

## Outcome of Volunteer Work Fall 2012

### **826LA**

I worked at LA826 teaching and helping youngsters do their homework. I am not afraid to talk to them and they don't judge or laugh at me. Now I can see my own mistakes and I can correct them to speak in the right way. Mohammad M.

I worked with kindergarteners who spoke Spanish which was their first language. I was surprised to see their short stories, summaries and plays. I learned from them by watching them try to use different kinds of words and phrases. I enjoyed my time as I learned English. Sejan R.

### **Aids Project Los Angeles**

I had the best experience and most fun working at APLA. I found volunteers from another class from LACC. I felt confident speaking with them, sharing experiences and hearing their mistakes. I think the best way to practice my English is volunteering and helping others. I will volunteer in the future. Madelyn S.

I couldn't work more than nine hours because I was hired by another company. I found working there was amazing because I love to serve my community. If I have time, I will go there and help them again because it was extraordinary experience. I found when you help a person that experience is going to stay with you for your entire life. Yajiara D.

### **Union Rescue Mission**

After I finished my work preparing and serving the food to homeless people, I returned to the kitchen to clean up and talk with the other volunteers. They come from their church or school and there are even teenagers and kids who join their parents. The staff is always nice to me and they appreciate the work I do for them. I hope my last day will be a good day at the Union Mission. Dian M.

Helping the people is my first pleasure. Second practicing English is a tool that I need to improve. Finally, I learned from the stories told to me by the people who live there. I loved when I worked there they treated me with such kindness and made me feel appreciated. I have had the opportunity to talk with several people in the mission where we exchanged views and I learned new words. Their primary language is English and it forces me to practice communicating with them. Laura D.

### **LA City Childcare Center**

Doing volunteer work was so exciting because I had the opportunity to meet other people while practicing English at the same time. I am so grateful for doing this work because it helped me feel confident with my English. I learned a lot from the children. I found doing volunteer work was a very positive and good experience. Birna S.

I found working with children was a nice experience because it is so much easier to understand them. I have always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher and now I learned the many factors that come with being a teacher. I learned to help the teachers set up the

area and it was new for me. It was different than my own experience being a mom at home.

Clara F.

**Hollywood Medical Clinic**

This was my 3<sup>rd</sup> week and I have made two friends there. They are very helpful and I have learned a great deal. I can now ask the patient, "What is your problem?" Then I write that on their file. I hope to learn to answer the phone or make appointments.

Shereen G.