

ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

One-on-one English Tutoring in the Student's home at no cost to the Student

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AN AMAZING ESL TUTOR

DOLORES JACKSON:

Dolores, married 47 years to Edward; and looking forward to the big 50th anniversary. They have 3 daughters (Allyson 43, Jennifer 41, and Carol 35 and 2 granddaughters (Desirae 23 and Michayla 13). Dolores is very proud of them all.

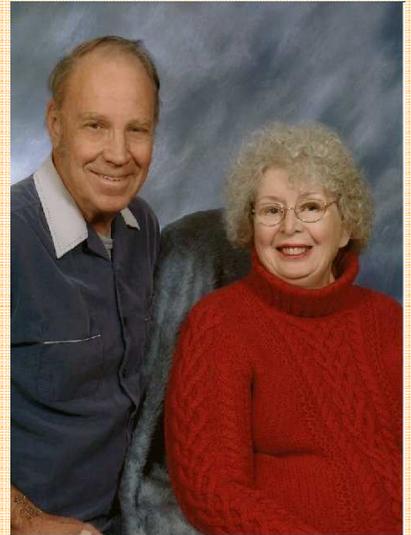
Dolores is originally from Chicago. She was diagnosed with polio at age 12 and received excellent medical care. Her husband was on active duty with the Air Force for 5 years during the Vietnam era and they were stationed in Hawaii. She was a full-time elementary school teacher for 3 years and became a substitute teacher while raising her children. Her husband worked on submarines at a Naval shipyard and is now a retired federal employee.

Dolores has been in a wheelchair since 1989 at the age of 54 due to the polio and treatments. She likes to stay busy and that wheelchair does not slow her down!

When she first moved to Northern Nevada she read a newspaper article about the ESL In-Home Program. In the Spring of 2006 she attended the training and has been tutoring in Carson City ever since. Dolores successfully tutored 5 students from Mexico and El Salvador at different levels and currently has 2 students.

In addition to being an ESL Tutor, Dolores is also a docent at both the State Capitol Building and State Museum.

She says "I've gained own personal satisfaction tutoring and have more respect for what people from other countries have to go through — hardships, cruelty, corruption in their countries — leaving family, friends and jobs to come here and work below their abilities in order to have a better life."



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Send me your nomination for an amazing tutor or student and we will publish her/him here.

NEW AMERICORPS/VISTA MEMBERS JOIN ESL IN-HOME PROGRAM

1. MICHAEL WAKELEY—Carson and Douglas Counties:

Michael is relocating to Carson City from Kenmore, Washington. He received a BA in Global Studies and a minor in English; speaks Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish. Why did I accept his application? This is his statement as to “Why Volunteer?”:



“In my last year in Japan, I volunteered to help organizers of an environmental conference translate their documents into English, so that the delegations from outside of Japan would be able to understand it. The summer before, I took an opportunity to reconnect with the agency who sent me to Japan in high school and volunteered to meet incoming exchange students at the airport, welcome them to the USA and direct them to the next step of their travel. I have also helped edit English language fliers for a Chinese language practice group in China and helped build a road in Costa Rica. Each case gave me something different, but all were valuable. Planning the environmental conference involved me in something important and made me feel like part of a movement toward responsibility. Helping the students was a chance to give back to the organization that had helped me study abroad and to help others to take advantage of the same opportunity. In China, it was a chance to create something new, and in Costa Rica, I was able to become part of the community through physical labor, and immediately see the difference I was able to make.”

That’s why he’s going to be a great asset to our program.

2. BELLA ROJAS-ZIECH—Washoe County:



Bella is currently an AmeriCorps/Vista with WCSD. She will re-enroll and transfer to our program in August conducting workshops to recruit new tutors, training them and matching them with students. Here’s why her application was accepted: “My name is Bella Rojas-Ziech. I am originally from Santiago, Chile. I came to the United States in 1980. While I was a high school student in Santiago, Chile, I studied English in the private institute of Instituto Britanico de Cultura. During those years, I worked as a private tutor and discovered a great appreciation for teaching both language and culture.

Education has been a big part of my life, as I am the seventh of ten children in my family. Throughout my formative years, I have greatly valued the importance of education. I studied for two years Pedagogia en Ingles at the Universidad de Chile, La Serena. I moved to Reno to continue my studies in English and Journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno.

I am a mother, a wife and a proud member of this community. In the last two years I have been with Lisa-Marie Lightfoot, Volunteer Services of Washoe County School District. In addition I have been highly involved within the bilingual Community, both as a volunteer and a candidate for the Washoe County School District, School Board of Trustees.

It is my firm belief that serving our community is both instrumental and critical in establishing a positive environment. It is my aspiration that this practice will, in turn, foster an enriching mentality that will inspire our children to successfully achieve their highest dreams and goals.

3. DONNA McELROY—Lyon and Churchill Counties:



If you read our March-April 2011 Newsletter, you already know about Donna. A recap is that she has been a tutor in our program since 2006, tutored about 25 students with many success stories, and trained new tutors in Dayton.

This summer she became a Vista Summer Associate teaching English classes not only in Dayton, but in Fernley and Fallon as well. Loving what she is doing she applied to become a full-time Vista with us and I quickly snatched her up. In August she will become the Vista for Lyon and Churchill Counties, conducting workshops to recruit and train new tutors and match them with students.

It’s a wonder Donna has time to do this because she is also a Board member at Dayton’s Historical Society as well as a volunteer docent at its Museum.

RECIPES

From Tutor, Barry Jacques, Fernley
CREAM PUFFS:

- 1C. water.
- 1C sifted flour,
- 1/2 C shortening,
- 4eggs

Heat oven to 400. Heat water and shortening to boiling in saucepan. Stir in flour, stirring until mixture forms a ball leaving sides of the Pan (about 1 minute). Cool. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating until smooth. Drop by tablespoons onto greased baking sheet. Bake 45- 50 minutes until puffed and dry. Cool slowly. Cut off tops and fill as desired with vanilla or chocolate pudding, whipped cream, etc as desired. Top with powdered sugar or frosting. Barry says: This was one of my mother' s favorite deserts”..

From Student, Maria Padilla, Reno
RICE PUDDING

- 2 Cups Jasmine rice
- 2 sticks cinnamon
- ½ gallon milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- ½ Cup brown sugar
- 1 Cup raisins

Boil 4 Cups of water with two sticks of cinnamon. Add 2 Cups of rice and cover and reduce heat and cook for 20 minutes. Then add a half gallon of milk, vanilla, raisins, and brown sugar. Stir thoroughly. Cover and let sit for 20-25 minutes and then serve.

Cooks: Come on! Send your recipes. We need more!



These are our last recipes. If some were sent and not published here, please resend.

COOKS: COME ON! WE NEED MORE RECIPES

UPDATES

ESL In-Home Program will be holding **evening classes** in ESL, GED, and Citizenship Study at **Nevada Hispanic Services in Reno** twice a week.

Classes can be for beginners, intermediate or advanced students Please call Florence at 775-888-2021 if you are interested in attending or tutoring.

First come, first served.

Partnership Carson City’s United Latino Community, which partners with our program, held a Gala Dinner on June 24 to celebrate their accomplishments. United Latino Community assists individuals and families with referrals, translations, job placements, education and legal advice.

The ESL In-Home Program conducts 7 classes at their site in ESL, GED, and Citizenship study. Classes consist of no more than 4. Additional classes for Intermediate or Advanced students will be held soon. Let Florence know if interested to attend or tutor. 1st come,1st served.

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE is offering basic computer classes for Latino adults. Classes are in English on Saturdays 1-5pm. Lab assistants are available in English and Spanish.

Learn to create files, navigate on the internet, create an E-mail account (to communicate with family and friends in your country) and much more.

Financial aid is available for students in need. Contact:

Lupe Ramirez at 775-445-3344 or Email: lramirez@wnc.edu

JOIN, an employment service in Carson City holds free classes during the last week every month: They help students with preparing resumes, and conducting interviews, They are located at 1925 N Carson St, (775)

Former Washoe County Vista, **Emily Yaffee**, writes:

“There is a new post up. Please let me know if you are curious about anything and I will try to add it in my next update. Miss you, “ Emily

HEALTH INFORMATION FOR TUTORS AND STUDENTS



Nevada Health Centers provides health, mental , and dental services throughout Nevada. They offer a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients that is based on family income. They welcome new patients. This information should be passed on to all our students. Locations:

- Sierra Family Health Center, 907 N.Mountain (& Washington), Carson City (887-5140)
- HAWC Dental Clinic, 6490 S. McCarran Blvd #A-9, Reno (825-6702)
- HAWC Outreach Medical Clinic, 335 Record St., #250, Reno (324-2599)

For more information, go to www.nvhealthcenters.org

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tutoring for adults in their own home**

MISSION STATEMENT:

**Teach adults English language skills in their homes, at
their own pace, at no charge.**

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**Invite your friends to become a volunteer tutor! Tell
them why you enjoy the experience. Invite them to
learn more about our program at our website:
www.eslinhome.org. We are in need of tutors in all
5 counties: Carson, Washoe, Douglas, Lyon, Chur-
chill to teach English to those on our waiting list
who are anxious to learn to speak, read, write, and
understand English. We also have classes in GED
and Citizenship.**

From The Executive Director



Florence G. Phillips

One goal in adult education is to keep lessons practical, while using the Laubach books. Some suggestions : guide the process of introducing your student on how to call 9-1-1 (and other local emergency numbers). All adults need to know this skill. This activity helps improve communication, comprehension, and

practical life skills. Tutor can be the Operator; student is Caller. If you are tutoring a class, students can take turns.

Go to website **www.bit.ly/eFa6ns** You will find activities for "Kayla Calls 9-1-1." It provides free instructional materials. Also, go to **www.proliteracy.org/keystosafety** for other resources for

adult educators (tutors, that's who you are) on a variety of fire prevention and safety topics.

Children should also know when and how to call for help. Can your student practice this activity at home with their children?

My best wishes to all.

Florence G. Phillips