**TUTOR AND STUDENT TESTIMONIALS**

**Tutor Cathleen M.** asked her class “Do you like the program? What do you like?” **Student Maria** responded: “I like this class because is important learning and speaking English in this country for a job”. **Student Esther** said “I like this class because teacher Cathleen shows concern to teach us well. This program is good because she is concerned we have our books and the best thing is that I am learning. Thank you.”

**Tutor Leslie S.** “While I tutor, I’m learning too! Student asked me why a cashier in a retail store is a cashier yet a person who handles cash in a bank is a teller. In Spanish the same word is used for both. I learned something new by looking up the etymology of teller, discovering that a bank teller counts cash. I’m realizing more and more how difficult our language is. I thank the program for this opportunity, finding out that I definitely am a student too.”

**Student Aurora F.** “This program means a lot to me. It is giving me the opportunity to improve my English skills and also makes me feel more confident when I talk. The key is my English tutor, Nanette. The program helps and works.”

**Tutor Deno P.** “I enrolled in ESL Program because I have applied to serve in the Peace Corps and wanted some experience teaching. I originally approached my assignment as a chance to give back and serve others. I feel blessed that I am given the opportunity to help others. I learned quickly that by helping others, I am actually helping myself. My experience with this ESL Program has been a remarkable journey. I can see in the eyes of my students a feeling of gratitude and pride. They are proud to demonstrate their new language. I’ve learned so much from the people I am helping; I make it my mission to explain to them that “it is I” who is learning” and I am “grateful to them”. They have become my teachers and I am their student….of life! The opportunity to teach ESL is the gift that keeps on giving! ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada gave me this opportunity and I will be forever grateful.”

**Tutor CLC:** “My student is advancing quickly with this program; she has now enrolled in the program’s GED class.”

**Student Azucena M.** “I like the program. I am learning good English. Class is better because it is in my house, more comfortable and tutor Cathleen helps me with my questions.”

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Carson City Tutor Ron Robert’s Citizenship Class

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Tutor Antonio’s Computer Class at recess
Meet Rosalinda “Linda” Guerrero

Linda is our new Vista assigned to expand Reno, NV. She was born and raised in Mexico. At age 16 she moved to Texas where she earned a diploma in Medical Business Specialist and Computer Skills.

In 2004, Linda came to Reno to be with one of her three daughters. At TMCC, Linda received her degree in Business Management. She then managed restaurants for over 20 years: recruited, hired and trained their employees.

Speaking fluent Spanish, Linda volunteered with helping homeless people; participated in AARP programs for Seniors.

Linda’s dream is to make a difference and help with the language barrier in her community. What better motive is there but to be an asset in the ESL In-Home Program!

Welcome, Linda, to our team!

Meet Cathleen Mital

Cathleen, from Idaho, came to Carson City in 1989 with her husband, David. Their two children were born in Carson City. Cathleen received a K-8 Teaching Certificate in 2006, taught reading and ESL to 4th and 5th graders in the Carson City Schools. She has been a tutor in the ESL In-Home Program since April 2010, tutoring individuals in the Laubach method and Citizenship. In August 2010, in addition to tutoring her individuals, she started another small group of beginners. Cathleen is currently tutoring a total of 20 adults at five different sites, who are all showing tremendous progress. Eventually, she will find tutors to replace her. She developed various worksheets for her beginner students to advance to the next level. She loves learning the language and culture of her students. It is her personality that gives her the desire to help others. We welcome Cathleen to our team.

TUTOR TIPS

A resource to challenge students and keep them engaged in learning: When our student is ready for writing short stories, we ask them to write about themselves or a fictitious story. How about having your student question you about your life and then write your personal story! Our bilingual packet, which material our students first learn, talks about “What is your name? Where do you come from? Where do you live now?, etc., etc.” You could change that conversation page around to reference the teacher.

A wonderful new family literacy resource: go to www.wonderopolis.org. This site provides clever “wonder of the day”. It helps parents support their children’s education. Each “wonder of the day” opens with a question and a short video for parents and children to watch together. Some questions addressed were Why does Jell-O jiggle? Can you train a goldfish?

Check out http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/agora.html. In Archimedes’ time the agora was a marketplace where folks could find almost anything they needed. In the Eureka! AGORA you will be able to find an “Assemblage of Great Online Resources for Adults”. In other words, you will be able to find a wide variety of resources to use in your classroom. Simply click on a market booth to begin your “shopping”.

Welcome to 2 New Vistas
According to the National Center for Education Statistics, children of parents who do not finish high school face more challenges than children whose parents hold high school diplomas. Educated parents are more likely to engage in early childhood education activities with their children, read to them and assist them with their homework. A mother’s level of reading skill is unequivocally the greatest determinant of her child’s academic success.

So while investing in early childhood education is critical, it cannot be done in isolation from investing in parents, who are the primary influence on and motivator of their children. Adult literacy and basic education programs are crucial to alleviating poverty — for everyone.

Therefore, a child’s success in life is largely influenced by the education level of his parents. Ask yourself, “Am I helping the poverty crisis by helping the children’s parents learn English Language Skills, who then can help their children?” As a tutor in the ESL In-Home Program, the fact that you are indirectly helping the children is an added bonus to your efforts.

The ESL In-Home Program helps Northern Nevada adults learn English language skills in order to meet their goals of obtaining employment, retaining their jobs, and moving up the career ladder. Some of our students are now helping their children with homework, and the children receive motivation to stay in school and succeed in their lives by watching their parents study. They are learning that Education is the key to Success!

**UPDATES**

**Statistical Update**

- Current Tutors......111
- Current Students...256
- U.S. Citizens.........115

- Potential Students Waiting for a tutor:
  - Carson.........94
  - Douglas........36
  - Dayton..........4
  - Fernley.........15
  - Churchill......36
  - Reno............102
  - Sparks.........30

- Total Students Waiting all Counties: 317

**With the 2 new ones named below, we now have 14 partners.**

- UNR Head Start, Reno
- Lyon County School District: Dayton, Silver Springs, Yerington

**Citizenship Study**

- A new **Citizenship Study** class in **Carson City** will start on **February 2, 2013** from 2:00-4:00. To date, 115 of our students have become U. S. Citizens, thanks to their Tutor, **Ron Roberts**.

- A **Citizenship Study** class in **Reno** is ongoing every Saturday 11:45-2:00pm with Tutor **John Ellsworth**.

For Locations: Call 775-888-2021

**PT & Q/A Meeting 12.8.12**

We had quite a group of tutors who attended the training and question and answer session on December 8th (see photo on the left). Afterwards they filled out “Feedback” questionnaires.

Under the question “What was the best part of this meeting?”, responses were: “Getting acquainted with other tutors and hearing their concerns.” “Interaction with volunteers and Florence.” “Donuts.” “Meeting new people.” “The tutorial on the program.” “Hearing from everyone “The roundtable discussion.” And “let’s do this every 3 months!”

Thank you to all tutors in the ESL In-Home Program for making a huge difference in 5 counties of Northern Nevada. It is good to know we have many tutors helping adults. What you are doing with your student(s) is making positive changes in their lives as well as the lives of their families.

Many immigrant adults now have library cards and go for supplemental material for themselves and their children. Progression from no English to helping their children with homework and enrolling in higher education is a path to a better future for the students and their families.
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From the Executive Director

Everyone in the whole wide world has a special heartsong. If you believe in magical, musical hearts and if you believe you can be happy, then you, too, will hear your song.

By: Mattie J.T. Stepanek, “Journey Through Heartsongs”

For me, my heart sings “ESL In-Home Program”: teaching English to those who are anxious to learn (and we still have many on our waiting list). So, I thank you for hearing the same song, making a difference in someone’s life, and helping break the language barrier. All tutors are the “angels” of this program.

We’re on the web!
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