



Grassroots ESL Celebrates First Session of Classes

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Certificates, food, prizes, great friends and library tours were enjoyed by approximately 60 students, tutors and program supporters who attended the December 13 Program Celebration at the Library. In the first sessions, which began in October 2013, 73 students participated in groups taught by 12 volunteer tutors.



The Literacy Program—an Orientation

*What does a tutor teach? How many hours do I have to volunteer each week?
What's the difference between ESL and Basic Literacy? Do I need to speak Spanish?
Can I observe a class? Do I have to attend the training?*

Got questions? We've got answers!

We will hold a one-hour orientation session to introduce you to the Literacy Program, including Grassroots ESL and more. This is your opportunity to get an in-depth look at the program and decide if this is what you're looking for and how you can best bring your talents to support literacy in your community.

The Literacy Program — an Orientation

Saturday, February 22, 2014

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Azusa City Library Auditorium

For more information call (626) 812-5266 or email: grassrootsesl@ci.azusa.ca.us

What Difference Does Adult Literacy Make?

There are many reasons to support The Literacy Program in 2014. Here is a quick look into a few differences literacy programs make, as presented in a four-part series NPR broadcast in November 2013. The series is available on the Internet in both written and podcast form. The four parts are:

- 1) Turning the Page on Illiteracy, Adults Go Back to Class (4 min 40 sec)
- 2) What It Takes (And Means) To Learn English as an Adult (4 min 53 sec)
- 3) How to Turn Adult Education into Careers, Quickly (6 min 44 sec)
- 4) Adding up the Cost of Low Literacy Among Adults (7 min 11 sec)

The link below will take you to Part One.
From there you can link to each of the remaining parts.

<http://www.npr.org/2013/10/31/241862699/turning-the-page-on-illiteracy-adults-go-back-to-class>

Welcome New Volunteer Grassroots ESL Tutors!

Frank Aceves
Sandra Aceves
Patricia Bunner
Austin Chacón
Heidi Chung
Glorya Dominguez
BriAnna Espinoza

Steven Howard
Ricardo Huitron
Josie Hunter
Vicki Moreno
Riley Murphy
Devon Nelson

Deirdre Peara
Teresa Ponce
Monica Rangel
Kristol Sanchez
Danielle Torres
Julianne Torres

Tutor Training Schedule

Grassroots ESL

(to tutor English as a Second Language to adults with limited English speaking skills)

Saturday, March 1, 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Our Neighborhood Homework House
777 E. Alostia Ave., Azusa (Foothill Community Church)

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Basic Literacy

(to tutor reading and writing skills to English-speaking adults)

Saturday, March 22, 9:00 am—1:00 pm
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"Literacy is not just about reading and writing; it is about respect, opportunity and development."
— Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, United Nations