



ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

Newsletter

*We are a volunteer 501(c)3 organization that provides free one-on-one tutoring in ESL, GED, Computer Literacy, and Citizenship Study = AT NO COST
Our programs exist in 5 counties of Northern Nevada: Carson, Washoe, Douglas, Lyon and Churchill*

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EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION = LITERACY CHANGES LIVES

The ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada is here to ensure that all people have the opportunities to make the "American dream" come true for them. When Our Students Succeed, Our Nation Succeeds. 220 Citizenship Study students, who have gone through our program, passed their exams and have now become U.S. Citizens. They make a total of 215 American Citizens from our program. Some of our students who obtained citizenship received the application fee of \$680 by sponsors. Some students who had sponsors are shown below: We have 51 still waiting for sponsors.

GRATEFUL THANKS TO CITIZENSHIP SPONSORS FOR THEIR IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THESE LIVES :



Silvia S.



Jose de la T.



Elvia B.



Salvador H. & Family with Sponsor Stacey



Luis L.



Josefina

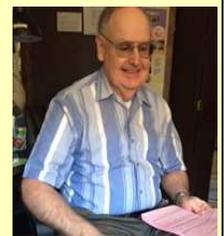
The ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada would like to honor **STACEY C. SAWYER** of Genoa, an outstanding individual who exemplifies community citizenship through her vision by sponsoring four (5) individuals to become U.S. citizens (Silvia, Jose, Elvia, Salvador, Josephina, and Luis (above), as well as donating funds from time to time to help our program purchase the necessary instructional material when new students come onboard to learn English language skills.



Ruth G. & Family

We also thank **BARBARA COTTER**, one of our ESL Washoe Valley Tutors, for sponsoring Ruth G. (left). We are grateful to both Stacey and Barbara for changing lives in our community, for their generosity and dedication to our mission of providing 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.

Of course, we are grateful to our Citizenship Volunteer Tutor in Carson City: **Ron Roberts** has given his time since 2007 teaching 12-week U.S. Citizenship Study classes 3 times/year. Due to his dedication, commitment, and motivation to have our students become citizens, to date we have 220 that are now U.S. Citizenship.



Ron Roberts

We also sincerely thank the following contributors for their generous donations in 2016 to date:

- City of Carson
- DEW Foundation
- Dollar General
- Donations from Tutors & Students
- Just Smiles Dental
- Kroger/Smith's Foundation
- McGowan Charitable Foundation
- Nevada Office Machines, Inc.
- Nevada State Bank
- ProLiteracy National Book Fund
- Sawyer and Williams
- Soroptimist International
- Stacey C. Sawyer sponsoring six (6) citizenship students
- Susan & Gloria Young Foundation
- Terry Lee Wells Foundation
- Tutor Barbara Cotter sponsoring one citizenship student
- Walmart Stores
- Washoe Pines Foundation



LIVES BLOOM THROUGH ENGLISH CLASSES

Carson City’s Math Tutor, Marifina M. says: The ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada has reached out to 5 counties in Northern Nevada (Carson, Washoe, Douglas, Lyon and Churchill). The main reason residents in those counties want to learn English is to help their children in school. They also want to provide a more stable school life for their children than they may have had; some residents had migrant parents who moved the family from state to state for seasonal agriculture work.

Other reasons for learning English include wanting to find a better job or pass the GED exam and even want to become U.S. citizens. Most of our clients have been successful meeting some of those goals. To date, we have 220 students who are now U.S. citizens; others have received a driver’s license, have become homeowners, have advanced in current employment, and most importantly, are helping their children with homework and other school activities.

Since our program’s inception in 2004, we have helped over 5,000 immigrants and their families in English language skills. The parents’ enthusiasm for learning is evident. One of the first students that ESL Tutor, Carolyn K. met a few years ago, still sees her tutor regularly. Some tutors use Skype to continue classes when relocation geographically occurs.

Our tutors’ dedication to the job has helped the program gain more community respect, says the Director. The program’s financial resources have almost doubled, and some of our students are now tutoring beginners which makes our program sustainable. “These are things that never would have happened without the success of our 205 volunteers of ESL/GED/Citizenship tutors.”

The program’s Director reminds tutors that the positive work they are doing has a domino effect on others. “If you’re helping one adult to learn English, you’re helping the whole family”.

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

Please join our organization in celebrating International Literacy Day, September 8, and National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, September 26-October 1, 2016. AEFL helps bring our attention to (hard to believe) the nearly 800 million adults worldwide who cannot read, write, or perform simple math calculations. This is a time when individuals and organizations renew their efforts to promote literacy and demonstrate their commitment to providing education for all.

ESL In-Home Program is doing that. As an individual, if you can, please help by volunteering one to two hours a week to help better a life. Call 775-888-2021 or send an email: eslinhomenv@aol.com

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

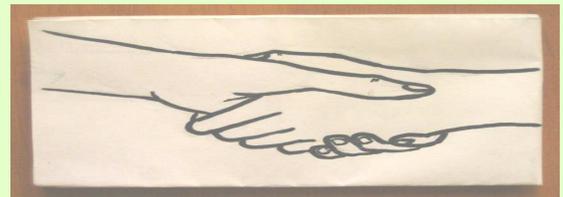
From Reno Tutor, Ray Elliott:

“It has been a pleasure to work with my student, Sami B. While he is severely handicapped physically and visually, he is working in the *Laubach* books and is making good progress through this method. I know he is happy to have the chance to read with a tutor each time I come. He expresses his appreciation at every session.



Student Sami B.

I'm thankful to be a part of an organization that is making a difference in so many lives, bringing the joy of accomplishment to many who would not otherwise experience it. And, I give thanks for the wonderful experience.”



HAND-IN-HAND WITH NEW PARTNERS

Sponsored by our program, 2 ESL classes are starting for parents who drop off their ESL school children. The parents will stay for English Language Skill classes at

**JACK’S VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
MINDEN, NV**

(From Dayton Tutor Sheila Steele) **Heteronyms...** this is brilliant. Homographs are words like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. You think English is easy? Following is what our volunteers face in tutoring their ESL students. Read all the way to the end...

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture..
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert..
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong for me to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear..
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend.

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Why when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

TUTOR TIPS

Online ESL Resource for Teachers/
Tutors:

1). One Stop English is a website for ESL educators, which features educational resources in a variety of topics including business, English for specific purposes (ESP), beginner's ESL, exams, and more. Educators can gain free access to teaching tools including lesson plans, activities, and teaching tips at www.onestopenglish.com.

2). Great link from Laurie Dircksen, Douglas County Coordinator:
<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/grammar/british-grammar/verb-patterns-verb-infinitive-or-verb-ing>

3). <http://www.grammar.cl/Notes.htm>

What your donation will

do: \$35 can pay for a skill-book, workbook and reader for a student.

\$100 can pay for student textbooks and teacher manuals for one student for a year.

You can donate:

- 1) On our Newsletter (eslinhome.org/links/newsletter) -or-
- 2) if you're shopping, at Amazon (smile.amazon.com) they donate 0.5% of your purchase price to our program

STATISTICAL UPDATE

Adults Waiting for a tutor:

Carson.	438
Douglas.....	64
Lyon	134
Churchill	35
Washoe	<u>365</u>

Total Students Waiting
in all Counties: 1,036

U.S. Citizens..... 220



Florence G. Phillips

From the Executive Director

“We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give” Winston Churchill

Our volunteers change lives through Literacy. All our tutors make huge differences in their communities by giving the gift of literacy to another person.

You, too, can give and make a life for someone by joining our program.

OUR INVESTMENT IS TO HELP IMMIGRANT PARENTS LEARN OR IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS SO THEY CAN HELP THEIR ESL SCHOOL CHILDREN .

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In 5 Counties:

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We tutor one-on-one in English as a Second Language (ESL), GED Preparation, Workplace Communication, Financial and Computer Literacy, and U.S. Citizenship Study.....
AT NO COST!!!!

Mission Statement: ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada 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 .

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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 at 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: your day/time/location.

If you would like to be taken off our mailing list please Email us at: eslinhomenv@aol.com and list your city

We're on the Web and on Facebook!

www.eslinhome.org

All donations are for purchasing books to start new students. Please go to: www.gofundme.com/eslinhome Even one dollar helps. Or, if you have an AMAZON account and you are buying gifts for birthdays, holidays, or just because? Go to: www.smile.amazon.com and choose [ESL In-Home Program](#) as your charity.

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