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ESL VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Stephanie Ford

English for Successful Living (ESL) is a 3 year ESL program that teaches English and pronunciation classes to the community. This interactive volunteer led program offers the immigration population at large the opportunity to take English classes. Our volunteers are trained and mentored by experienced and certified ESL professionals. Without volunteers like Stephanie Ford, this program would not enjoy the success it does.

Stephanie currently is a volunteer at the Marietta City Schools ESL program. She learned about LaAmistad from Hands on Atlanta and initially began volunteering with elementary homework in the Afterschool program. Her innate love of foreign languages, however, changed her volunteer focus to ESL. When asked what her favorite part of volunteering is Stephanie shared that *"volunteering with LaAmistad makes me feel like I make wonderful use of my free time by doing something that I enjoy while helping others. I love foreign languages and I enjoy teaching them. The experience I gain in LaAmistad classrooms is very practical for my future professional plans."*

Stephanie's future goals include graduating with a BA in German Literature and TEFL certification in May 2018 from Georgia State University. She would ultimately like to teach English in Germany and in her own words, *"is very glad to*



meet members of my community and help them improve their English."

We are incredibly fortunate to count on the tireless support of Stephanie with our ESL program in Marietta. She, along with countless volunteers are changing lives.

For more information on ESL locations and volunteer opportunities [Click here](#)

FROM THE DESK OF CARLA PHILLIPS

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, we're off to a great start this semester. I'm so thankful for all the wonderful work you do each week. As I begin visiting all the afterschool sites, I'm looking forward to meeting you and seeing first-hand the impact you make on our students.



Carla Phillips
Volunteer Coordinator

Mark your calendars for April 29th to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. A big thank you to Shallowford Presbyterian Church for hosting the event this year. I hope you'll join us for a morning of great food and amazing fellowship as we honor each of you!

Welcome to all our new volunteers, we are happy you have chosen to share your time with LaAmistad. In addition to our new afterschool and ESL volunteers, we are happy to welcome new interns to LaAmistad this semester. Internships at LaAmistad offer motivated students interested in various fields with the opportunity to collaborate and work on a variety of projects that contribute to the mission of the organization. If you see an intern at your location, be sure to say hi, these students bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to our programs.

You help strengthen our program and we appreciate your dedication. Please feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions, do and any questions about the program you may have. I am here to support you and my commitment is to ensure you have the tools you need to feel successful in your volunteer position.

Thank you for being a part of our volunteer team, because of you, our students are reaching success.

Best,
Carla

Carla Phillips
Volunteer Coordinator

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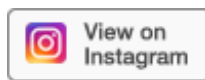


Recently, the nation celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Many honored his legacy of service by participating in a day of service.

If you or your family chose to celebrate the legacy of service LaAmistad is currently creating a

Volunteers in Action in both in our newsletters and social media outlets. We would love to share what you and your families do! Please share your pictures and details to PR@LaAmistadinc.org

Are you connected to LaAmistad?



SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2017

LaAmistad would like to celebrate **YOU!**
Join us as we celebrate volunteers of the year from Afterschool, ESL, Animate Summer Academy and Special programs.

Interested in nominating an extraordinary volunteer? [Click Here](#)

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