



Let's Talk

*Quarterly newsletter for the English Language Center
of Cache Valley, Inc.*

**The limits of my
language are the
limits of my world.**

-Johann Wittgenstein

J. Craig Hale Award

Named for one of our most
dedicated volunteers, the J.

Craig Hale Award is
presented to those
remarkable individuals who
have donated 100 hours of
service to the students of
ELC.

RECENT RECIPIENTS



Johnnie Karren (center)

with Level 5 class

See What We're Doing

BATC Tour

ELC students toured Bridgerland Applied Technology College on February 21 and 22. We got to see classes in progress and learn about great opportunities, not only for our students, but for their children as well. We even ran into a former ELC student in the cabinet shop!



Peek Inside a Class

Our Beginning Level night class has been studying clothing vocabulary, along with numbers and money. To practice all of this, they had a "sale" where they priced items and "sold" them to each other, sometimes negotiating over the price. (They also enjoyed hamming it up for the camera.)





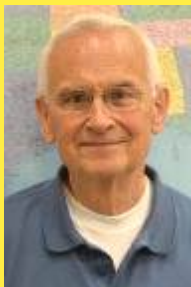
Laurel Anderton (right)
with Level 3 teacher



Dean Jones
with Friday Conversation class

Volunteer Spotlight:

Charles Swallow



Charles began volunteering at ELC in 2008, making him our longest-serving current volunteer. He has served in many different classes and with many different teachers.

Angie, the morning Level 4 teacher, had this to say: "Charles is an excellent volunteer at ELC. He is very knowledgeable and willing to help the students however he can. The students and teachers have all benefited from and appreciate the many hours of service Charles has provided. He is such an asset to our school!"



Meet Our Students:

Gloria from Mexico



Gloria is a student in our Level 3 evening class. She is studying English because she wants to be able to communicate with her children's teachers, as well as her English-speaking family members. She is working to bring her English up to where she can attend BATC's dental assisting program. Her favorite thing about ELC is the teachers. She says all of her teachers have been very good. Her current teacher, Patti, says: "Gloria really wants to acquire an understanding of the English language. That shows in her three straight quarters of perfect attendance. she has a maturity about her that helps her to make friends easily and helps make our class a family. She goes the extra mile, doing many kind services for the other students, volunteers, and myself. She is one of the most thoughtful people I have ever met. She is encouraging of others. She is really good to ask questions for further understanding. She yearns for knowledge. She takes classes for her benefit. She is a homemaker and loves her family. I love Gloria."

A Refugee in Cache Valley



Baderldin Tirkawi is from Sudan, Darfur state. He left to escape the civil war that started in 2003. He spent two years in an overcrowded camp in Libya after a difficult and dangerous trip across the Sahara Desert. The organization that runs the camp assigned him to come to the U.S. His

Charles says: "When I first began volunteering at the ELC 8-9 years ago, I had no idea that I would continue for so long. What I discovered was an opportunity for service that is addictive. Students come to the ELC for many reasons: to get a better job, to earn a GED, to prepare for citizenship, to prepare for college studies, to be able to shop and buy groceries, to be able to communicate with English-speaking friends and relatives, and always to just be more comfortable and confident living in our country. Their dedication and willingness to take time to learn English from their already busy lives is impressive. It has been a privilege for me to help and get to know people from many different countries, religions, educational backgrounds, and cultures. I have learned from them while helping them learn."

We appreciate Charles and everything he has done for our school!

sister and her family were sent to Albany, NY, and he followed. He has a brother who was sent to Germany and another who went to France. His mother and younger brother are still in Darfur, where daily life is very dangerous. He hopes to bring them here someday. He eventually ended up in Salt Lake City, then came to Logan to work at JBS. He likes the U.S. because there are many opportunities for his future. He comes to school because he wants to change himself. He feels an obligation to learn everything he can to become a fully participating member of society. His hope for the future is to get an education he can use to help the people in Sudan, which has been gutted by the fighting. He really appreciates the people who donate to ELC so he can build a better life for himself and his future family.

Mark Your Calendar

Spring Quarter Registration April 10-11

First day of class: April 12

Citizenship Class Registration April 15

9:00 AM

Special Event:

ELC Open House April 26

Members of the community are invited to visit ELC and peek at classes in session. Bring a friend and come see for yourself what we do and who we serve!!

9:30-11:30 AM and 7:00-8:30 PM

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<http://www.elc-ec.org/>

