

# January 2023



Aadya participates in our ESL program, grant writing and helped with our 26th anniversary planning!



## THANK YOU AADYA!

VOLUNTEER  
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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Meet Aadya!

### **VOLUNTEER AREAS:**

Aadya first reached out because she was interested in helping out in the Center's ESL program. Since then, she has been tutoring a worker in English once a week. She was also a part of the Center's 26th anniversary planning committee and most recently she started researching grants and helping with grant writing.

### **WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?**

*Originally it was because my school required volunteer hours so I looked for something that I can do that I would like and would learn from too. I heard about the Center through my school. I had an interest in ESL because of the immigrant narrative and hearing about people's lives and stories is really interesting to me.*

### **WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?**

*I would say the one word that describes it is meaningful. I feel like each volunteer task I do has a lot of thought in each step and I am able to learn a lot. In ESL tutoring the worker and I are always bonding over something, laughing or learning something together whether it is something in English or I am learning something in Spanish. For the planning committee, I learned about what the DWC stands for and its connections. With grant writing, it is another way of learning about the Center and the type of support it receives. It's also really easy to want to volunteer when you are surrounded by people in a community that shares a passion. The worker I tutor works and has a son she takes care of but there's never been a time where she has put that stress or anger out. She has always been positive in class. Working with the planning committee, everyone was always happy and it was really easy to get along and want to help out in other things.*

### **ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?**

*One time during tutoring the worker and I were talking about holidays and favorite times of the year. We were talking about Christmas and she told me about the traditions she has and I shared my traditions. We were able to talk about how much fun they are, how much has changed, and about cultural comparisons and similarities. This is one of my favorite memories and one that I've learned from the most.*