



# ESLC LITERACY SPOTLIGHT

VOLUNTEER EDITION SPRING 2024



**LINDA**

- Longtime volunteer at ESLC
- East African Elementary Magnet School
- Stickler for following the curriculum
- Reads a lot of 'Pete the Cat'
- Prefers picture books when the main character is a person



**ROGER**

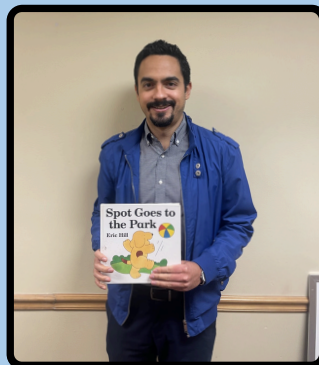
- First year as a volunteer at ESLC
- East African Elementary Magnet School
- Challenges students to reflect on what they have read
- He enjoyed reading the story 'Kicks' to third graders



**SISTER DONNA**

- Has been with ESLC for a long time
- St. Paul Music Academy
- Calm, caring, and a friendly presence
- Available to others for helpful advice
- Children love to come and be tutored by Sister Donna!

## BOARD MEMBER: CRISTÓBAL CEVALLOS



- **My Inspiration:** The mission deeply resonated with me
- **My Dedication:** ESLC's mission to unlocking the potential of every child through reading
- **My Volunteer Work:** Strategic Planning ensures our actions align with the organization's mission and vision
- **My Fulfillment:** Collaborating with dedicated individuals who share a passion
- **My Investment:** A brighter future for generations to come

## SITE COORDINATOR: LAURA MOYER



- **My Concern:** Grade school students troubling test scores post-pandemic
- **My Inspiration:** Witnessing volunteers sharing time and talents to benefit our community
- **My Role:** Site Coordinator, Hmong Community School of Excellence
- **My History:** Working at Science Museum of Minnesota, Hall of Anthropology, with opportunities to meet Hmong immigrants sharing their experiences, arts and traditions
- **Success:** Daily successes with students who ask insightful questions and read with greater confidence. Ultimately, the love of reading that will carry them through life!



Joanne, faithful tutor, receives her Presidential Service Award from David Horowitz, AARP/ExpCorps Volunteer Engagement Manager



Tutor, Karen's joyful face tells the whole story of the Gathering of Gratitude event.



Professor Bernie Armada, U of St Thomas, Communications students and the Executive Director share the ESLC 'fight song' 'Nothin's Gonna Stop Us Now'. Thank you Starship!



Three strong women who embody ESLC's mission of 'unlocking each child's potential through the power of reading.'



Longtime tutors renew friendships built around a common passion: helping children learn to read



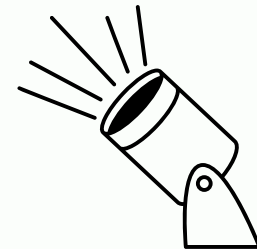
EMOJI Bingo was a big hit. Some described it as 'intense.' Why intense? The great prizes provided by business partners. Thank you partners!



Youth and age united for the cause - Literacy!



Rounds of applause for the very entertaining and engaging University of St. Thomas Improv class.



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