



**Friendship**  
**Community Project**  
English Classes since 2015

**Fall 2022  
Summer 2023  
Newsletter**



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# About Friendship Community Project

Friendship Community Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, founded in 2015, dedicated to teaching English language and life skills to Iowa City area immigrants and refugees and to promoting a sense of community belonging and practical assistance in accessing local resources, learning about our community, and dealing with day-to-day life challenges through structured English classes, informal conversation groups, Friendship Pal pairings with community members, a help desk, and tutoring in special situations. We are grateful for the support of our volunteers and donors, allowing us to fulfill this mission.

## A Note From the Director

Dear friends,

Our programs continued online during the 2021-22 year, due to pandemic concerns, but we offered one, small, in-person beginning English class during the first semester, and one English conversation group that met outdoors, later moving indoors during the winter.

We served a total of 84 students this year, with online low- and high-beginning English classes, an intermediate English class, and an advanced English class, September-May.

We offered 2 English conversation groups year-round, one online and one in-person, as well as an online summer-only session for advanced students reading, writing about, and discussing current news stories in English.

9 volunteer English tutors worked with a total of 12 students with special needs or time/transportation constraints.

10 Friendship Pals spent time each week, socializing and conversing with 10 of our students to help them practice their English and learn about the community.

Our students came from all over the globe—Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. This summer our volunteers began working with our first Ukrainian refugees.

Sincerely,  
Susan Prepejchal

# Our Volunteers

- Director: Susan Prepejchal
- English Instructors: Angela Hayes, Dona Saforek, Belkis Suarez, Ian Zwaschka, John Loomis
- English Conversation Group Leaders: George Sauerberg, Ian Zwaschka, Adam Daigle
- English Tutors: Christine Wingate, Emily Donner, Noreasa Higgins, Elizabeth Schockley, Ian Zwaschka, Margaret Post, Cynthia Hernandez, Yadira Barrientos
- Friendship Pals: Peter Schafer, Holly Bennett, Bob Richardson, Susan Prepejchal, Lauren Salloum, Sara Ross, Charlotte Hilker, Roxana Barbulescu, Lee Sailor, George Sauerberg
- Technical Assistance: Alexander Goloshchapov, Bob Richardson
- Translation: Ramatoulaye Diallo, Maria Viera, Sara Haroun, Elsiddig Mohammed
- Bookkeeping: Thomas Dean

# Our Donors

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Thank you to everyone who joins with us to reach out to the refugees and immigrants in our community as they adjust to their new home in Iowa.

# English Class Calendar for 2022-2023

- Fall Classes Begin: Week of September 12th
- Thanksgiving break: Week of November 21st
- Winter Break: Week of December 12th
- Spring Classes Begin: Week of January 16th
- Spring Break: Week of March 13th
- Summer Vacation Begins: Week of May 1st

Beginning, intermediate and advanced students can register for our free English classes at <https://forms.gle/rJ2QuT4hfhJHfAKQA>. You can email Susan at [info@fcp-iowa.org](mailto:info@fcp-iowa.org) if you have any questions.

We will have low/high beginning, intermediate, and advanced in-person classes on Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10:00-11:30 AM, starting September 12th . Masks will be required, and we will keep classes small. Those classes will meet in the basement of the Good News Bible Church, 845 Pepperwood Lane in Iowa City.

One advanced class will meet at the Iowa City Public Library, on Monday and Thursday evenings, 6-7:30PM.

We will also have low and high beginning and intermediate English classes online only.

Please register online before attending class, and tell us if you want online or in-person classes.

# Income Statement Friendship Community Project

## July 16, 2022 (Fiscal Year Ends July 31)

Revenues	
Carryover from FY 2021	2,034.90
Checking acct. interest	1.63
Business donations	3,707.58
Individual donations	442.73
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,186.84</b>

Expenses	
Books	815.38
Facilities/rent	200.00
Instructor honoraria	3,100.00
Director honorarium	900.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,015.38</b>