partner programs," which means they have a program designed to graduate students in two years and they will allow us to monitor student progress so that we can step in and help a student who is faltering. These are the elements of the Project Steno plan: recruit students who are most likely to succeed, let them select a "partner program" to attend, give them a financial incentive to meet education milestones in school, and offer coaching/mentoring when needed, so that "our" students have the best chance of graduating in two years. It's a good program, and it's working!
- Through cofounder Glyn Poage's tireless advocacy, there are now three high schools in Texas that have inaugurated (or will soon) court reporting programs in their schools. Fabulous! High-school-age students are our primary target cohort. We will soon have a template plan to offer high schools around the country that want to start court reporting programs.
- We have created an Advisory Council of court reporter and captioner volunteers to help spread the word. Rick Levy (Florida) and Kathy Silva (Massachusetts) are the first two. We could use more help.
- Project Steno has been granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS, so your 2017, 2018 and all future donations are tax-deductible. As a charitable organization, our financial statements will be publicly available.
- You wouldn't believe the amount of work involved in getting a project like this off the ground! Just ask our Executive Director, Nancy Varallo. "A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step." We've just started, but people are enthusiastic; prospective students are coming to us; schools are signing on to become partner programs.

**The plan is working.**

**Cash is king! Please consider donating today at <http://projectsteno.org/support-us/>.**

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