

# ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

One-on-one English Tutoring in the Student's Home at NO COST to the Student

## Newsletter

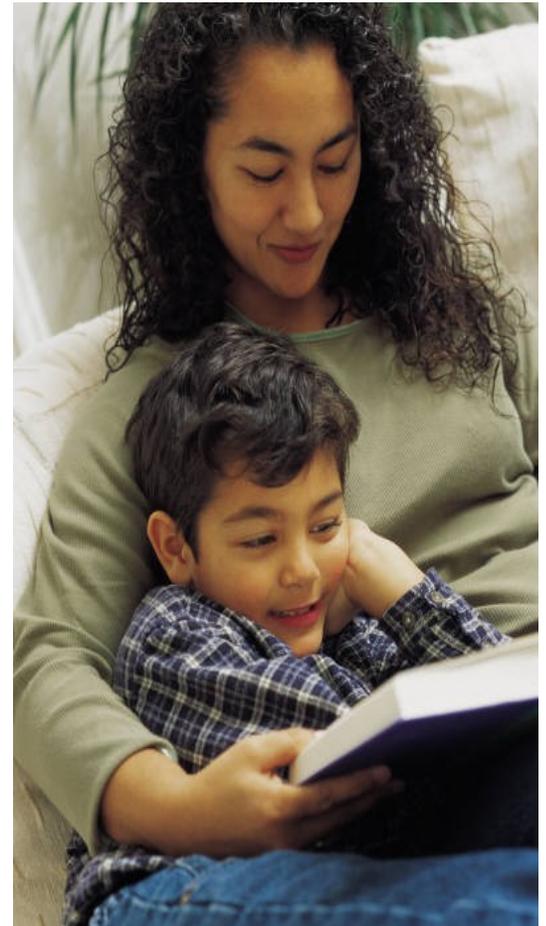
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### ANNA'S STORY

Anna and her young son came to the United States from Central America, settling in Carson City, NV. She came with no knowledge of the English language and hearing about the ESL In-Home Program from her neighbors, she immediately called the director and expressed her dedication, urgency, and motivation in learning the language of her new country. We found her a tutor who had a good deal of patience and understanding of what it is to be an immigrant. Anna progressed very rapidly because she was determined to complete her homework assignments and practice what she knew in English on a daily basis.

Recently, her son became ill. She asked her neighbor to stay with him while she ran to the pharmacy. Anna spoke to the pharmacist, explaining the symptoms her son was having, asking what she should do. The pharmacist directed her to which aisle in the store to go to and what medicine she should look for. Anna located the aisle she was directed to, looked at all the cold medications and finally found the name of the one the pharmacist had suggested. After purchasing it, she went as fast as she could back home. After her neighbor left,



Anna read the directions on the product and administered the correct dosage to her son. She picked up her son's favorite story book, which she read to him in English until he fell asleep.

(Isn't this what any mother would like to do? The ESL In-Home Program makes this possible.)

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*Send us your nomination of an amazing tutor or student for publication in our Newsletters.*



## HA-HA

**WHO'S THERE?** Three people were trying to get into Heaven. St. Peter asked the first, "Who's there?"

"It's me, Albert Jones," a voice replied.

St. Peter let him in and Peter asked the second one the same question, "Who's there?"

"It's me, Mary Smith."

St. Peter let her in, too. Then he asked the third one, "Who's there?"

"It is I, Verla Mara," answered the third.

"Oh, great," muttered St. Peter. "Another one of those English teachers."

## TIPS FOR TUTORS

1. Learning Express Library: gives basic skills courses for ESL with Spanish instructions as well as tests for U.S. Citizenship and GED: For free home access, go to: [LearningExpressLibrary.com](http://LearningExpressLibrary.com)
2. Nevada adult education's new website at: [NevadaAdultEducation.org](http://NevadaAdultEducation.org)—its purpose is to be a resource and information source for adult educators (you).
3. Reward students at each successful step. Nothing will encourage them more than a pat on the back when they have made progress, however small that progress is. Confidence and self-esteem come from recognition at the right time.
 

**"Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative"**
4. Make the classes as interesting as you can. In between *Laubach* lessons, you can include supplemental material. Vary your methods of delivery. If the material is based on their needs, if the instruction is relevant, if the material is at the right level and is as individualized as possible, the students will "eat it up".

**T**his — in conjunction with an enthusiastic teacher having fun with the teaching — is what it's all about,

## RECIPES

From Patricia Beben, Carson Tutor:

### FRENCH MARKET SOUP:

Rinse and pick over 2 cups mixed dried beans. (I use the pre-packaged 13-bean mix.) Add 3 cups of water, bring to a boil, boil for 2 minutes, cover and let soak for 1 hour. Drain.

Boil together gently for about 2 hours:

- bean mixture
- ham hocks or ham bone with meat
- 2 qts. water

Skim off any foam that rises to the top.

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Add and simmer another 2 hours:

- 1 lb. can diced tomatoes
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- 1 C. celery, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1 T. sugar
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce

Remove bone and shred ham into small pieces. Add salt and pepper to taste.

**NOTE:** Broth will look black during the first 2 hours of cooking. That's ok - it works out with the addition of the second group of ingredients.



**COOKS: COME ON! WE NEED MORE RECIPES**

## NOW HEAR THIS!!!



1) **CITIZENSHIP STUDY** classes will start in Reno as well as in Carson City in mid-September at:

a) Reno: Nevada Hispanic Services. From 5-6:30pm (Call for days: 888-2021. Registration is required)

b) Carson City: Comunidad Latino Unidas, Saturdays only starting Sep. 24, 2011 from 12:30-2:30pm (Call for appointment: 888-2021. Registration is required.)

2) **MICHAEL WAKELEY**, our AmeriCorps/Vista member for Carson and Douglas Counties, has arrived. He is assisting the director in recruiting and setting up training new tutors and students. In addition, Michael is working with the director in the office taking care of database record keeping, matching tutors with students.

3) Washoe County former Vista, **EMILY YAFFE**, has a new blog post re her current Peace Corps experience:

[www.deyaffe.wordpress.com](http://www.deyaffe.wordpress.com)

4) We are awaiting **BELLA ROJAS-ZIECH** our AmeriCorps/Vista member for Washoe County, to start early September 2011.

5) Thanks to Bella, we will have ESL classes for the parents at Roger Corbett Elementary School, Reno. starting September (Call 888-2021 regarding days and times. Registration is required.)

6) Statistical Update a/o 8/31/11:

Tutors: 117

Students: 208

U.S. Citizens: 68

Completed Cit. Study: 17

Taking GED Prep: 13

Potential Students Waiting:

Carson County 119

Washoe County 71

Churchill County 11

Lyon County 37

Douglas County 10

**Total Waiting all Counties: 248:**

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**[eslinhome.org](http://eslinhome.org)**

**Mission Statement:** ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada provides instruction at no cost to adult individuals who wish to learn or improve their English language skills regardless of sex, age, race, religion or national origin. ESL In-Home Program empowers people to become more productive members of their local communities by providing them with the language and cultural skills necessary for life in America.

*To make donations to the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada send check to:*

*702 Sean Dr.  
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## From the Executive Director



Florence G. Phillips

“The gap between *knowing* and *doing* is only bridged by the human heart. If we are willing to open our hearts to what’s really going on, we will find the energy to become active again. We will find the will and courage to do something. This is true of our individual lives, in our communities and organizations, and in our nation-states.”

-Margaret Wheatley, *Turning to One Another*