ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

Newsletter
One-on-one Tutoring in ESL, GED, Computer Literacy, and Citizenship Study

At No Cost

We are in 5 counties of Northern Nevada: Carson, Washoe, Douglas, Lyon and Churchill

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ESL IN-HOME PROGRAM OF NORTHERN NEVADA IS NOW LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Here is a photo of our Kurdish refugee student Mrs. Roza Issa, wife of Mr. Radwan Issa, & mother of five children. She did not know a single word of English. She’s been taking ESL with me for just six months, and she will finish level one this May (after a total of eight months ESL, 2 hours/week). Hooray!

Reno Tutor, Maureen K.

Mlebinge is from Congo. We just finished Book 1. She is eager to learn and a good student with excellent handwriting and spelling. One day I was there, they cooked several dishes to introduce me to some foods from their homeland -- all were delicious!

Reno Tutor, Jackie R.

Daniele Coan Serving in the Italian Air Force visiting Carson City from Italy. Three of our male ESL tutors helped him improve his English during his visit.

Reno Tutor, Susan P.

Refugee family from Syria - Rozhva; Aisha (mom); Lujain; Adan; Rosem; Muhammed (dad). Arrived in Reno 9/16/17.

Reno Tutor, Pat P.

Habibi Family (Syria) relocated to Carson and then moved to Texas. They improved their English considerably.

Carson Tutor, Karin M.

Student Rana (from Syria) and her children.

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Reno Tutor, Jackie R.

Commitment to tutor is 1-2 hours per week. Usually one tutor teaches one-on-one or in small adult groups of 2-4. You will gain the pleasure and reward of helping another person have a better life, experience another culture, laughter, and friendship. We have over 800 adults on our wait-list who are eager to learn English Language skills YOU ARE NEEDED!
After I retired, I wanted to find a volunteer position in adult literacy. I contacted several organizations that I thought might be suitable, but none returned my calls. Shortly after, at one of my book club meetings, a member spoke up about her happy experiences with the ESL In-Home Program. I knew right away that it would be right for me.

In April, 2005, I met my first students, Maribel and Maricruz. They already knew each other from attending an ESL class at TMCC. I thought, "If they had done that and still come back for more, they were pretty serious about learning English." Over time a few more students dropped in and out, but M & M are still with me.

From the beginning, they were not bashful about trying to speak English and they had a pretty large vocabulary. Having had some Spanish in school, I was able to understand and explain some of the grammatical differences in the two languages which they struggled with. Both working mothers, they are determined to be able to communicate with their children's teachers and families. The women tell me sad stories and some happy ones, too. Every week, we have some good laughs. I look forward to each class because I never know what is going to come up. I was surprised at how much I enjoy the process of teaching. I think, also, that it has been beneficial for someone my age (76) to have to be at my best for two hours every week.

So that's my story. I hope you, too, will experience some of this joy in your volunteer roles.  **Tutor Helen W.**  (Washoe Cty)

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My name is Olga Elva. I am from Mexico. I am happily married with my husband Manuel Ortiz and we have two teenagers. We have been living in Carson City for 21 years.

For me it is a privilege and honor to have this great opportunity to express my gratitude to all the volunteers of the ESL In-Home Program in Northern Nevada.

I want to recognize and appreciate to all the volunteers and all the personnel to make possible this wonderful program. Every tutor is an extraordinary person, and I am sure every student wants to tell you thank you very much for your time, patience, dedication and hard work to instruct every one of us to be more confident, to believe in ourselves that one day we can speak read and write better because you have the ability to find the best way to teach us.

I found that elusive Dream thru the fantastic personality of my teacher and tutor Ramey. She taught me to have a positive self-esteem of myself, that the American Dream can be acquired by having self-confidence in yourself and that everybody is equal in this world no matter what is your race, religion and creed.

As long as you work harder and harder to realize your American Dream you will achieve it. My goal now is to encourage others to be part of the ESL In Home Program of Northern Nevada and to be a fluent speaker in the English Language.

**Olga O.** (Carson City Student)

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My name is Martha. I am from Mexico. I have been happily married for 29 years. My husband’s name is Francisco and I have 2 children, Franky and Eileen. I am very proud of children because my son already graduated from UNR and now he is ready to start his Master degree and my daughter is enrolled in U.S. AIR FORCE.

After my husband and I graduated from college in Mexico, we had a hard time finding a stable job. It became such a struggle to pay our bills. So we finally decided to move to the United States with our family members.

I have been living in the United States for 32 years. I have my own business and The ESL In-home program has helped me a lot because now I have better communication with my customers. It is really important that I am able to understand what my customers need. Also I want to improve my English because I want to take my citizenship test this year.

**Martha F.**  (Carson City Student)

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My name is Salomon. I am from North Jalisco in the center of Mexico. I left and came to U.S.A. because life was too hard to survive, and I came to work to earn money to buy a truck. Because that was my dream; to have a truck to travel and work. I am married with a beautiful girl, mother of my three children and I still want to have one more child. I didn’t speak English when I came from Mexico. Just a few words that didn’t help me enough.

I heard about the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada in some places. One of those places was church and there they help me to contact a teacher. At first I worked with bosses who spoke Spanish and now I can talk with my co-workers and bosses in English. Now I can do a better job and understand when they talk to me. Sometimes I help with my children’s homework and other things.

Other successes are that I can make appointments, I can make orders at different stores and I can talk with my neighbors. I can read letters and newspapers.

I have to thank God, Florence and my teacher Pat. Thank you for everything.

**Salomon L.** (Douglas County Student)

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My students were interested in supporting ESL IN-HOME Nevada with their personal stories, but preferred to do so in writing. So I have one story here, Evangelina asked to write by herself to the best of her ability. She is aware that her understanding is so much better than her expression, but she wanted it to be her own work:

I am Evangelina, My country is Mexico now I live in the USA. I am married. I have 3 children, one girl and two sons. When we came here we don’t speak English. But today we understand. When I find ESL In-Home Program, thank you for helping. We can talk about the work and the stores, appointment with doctor. I have my teacher. Pat is a good person. Thank you for help.

**Evangelina** (Douglas County Student)
We want to thank those donors who feel passionate about this very special program who gave their support these past 2 months:

- Raymond & Sharon Badger
- Ann Stevenson
- Jennifer Paul
- Carol Lucey
- Teresa Shouppe
- Helen Wallace
- Vicki Bailey
- Nevada State Bank
- Daniele Coan
- Carson City Emblem Club
- Tim & Betsy Kosier
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- David Rogers

We are proudly honored to announce that an ESL Citizenship Fund bank account is now open for our citizenship students who need funds to apply for citizenship. Tim and Betsy Kosier of Carson City, NV, a concerned couple, have donated $8,000 to start this fund to create a way to help more graduates of the ESL In-Home Program be able to afford to apply for citizenship. Another concerned woman, Vicki Bailey of Santa Rosa, CA, has donated $1,800 for the same purpose. Anyone who has saved money for the citizenship exam but does not have the total amount ($725) should apply for assistance with Florence Phillips at ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada - eslinhome@nv@gmail.com

Our brave and courageous students have studied hard to learn their new country’s language and customs. They have been tutored by our trained community volunteers with English language skills and are now ready to take the citizenship exam. The exam is not easy. One hundred questions on American history and government have to be studied, sentences have to be written, and conversation skills are needed for the interview. We currently have over 80 individuals who have taken our 12-week citizenship study classes and are now ready for the exam. However not all have the full application fee of $725.

We want to congratulate our New U.S. citizens:

- Antonio Villafranco (left above)
- Sandy Ho Yee Schwartz (right above)
- Marina Aguilar (center above)
- Maria A. Melgarejo
- Guillermina Zaragoza
- Jorge Guevara
- Maria E. Hernandez
- Maria Salgado
- Armando Gutierrez
- Maria M. Melgarejo
- Guillermina Zaragoza
- Jorge Guevara
- Maria E. Hernandez
- Maria Salgado
- Armando Gutierrez

NEW PARTNERS:
- BAILEY CHARTER ELEM. SCHOOL, RENO.
- CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, CARSON CITY
- MARK TWAIN ELEM. SCHOOL, CARSON CITY

TUTOR TIP: bogglesworldsl.com for practice worksheets
From the Executive Director

From one of our ESL tutors, anonymously:
“I'm one of those people who believe English should be the official language,” he said. “My way of putting my time where my mouth is, is to help people learn English.”

The Volunteering and Civic Life in America report ranks Nevada 48th in the nation by volunteer rate. We have the power to change Nevada's volunteer story.

Mission Statement: ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada, a nonprofit volunteer educational organization, provides free adult educational programs that empower people, especially those of low-to-moderate income, to become more productive members of their local communities by providing them with the language and cultural skills necessary for life in America.

STATISTICAL UPDATE

Current Tutors....... 149
Current Students... 313
U.S. Citizens.......... 295

Potential Students Waiting for a tutor:
Carson............ 358
Douglas.......... 26
Lyon.............. 68
Churchill......... 22
Washoe............417

Total Students Waiting all Counties: 891

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP ONE OF THESE ADULTS WHO IS EAGER TO LEARN ENGLISH?
CALL 775-888-2021 or EMAIL: eslinhomennv@gmail.com

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with “Remove”, and your name and city in the Subject box.

TUTORS: Invite your friends to become an ESL volunteer tutor! Tell them why you enjoy the experience. Invite them to learn more about our program on our website:
www.eslinhome.org.

It is not necessary for tutors to know a foreign language nor have prior teaching experience. We train at no cost......one hour on your preferred day/time/location.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP.....EVEN $5.00 FOR OUR ESL CITIZENSHIP FUND BANK ACCOUNT TO HELP A CITIZENSHIP STUDENT WITH APPLICATION FEES (THEIR COST $725)