

Metro South | Volunteers

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION • LEARNING EXCHANGE

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2019 Is Off To A Great Start - Thanks To YOU!

Metro South Volunteers have stepped up once again to help our school get off to a great start this year.

We currently have 89 volunteers at 9 sites in our four cities. There are 51 volunteers working at our main campus under the direction of teachers. 17 of those are with ESL classroom teachers, 16 are Reading Lab volunteers, 9 are math volunteers, 6 are STAR reading volunteers, 5 are Help Room volunteers who work with students 1-1, and we have 1 conversation volunteer.

At our Hennepin Technical College site we have 17 volunteers who work with our ESL teachers. We have 2 volunteers at our Pond Family School and 1 at our daytime GED site at Normandale Community College.

Our collaborative sites have 11 volunteers who do lesson planning and teach small groups at Briarhill Apartments and Eden Prairie Senior Center in Eden Prairie, Centennial Elementary and Central in Richfield, and at the Edina Community Center in Edina. Suzanne Jost is our ESL Outreach Liaison who manages these sites.

This is my 13th year coordinating the volunteers who give us so much of their time and talent. I can honestly say that there has never been a year when Metro South volunteers have done more to make valuable programming a possibility for our students. Because of your generosity we have been able to offer ESL math to many more students than ever before. We also have several very large classes this fall and having a volunteer to work with small groups makes all the difference. You help us meet needs that we could never fill without you!

Metro South Messenger

Click here to read the Fall 2018 edition of the Metro South Messenger, our school newsletter.

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Adult Enrichment Class Coupon

This coupon enables Metro South volunteers to deduct \$10.00 from the cost of one (1) Community Education Enrichment class during the Winter 2019 session.

Offer good only for the Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, or Richfield Community Education Adult Enrichment classes.



To view the options for classes please visit:

- [Bloomington Community Education](#)
- [Richfield Community Education](#)
- [Eden Prairie Community Education](#)
- [Edina Community Education](#)

LIST OF REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. This coupon can only be used during the specified session, i.e., (fall, winter or spring/summer session).
- 2. Metro South Volunteers may only use this coupon. It is not transferable to any other person.
- 3. This coupon must accompany the registration form and payment.
- 4. Offer good only for the Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield Adult Enrichment courses.

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Here are the links to our Community Education Classes:

[Bloomington Community Education](#)

[Richfield Community Education](#)

[Eden Prairie Community Education](#)

[Edina Community Education](#)

We hope you find a class you will really enjoy. This is just a small token of our appreciation for all you do!

Find us on Facebook!

We would love to have more of our volunteers follow us on Facebook!

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A Tribute to Carol Swanson

It is said that some people live many lifetimes in one life. We at Metro South Volunteers feel Carol Swanson is one such person!

Carol began volunteering with us when she retired in 1998 after teaching in K-12 and doing ESL tutoring for 26 years throughout Minneapolis, Iowa, Indiana, and Missouri. She holds a Masters degree in Remedial Reading from the University of Minnesota.



Carol's first volunteer assignment was working with one of our teachers at the Eden Prairie Senior Center. She held several volunteer positions each week including classroom assistant and Family Read to Me Tutor (FRTM). Carol visited families in their homes under the FRTM program and created customized lesson plans for each family. Her classroom assistant volunteer position evolved naturally to one of teacher in tandem with our onsite paid teacher. Carol taught at multiple locations throughout Eden Prairie until 2004 when Metro South (called SHAPE at that time), asked Carol to take over the class at Eden Prairie's Senior Center. Since that time, Carol has prepared each lesson, teaching every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Many of her students earned their citizenship under Carol's instruction. Most of Carol's students were senior citizens at the time but her class has often included young adults as well.

In 2008 Carol was awarded the Essi Wiseheart Award from the Minnesota Literacy Council. Only 1 volunteer receives this award per year. By 2013 she had accumulated 4,000 hours as a volunteer (photo at right with Gina Carpenter, former Metro South Alternative Learning Coordinator at MLC's award ceremony). To date, Carol has volunteered 6,051.80 hours as a tutor and teacher in our program.

Carol is a shining example of faithful volunteering, never seeking accolades for herself. She loves teaching and enjoys sharing her vast knowledge of American culture and civics with her students. Her detailed lesson plans and unlimited resourcefulness have given her class an incredibly generous and caring pathway into understanding and thriving in America.

Carol now moves on to her "2nd retirement" in order to travel with her husband visiting family and friends and goes with our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation for giving so much of herself to our students and to her community! We hope you enjoy every minute Carol!



Carol with some of her students at Eden Prairie Senior Center.



Cathy Grady, Minnesota Literacy Council Adult Literacy Coordinator, presents Carol with the Essi Wiseheart Award in 2008.

Dear Volunteers

THANKS!

for **ALL** that you did today in your classroom...
For making a million little split second **DECISIONS** for the benefit of your students. For putting your own needs on hold and keeping them the **FOCUS** of your day. For **PLANNING** for them long before today ever got rolling. For **CHANGING** those plans because they didn't fit someone who needed a little extra. For smiling, **LAUGHING WITH THEM**, and reassuring them in their efforts, trials, and mistakes. For placing your hand on a shoulder when that was **EXACTLY** what someone needed. For listening so patiently to your student because **IT MATTERS. YOU MATTER!**
THANKS FOR MAKING SUCH A DIFFERENCE!

For your calendar

January 21st - No School, MLK Day

February 18th - No School, President's Day

March 25th-30th - No School, Spring Break

April 19th & 20th - No School, Easter

May 27th - No School, Memorial Day

June 13th - Metro South ABE Graduation, 7:30 pm @ Olson Middle School in Bloomington