

June Newsletter

Message from the Executive Director

It is an honor and privilege to serve you as the new Executive Director of ELPW. This is an exciting time for us as we continue developing relationships with numerous community partners to provide programs that will benefit immigrant communities to succeed.

I once read a quote from Edward Roscoe Murrow: "Learn your language well and command it well, and you will have the first component to life." I believe this was one of the ideas our founder, Beth Cordes Thompson, had when she formed this dynamic volunteer-based organization for immigrant families in Wisconsin. Beth's idea was to provide opportunities for English Speakers to tutor English Language Learners and to help them transition into American culture through this experience. Beth also wanted to improve our community by supporting faith based and educational institutions in building similar programs within their communities to help immigrants prosper. It has been said that when adults learn more English, it not only helps them, it also helps their children, since the educational attainment of children is closely linked to that of their parents. It's simply a win-win for all!

Three Generations of Learners

What a wonderful opportunity for a whole family to learn together!

Elvia Martinez has volunteered as a tutor of both Spanish and English since January 23, 2007. She has tutored a total of 146 times in the English classes and numerous classes of Spanish for our Spanish for Tutors. Elvia's family has

participated in the English classes. Her mother has attended more than 200 classes, and her husband and Aunt have attended numerous classes as well. Her daughter also enjoys participating in the Children's program. It's really a family of learning.

Elvia says her experience of tutoring at ELPW, "has taught me the value of my two languages." She says to potential volunteers, that tutoring is "a great way to understand what a struggle learning English is and what a blessing to teach others what you know." As for potential students, Elvia said, "this is a comfortable experience for students." She explained that she is very proud of the students for all their accomplishments. Thank you Elvia and all the family for participating at ELPW.



DID YOU KNOW...

Immigrants who improve their English nearly
\$ QUADRUPLE THEIR INCOME ?



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Events & Volunteer Opportunities:

June 14: Día de la Mujer

Free health screenings @ South Division H.S. For more info call 414-226-1681.

June 21: Summer Soulstice Music Event- Volunteers Needed!

TBA: Living the American Dream Fundraiser Volunteers Needed!

July 26: Carnival Fundraiser Volunteers Needed!

August 22-24: Mexican Fiesta Volunteers Needed!

Sept 2 & 4: Registration for ELPW Classes- For more info call 414-645-0492

Sept 8th: Fall Classes Begin

November 20: Celebration of Culture and Community at ELPW!

To volunteer for a fundraising event please contact us!

A Message from the Board

While learning English is the foundation of ELPW’s tutoring program, there are other benefits to volunteering and becoming a student. Not only does this program increase the overall knowledge-base of our participants, but our students and volunteer tutors frequently develop profound and continuing friendships, breaking down cultural barriers and nurturing an appreciation for both our similarities and also for the beauty of our differences.

It is through your kind donations and steadfast support that we can continue giving these life-changing classes. To become a donor follow the DONATE link on our website to make a contribution to support our students. Through the Paypal system your donation will go directly to our non-profit organization. ELPW is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and a proud leader of English language development skills. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Finally, we would like to thank the staff, volunteers, and donors who are the backbone of our organization. They support us in our effort to make a difference in our community. Therefore, we the Board of Directors and the over 900 families we have served with your help and contributions want to say “THANK YOU” for standing behind us and our mission.

Thanks to our new partner- PNC Bank!

On Wednesday May 14th ELPW partnered with PNC Bank to offer a financial literacy class to our clients in the Spanish language. Participants learned about managing their personal finances and planning for future goals, like saving for their child’s education. We look forward to working with PNC to offer more of these classes in the future!



ELPW offers opportunities for:

Adult ESL Students - Classes are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm. Our next session begins September 8th. Call 414-645-0492 for more information.

Volunteer Tutors - Volunteers tutor adult students in the English language. Volunteer schedules are flexible. No Spanish skills or teaching experience necessary– just patience and an interest in other cultures!

Children - ELPW provides a free Children’s Learning Program for children of ESL students. The program is for children ages 4 to 12 years and focuses on literacy education.

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