Program Receives Multiple Honors

This is exciting news! ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada founder Florence Phillips has been nominated for the CNN Heroes Award and featured on the channel! For the past 12 years, CNN Heroes has identified a small group of remarkable individuals who have tirelessly worked to make a positive impact in our world. With the nomination comes the possibility of winning up to $100,000 in funding to secure the future financial stability of the program. But even if we do not win the grand prize, simply being nominated is a remarkable achievement and an opportunity to gain national awareness. In fact, after CNN aired our profile, we have already seen an increase in volunteer interest from across the country. CNN has generously included a fundraising tool on our Heroes website profile, so if at all possible, please consider making a donation. Even $10 helps ensure that the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada can continue to change lives in our community. To watch the story please visit the following link:


In related news, members of the ESL Program were also honored to learn that it has been named as a finalist in the 2018 Governor’s Points of Light Award. This award recognizes exemplary volunteerism that addresses a previously unmet need, demonstrates innovation, empowers local community members, and shows sustainability over a long period of time. After 14 years of providing pro bono tutoring to some of our state’s most vulnerable denizens, we take pride in meeting all of these criteria and thank the Governor and other award judges for their consideration. The ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada was also nominated in 2009 and 2016. The award ceremony will be held on October 18, at the Park MGM Hotel in Las Vegas.

“We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”

(Ronald Reagen)

We have a lot of “someones” waiting for your help! 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. Please Take it Personally.
We want to congratulate our New U.S. citizens:

- Teresa Soto
- Carmen Canas
- Alejandro Quintero
- Ana Maria Torres
- Isadora Andrade
- Maria Ponce
- Armando Hurtado
- Noe Alvarez

A LETTER FROM STUDENT ESTHER YAÑEZ-CARSON

My name is Maria Esther Yañez. I am from Mexico. I am married and have three children, two boys and one girl. I have lived in the United States for 29 years. I speak little English but I am learning more with my tutor Jacqueline Lundberg. In Carson City. She is a volunteer in the program. She is a wonderful person. Jacqueline is very patience and help me a lot with English language. I am very grateful with her.

Thank you so much Jackie. You are my angel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CITIZENS FROM YERINGTON
Armando Hurtado and Noe Alvarez

Just wanted to share with you a picture of Rosanna Esperanza and myself at the Citizenship ceremony. What a beautiful experience! It warms my heart to be such an important part of the process and to watch the joy on her face.

Fondly, Paige Ernst
RENO- ESL Tutor

CARSON—Esther and Tutor Jacqueline

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Sandra Salavarrieta from Carson City who received her license and has opened a Nail Salon. She attributes her success to improve her English skills to her 2 Carson City tutors: Jim Racobs and Caril Leonard.

Mindien Tutor Helen W. (1) Michelle G. is confident enough to look for a job. She also wants to get her GED. (2) Victoria L. said she was standing amid 5 other parishioners at church and realized while she was talking that she felt very happy and was not nervous at all speaking English. Also, she had a clothing design business in Colombia. She is working on the plans for an on-line business here in Nevada. Michelle is actively seeking employment. She has interviews set for Bealls and Walmart.

RENO Tutor, Pat Purkey-Entwistle and student, Syrian refugee Marwa Zarour, who passed her exam and is now a Pharmaceutical Assistant.
A top-notch Award goes to Jacqueline Lundberg and Helen Wood, and tutor and student volunteers: Carolyn Kellogg, Teresa and Bob Shouppe, Steve Sterling, Victoria Leman, Michelle GaNun, Aracely Cortes, Sandra Salavarrieta and Ana Torres, for putting together this fantastic and successful fundraiser. Entertainment, food and a program by Mayor Robert Crowell was given to benefit the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada, a charity organization that helps non-English speaking adults learn and improve their English language skills. A film about the ESL In-Home Program was shown.

In addition to free language tutoring services, the ESL In-Home Program provides workplace communication, computer literacy, GED preparation, and citizenship study regardless of sex, age, race, religion or national or ethnic origin, or physical disabilities. Proceeds from the fundraiser will fund the program’s operations.
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 …..175
Current Students … 271
U.S. Citizens ……..310

Potential Students Waiting for a tutor:
Carson ……….. 318
Douglas ……… 24
Lyon ………….. 77
Churchill …….. 16
Washoe ……….. 447

Total Students Waiting all Counties: 882

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

If you would like to be taken off our mailing list please Email us at:
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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.

We are on Facebook: Search for ESL In Home Program of Northern Nevada-NEW

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada to help train new tutors for non-English speaking adults on our wait-list who are eager to learn English language skills. Go to: www.eslinhome.org/donations

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