



Friendship Community Project Newsletter 2018-19

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Our Year in Review



English classes ran from Sept 10, 2018 to May 8th, 2019. We served 114 students in our English language classes this year, representing 38 different foreign countries and 24 foreign languages.

Our conversation groups met on Friday mornings and Wednesday nights and included a Summer '19 Saturday morning Walk & Talk group. We also offered Community Conversation in partnership with the University of Iowa Conversation Center and MERGE.

We matched 22 Friendship Pal pairs.

We launched our Basic Computer Skills tutoring program in the spring with 7 students.

We offered a weekly book club, two medical information sessions, and a month long winter intensive advanced grammar class, and a free non-alcoholic tailgating party and group trip to a free University of Iowa women's soccer game.

Our Help Desk served ten students with situations including navigating the purchase of a used car, finding emergency housing for two days, dealing with a complaint from neighbors, finding tutors, making job interview-related phone calls, transportation to and from class, arranging for translation services and scheduling an appointment at the UI Dental College, printing out Citizenship Test study flashcards and immigration forms, and dealing with the aftermath of a student who fell victim to a phone scammer.

Volunteer Spotlight
George Sauerberg



George Sauerberg, a volunteer, is a teaching assistant, a Friendship Pal, and a participant in group conversations. He is a retired copy editor and newspaper writer who lives in Iowa City.

He worked for the Milwaukee Sentinel, the Iowa City Press-Citizen, the Gazette, and Pearson. At the Gazette, he won a national award and a state award for headline writing and received national honorable mention for a sports feature story. He was also a writing coach for high school students who contributed articles to the Gazette. In 1986, George wrote *The Pack Fights Back*, a book about the Green Bay Packers. His work at Pearson included editing questions and answer options for standardized tests. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Northwestern University, and he taught a journalism course at Milwaukee Area Technical College in 1987.

“Friendship Community Project students are dedicated to improving their English,” George says. “We teach them about our language and culture but make the sessions fun, too. And I learn so much from them about their countries, languages, and cultures.”

Donations

We thank all of our donors this year, including:

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Vounteers

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Tutors: Mallory Martens, Caroline Brown

Consultation Sessions: Stefanie Munster Scriven

Computer Skills Tutoring: Nebidita Roy

Medical Information Sessions: Hannah McAtee

Calendar 2019-20

English classes meet Monday and Wednesday, 9:45-11:30 AM at the Good News Bible Church, 845 Pepperwood Lane, Iowa City, when in session

Fall Registration Sept 4

First Fall Class Sept 9

Thanksgiving Break Nov 25 and 27

Winter Break Dec 16-Feb 5 (Potluck Dec 11)

First Spring Class Feb 5

Spring Break March 15-21

Last Spring class May 6 (Potluck May 6)



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