

Know Your Neighbor Volunteer Experience Highlights

These are stories and reviews from volunteers about their experiences volunteering through the KYN program

1. Just a cool story to pass along. A while back we connected your friend Ali with this young man from Sierra Leone. I followed up with him today and Ali actually hired him and he is working together with him on his business. I don't know if you keep in touch with Ali, but it might be a good story that we could highlight for KYN outcomes.

A while back we connected a refugee, James, with Ali. Ali ended up hiring James for his business.

From Ali: James is much more than an employee, he is a friend to our entire family. We know his brother as well. James is our first employee, and he has been key to our success at altaracks . Without him I would be in serious trouble, he is dedicated, intelligent, hard working and has a character that is just amazing. He comes from a hard life and is working very hard to get his soccer coaching going as well. We should do a video, you can come to our house if you want. He is here daily.

2. Elizabeth and I ironed out and agreed on a plan to complete her assigned readings and associated classwork based on her class and class topic schedules and a plan to complete her past-due assignments and readings. We created a shared google form to manage this. We met 2-3 times per week these last weeks, read concurrently, and explored Elizabeth's questions regarding text and assignment prompts. Elizabeth completed her RUSSIA section on-schedule and she's nearly complete with her first make-up BRITAIN section!
3. Fiston and I were able to get his webpage looking a lot more professional, and we managed to remove some things he did not like from his website.
4. Was able to get the 7 year old (2nd grader) onto Google Meet for the very first time. She was so excited to see her teacher and classmates!
5. 1881 masks completed by volunteers June-August
6. The family traveled to see friends and family in San Diego. This was a big step for them to feel comfortable driving that far but they did great. They are becoming more comfortable with directions and the freeway. We are working on getting Mohib a job and we are making good progress.

7. Sheila did good work on her English assignment this week, reading parts of the book I am Legend to fulfill her discussion post. Glad she is reading before trying the assignment.
8. Working on applications still, but I think Ibrahim has a better understanding of some of his work strengths and how they are beneficial to an employer.
9. Amal is preparing to take the CNA certification exam for the 6th time. She has been persistent and is determined to pass. She had heart surgery last fall, and took a break from CNA coursework and tutoring. She is healthier now and has made great progress with comprehension of English and medical terms. I know that she will pass the test!
10. We were able to help support the (family) at a very difficult time of losing their baby to a miscarriage. We were able to talk to them about any concerns they had. Be there when any of them needed help understanding a medical question and help translate for various pharmacists, doctors etc. One of the most tender parts of that experience was watching my sister who has also gone through that hold (Refugee Mom) for about 15 minutes while (Refugee mom) cried. She explained to her that she hadn't done anything wrong and that miscarriages can be common. We love the (family.)
11. Mohib (the head of the household) is becoming more and more comfortable driving and finding places using google maps on his phone. He has enjoyed taking his kids up to the mountains and to waterfalls.
12. Amal passed her CNA exam at the end of June! Hooray!! That was the 6th time she had taken the written portion of the exam. I have been tutoring her off and on for the past 15 months and I'm so happy that she finally passed. I bought her an English-Arabic translation dictionary she was allowed to use on the exam, and that helped her in addition to all her hard work and hours of study. She persisted and it paid off! Next up, help her find her a CNA job.
13. It scares me to think what would have happened to (Mom of family) if she didn't have an American friend to help her at this time. Because of Covid, she didn't think she could go to the ER or that Dr's could help her on the weekend. She planned to wait a couple days until the weekend was over, then go see her regular doctor. I encouraged her to go to the ER and told her what to say to the DR's. When we found out it was blood clots in her lungs, we were all so grateful she hadn't stayed home and waited a few days. (Husband) has lost his job but is actively looking for new ones. He has tried out driving and delivering food through Uber. He was successful for a few days, then made a mistake and so UBER blocked his account. We are seeing if we can get him unblocked and we are looking for other job opportunities for him.
14. New car for Lailuma to learn how to drive. Found a lawyer to help him fill out citizenship papers.

15. Teaching Zakira's kids how to swim. :)
16. My family and I set up a bottling process for Mama Africa that will help her fulfill her product orders.
17. Yvette and Gilberthe had their final recording for their grant record keeping. Yay!
18. In June, we went to the Sugar House park for a picnic, to the Discovery Museum in downtown Salt Lake, and to the Planetarium! Much fun and probably some learning was had by all!
- 19. We are at the point where we are best friends rather than volunteers and mentees.**
20. I was able to take two of the kids and Lailuma to the dentist this month (before COVID-19 really struck). It was great for them to have their teeth cleaned. I also enjoyed socializing with Lailuma while our kids played. We were able to read a picture book together and then talk about our families, and her life and religion a little bit.
21. Shel's writing has improved a lot, and I'm really happy to see her reaching out to more organizations on her campus.
22. Amani is actually doing really well in a very difficult course, his anatomy class is very rigorous and difficult and he is passing!
23. Shel is doing great overall. She's learning a lot in her computer science classes and seems to be enjoying them very much.
24. This month, Shel has been writing a personal statement for some of her applications. I think the process has helped her to focus on her goals a lot, and her grammar has been improving much recently.
25. We were able to show Chandra how to create a PowerPoint. He is able to mostly do it by himself. He is very smart and has a great sense of humor.
26. Our kids were all out of school on Feb 17th, so we met together for a few hours to have lunch and take the kids to the Kangaroo zoo. We all had a fun afternoon together.
27. This program has me hooked. The Refugees are absolutely amazing. They are excited to learn new things and grateful for the opportunities.
28. Amani is almost finished with his medical terminology class and will take the exam on Monday. He has been getting 90% or better on his exams and quizzes!
29. I can't say that Zeinab has gained her citizenship yet--she will have the interview sometime this month. However, her writing abilities have vastly improved and she can

write the majority of dictated sentences from the citizenship word list quite well. She's also improved in the civics questions she knows.

30. Working with Mohammed's mom to teach her English and prepare her to take her citizenship test and fill out her citizenship application.
31. Shel got through this semester and did very well in all of her classes. She's tentatively decided on a major and seems to be greatly looking forward to the new semester.
32. We loved going to see the Christmas lights in SLC with the family. They did a great job navigating and parking the downtown area and meeting up with us. We also loved taking them some Christmas gifts. Our kids always enjoy being together.
33. We had a fun time taking the Zalmi's to Temple Square to see the lights and also to the candy windows at the mall. We showed them the Give Vending Machines where people can pay money and then pick items that will be donated to refugees locally as well as people in need all over the world. It was a wonderful experience. We stopped by on Christmas eve and gave them each warm coats and winter clothing and a toy. They were all so thrilled and gracious. Wonderful month
34. I introduced Sujana to all of my other friends and now we're all friends.
35. Nafalia's English is getting better. She is becoming more conversational, which is super fun.
36. We had Zakira's family over to my sister for Thanksgiving. We enjoyed it so much. Both of their English skills are improving every week. Their kids love our kids and we adore that family. This has been such a wonderful opportunity for all of us involved.
37. We discovered Mohammed, who is in fifth grade, was on a first grade level in math and was able to get signed up to attend Mathnasium. He has been attending every day they are open since then and has made great strides in understanding basic mathematics. We also celebrated Christmas Eve with the family. We brought gifts for everyone and a small Christmas tree. This was the first Christmas tree the two boys have ever had. Mohammed's mother made us a large feast and our two families had a wonderful time eating and playing games. Nafalia, Mohammed's mother, is preparing for the citizenship test.
38. Learning about their lives outside of class is helping us develop a deeper relationship bringing the class closer together and more excited to dance!
39. Susana and I had a really beautiful heart to heart because it ended up just being us two, and I got to teach her some ballet, and she taught me some stretches. It was a very special day.

40. They needed help this month applying for an electric bill reduced payment plan. They also needed help reconciling car payments with their bank. As we help with these issues, you can tell they are so stressed and confused when we begin, and so relieved and happy when we finish helping them. It is always so rewarding. We were also able to take the kids some old Halloween costumes that we are no longer using, the kids were so excited to get them.
41. We were able to successfully complete some challenging assignments for Roda's sociology class, comprehension and ability to organize thoughts and answers are a real challenge for Roda
42. The Khan family will be moving to a condo so the kids will have a small backyard and not have to be in the crowded apartment complex.
43. We took the Trax to the Main Library where Sahar got a library card and checked out a couple of books.
44. Dorcas got a job that she "s really excited about. She just needs to keep working on her English!
45. I think that the girls in the girls who code program are starting to really get a hang of things and are becoming self starters. It is so enjoyable to work with these girls!
46. The Magars came to my parents" house to watch a general conference with all of us. They were excited to see us. We ate dinner together and caught up with each other since it had been so long (a month) since we last saw each other. Since Aub and Elijah and I now live so far away, we created a plan to help Kul prepare for his citizenship test, which should be in about six months. Mom and Dad will meet up with Kul once a month, and Aubrey and I will meet with them another time during the month so twice a month. That way there's a bit more consistency. The Magars were cool with that. They like my parents a lot.
47. Today Zakira pulled out a worksheet that she did a year ago and said, A year ago, I did not understand this, today I can understand all of it. We are so pleased with their progress. They have fantastic attitudes, love us and this country. They are so easy-going and willing to do anything. Zakira loves loves loves to learn! She is improving quickly. We are becoming dear friends with their family and they are even coming to my sisters house for Thanksgiving. We love the Zalmai's.
48. They have become dear friends and I look forward to our visits each week. The family has 4 small children and I have 5 of my own so it was a great match as it allows our children to play and interact as well. Each time I go, the children's faces light up with smiles. They are always so excited to see my kids and can't hide that excitement. The

family has been here a couple years but still needs a lot of help navigating this new country and language. Most days when I go they need help deciphering letters that come in the mail, or home with their kids from teachers at school, or doctor's instructions etc. I have come to realize just how hard it would be to try to understand all that is required of a refugee in a new country. This program is so essential and I am so glad I got involved. There is so much help needed I wish every refugee had help and someone they could rely on. The last few visits we have: -set up a new email box for the family as their old one had become so corrupted with spam and other garbage that was being sent non-stop -set up google translate on their phone so they could easily translate letters or other notes into their own language -set up their son with his school work account on the family's computer so he can do his homework -explained instructions for how to prepare for an upcoming colonoscopy doctors appointment (there were so many instructions that it was a little overwhelming for them) -explained instructions for how to prepare for an upcoming appointment with a bug spray company -helped fill out an application so that the mother can begin running a daycare in her home Every time I go I realize how daunting these simple tasks (that I take for granted) must be for a refugee family and I am always so glad I went and was able to help.

49. SLCC erroneously charged Nesam out of state tuition, which was far more than she could afford, so I worked with SLCC and with Nesam to fix the situation. Her status was changed to in state, and she is now being charged the correct amount, which her scholarship completely covers. We were both very happy about this!
50. Sujan and I have been great friends since being paired together in April 2017. Ever since the monthly report emailing system went down, we have been seeing each other for about 30 hours each month.
51. Mohammed is slowly increasing his multiplication facts speed. It's nice to see his progress.
52. It's exciting to see them learn more! I'm really hoping to have a few of them take their GED test in a few months for language arts :)
53. We helped Zakira and her husband know how to prepare for his colonoscopy. It would be impossible to understand all the instructions from the Dr. if you didn't speak English really well. They were so grateful! It took 1 entire hour just to help them understand what to do. Zakira's English is improving a lot. I helped her fill out an application for assistance and to get her youngest into pre-school. My husband and I helped both of them set up their emails and then go through junk mails. My sister helped sort the regular mail. They don't understand what is important to keep and toss. We helped them understand everyday language. We also taught them how to take a picture of his pay stubs and then find the photo in his phone and attach it to an email to receive their benefits. I am

continuously amazed at all they need help doing. They and likely all refugees need a lot of assistance to navigate life in another country, especially if there is another language involved. This has been a massive blessing in our lives. Our children and their children play together and love it. Zakira constantly says that This is my home, this is my country! They all love it here and are so grateful for any little thing we help them with. Great family!

54. Last week, Shel showed me a reflective essay she has been working on and I think her grammar and overall vocabulary has improved very dramatically! It's likely thanks to the writing courses she's taking this summer, and I'm so happy to see that she's doing great in her classes.
55. Bukuru has been doing very well in his Medical Devices course, holding a current overall score in the high A-range. I have been helping him with the material, and his homework assignments for the course, and he has been scoring full points or very close to full points in these assignments and quizzes. In our next meeting, I will help him revise his material so that he can ace his final exam. After he successfully completes this course, I will help him with the remaining Math and English classes required for his High School Diploma. Also, I gave Bukuru some employment assistance, interview tips, and job application assistance, during one of our meetings, as he was looking for another part-time job. And, he got it! I am glad to be working with Bukuru and being able to help him achieve his goals!
56. I helped draft a grant proposal for the Dynamic Women of the Congo to help them apply for a grant
57. The ESL tutoring this month has been with Mohammed's mom, Nafalia. Made meals together and took the family shopping and got them beds. Evidently, they have been sleeping on the floor for the last two years since they have been in the United States.
58. Attended Nesam's high school graduation at Cottonwood High School. Congrats, Nesam! 5/19/19 3 hours The Magars came to our home to celebrate Mother's Day with us. They gave Aubrey and Mom beautiful new Nepalese dresses and jewelry, and Chandra told my mom that she hopes this relationship between our families can last a long time. That was really sweet of her. I also learned some of the Nepali syntax and alphabet from Nesam, Chandra, and Kul. They have 36 letters, the letters make certain noises (like letters in English), and as far as I understood, intonation matters. Finally, Chandra passed her citizenship test! She will soon have a ceremony and will become a citizen of the United States. So proud! 5/9/19 1 hour Working on citizenship with Chandra and Kul. This time we focused on spoken responses. 5/4/19 1.5 hours Worked on citizenship with Chandra and Kul. Created questions from the packet and had them write the question and answer. Chandra did really well, and actually Kul seems to be

getting better. He definitely needs to work on his writing. I think it would help his speaking. He understands more than I give him credit for though.

59. Love being involved - best kept secret in Utah
60. We have worked all year preparing her to pass the drivers test. She has made incredible progress and we have developed a nice friendship and have even socialized as families.
61. Met at the refugee center, where Aubrey (my wife) and I helped Kul, Chandra, and Nesam file their taxes. Nesam is going to send us some paperwork she needs to fill out for her phlebotomy course she's enrolling in.
62. We found a fun movement game where you have to get across the space in 16 counts, then 10,8,4,2, and 1 count with the challenge of they couldn't normally walk or run so they had to figure out another way to get across. The process was incredible! I saw some creative bear crawls, cartwheels, funky walks and so much more!
63. I am so enjoying getting to know Amina, and every time we meet I feel like we become closer friends. I am very glad I took a leap to join the program, and I plan to continue meeting with Amina even beyond when she has achieved her CNA certification.
64. Shel wrote a very impressive essay with hardly any grammatical errors. She's submitting two more for her finals, and they are very well written too. I can tell she put a lot of time into working on them and revising them before asking for help.
65. Manjika worked really hard on a speech for her communications class. She asked for some help and guidance and when she had it completed, it was a beautiful speech about her experience as a refugee.
66. I mainly helped Bukuru with a lot of his online training modules in his new job at Danville Services. A significant accomplishment this month: One of the training requirements was to obtain a Utah Food Handler Permit, and Bukuru successfully completed the course and obtained his Utah Food Handler Permit, with a little help from my end! :)
67. Sahar is sharp and fun. I am so proud of her for being in school in a new country as a mom and succeeding. She rocks!
68. Michelle, the 10-year-old daughter, is learning to swim! I'm helping her a bit, but mainly it's just the practice. She has only been in a pool a couple times before this. She comes with her family to my home to swim once or twice a month.
69. Bukuru successfully completed his Medical Devices course this month and received his graduation certificate! Very proud of him! Currently, I've been helping him with a lot of his on-the-job online training assignments at his new job. I have also been working with

him on reading by going through a number of varied passages. The future plan is to help him with his last few English/Math courses so that he can successfully receive his high school diploma. Bukuru is a very hard working individual and I wish all the best for him!

70. Mohammed is getting fast at his multiplication tables, we are so proud of his progress!
71. Successfully showed numerous women how to make a pillowcase.
72. Working with the youth in Fiston's program as well as Fiston has been such a rewarding and fulfilling experience. I look forward to the Saturday's I get to spend at the center working with the kids I've built a relationship with
73. Our kids are playing very well together and we all look forward to our visits with Zakira's family. Our families are developing a great friendship with each other.
74. I was able to introduce the family to another refugee from Iraq who has a child the same age. The families hit it off and we meet at the Refugee Festival at Big Cottonwood. The kids almost never leave the apartment during the summer, except to go to their dad's numerous doctor appointments. The kids had a wonderful time and it was likely the highlight of their summer. I am particularly excited because Nafalia, Mohammed's mom, is very socially isolated and now has a friend who also speaks Arabic. They tell me all the time that I am like a sister to them.
75. Helping people prepare for the workforce has been a great way to apply my current workplace experience to those who need it. I have enjoyed helping in any way I can and feel that they appreciate my help
76. Manjika finished her Spring semester and started her summer semester! She works very hard and I'm very proud of her!
77. Watching the girls get better at volleyball and closer as a team/friends has been so fun
78. Janine graduated from high school!!
79. We've achieved a friendship status with the family. The young man, age 14, needs more activities to participate in, but we do not have teenagers at home with us. He is very friendly to us and helps translate between us and his parents.
80. I have only known Ubah for about a month and we have already become such great friends.
81. I sure love Working with wonderful people from other places. Everyone is so friendly at the center!
82. I am happy to report that Saidati has a job and is making progress in that area.

83. In addition to the children, the mother is learning English. The books that I bring assist her too- but communication will be easier when she is able to understand me.
84. I've really seen Daho's reading improve. I feel like I have made a difference in that way. His attention span has lengthened and he does more homework by himself as well. Such a great kid!
85. I am working with a girl that is the same age as my daughter. This refugee is smart and I can see in her so much potential. I admire her so much.
86. Paw Lah got a library card and has been using it to get books she can read with her son. She's loving the ability she has to access this resource with her family.
87. Very happy with my relationship with fa and especially the children. Children are getting very engaged with school and importance of doing homework
88. Christian is opening up very well. He's expressing himself more and more, especially with his opinions. I owe it to him to remain in more consistent communication as he's a very humble and appreciative young man.
89. One of the most rewarding things is that I have started to go beyond just reading books and playing games with the 5 year old. I am actually starting to teach him to read and he is eager. His mom will not drive him to the head start program so I feel this increases his chance of doing well in kindergarten next year. Sorry I was late for my report. It is my least favorite thing about the program but I understand it is necessary for y'all to keep track, get funding or whatnot.
90. Thank you for the opportunity! Helping Mugabo Blaise has been a blessing to my family.
91. I couldn't imagine my life without the women who've become my friends. Thank you for this opportunity!
92. We have bonded well with the mother, Myeong, and increasingly well with her son.
93. The best part was when the girls were braiding my daughter's hair. It was such a fun cultural experience for everyone. We love it!
94. One woman sewed her own traditional African dress at home and brought it in for us to see her progress and work. Many women are now working on projects at home to increase their skills and make items for their families! It's wonderful!!
95. My daughter LOVED having the girls braid her hair and she wants to reciprocate! We need a fun class that is about art, and hair, and nails, and movies, etc.

96. A couple different students made strides in thinking through complex CSS/HTML problems without too much prompting
97. Helped a man log on to windows for the first time
98. We had a wonderful night together working on the drawstring bags. Many women finished their bags and went on to work on their blouses for the next class. Volunteers and refugees were happily working together.
99. This month I got to work one-on-one with a woman in the class. We had a lot of fun getting to know each other and I'm so glad that she let me help her.
100. The person I was helping was literally learning how to sew. She quickly figured out how to make her seams straight and was able to complete about 2/3 of the Snap Bag in those 2 hrs.
101. Besides Emilie's infectious energy and cheerfulness? :) We were all together the day after the Muslim ban was effected--I'm not sure if it helped the women to know that some parts of this country have their back, but I really hope it did.
102. Additional applications and networking were made to employers. Strengthened friendship
103. I am making progress on a few of the community goals by communicating with outside sources- like Tracy Aviary and SLC Community Gardens to work on the three main goals of the Bajuni community- one of which is to preserve cultural heritage by getting the community together to do fun things.
104. I was able to teach two ladies how to cut a dress and pijamas to two ladies. We were able to understand each other and learn numbers in both languages English and Arabic.
105. There were two ladies I was helping in particular and I just loved that by the end of the class I felt as though we were friends. Maybe we didn't get all of their sewing projects done, but I hope it was still a bright spot in their day as it was for me.
106. Syria (refugee) made a gold lame dress and a pink rhinestone dress for her holiday parties and relative's wedding. Her excitement made extra hours totally worth it.
107. The ladies are recognizing that their goals truly are attainable.
108. I was able to help one of the daughters with some extra employment.
109. The family and I are building a relationship of trust in each other which is key in any relationship.
110. Tila has gotten a new job with full-time hours and wonderful benefits.

111. We had a birthday party for Evette and that was really fun. I brought a cake and we sang. Good times with this family all the time.
112. I love just visiting with this family. Most of the time we just hang out as friends, and enjoy each other's company. I've helped by going to parent-teacher conferences, so I ask about reading a lot. I'm not sure if you want to catch up on the past few months or just one month from here on out.
113. Took Puspa Rizal to the Navy recruiting office to learn about a Navy Enlistment. Took Puspa to Big Cottonwood Canyon hiking. Took Family to Liberty Park Attended Maya's daughter's Birthday Party. Visited Maya Visited Rizal family
114. Tela and I worked on conversation and interview questions. I also helped out with high school entrance exam preparation .
115. Saw Jelly is doing great. He is excited about learning coding and he is very smart. It's been a great experience to see him quickly pick things up.
116. The children can pronounce some big words now. Thus, their reading is improving. They are doing better in their Math. Helped in making their hair. Counseling in some family issues that quelled anger thus maintaining peaceful coexistence.
117. Brian learns quickly. He's a talented little guy. Liberata, his mom, after having had a progress meeting with me, decided to keep the lessons going long term. She stayed for a lesson, and stated afterwards that Brian is a good boy and deserves these sessions.
118. Both kids are moving on to 3rd and 5th grade respectively! Towards the end of the month, they both had to turn in their laptops and were given paper packets of review work. They didn't need as much help with those. Some of the time we just talked and socialized a bit. We met for a picnic at Sugar House Park on Sunday, June 6 and had a lot of fun! We are planning to get together at least every couple of weeks during the summer.
119. Christina graduated and is moving on to high school
120. -5 students presented final speeches -2 students presented for the mayor -2 students were interviewed on KRCL
121. Reponse passed math and I am interested in preparing for the ACT!
122. Fadumo completed learning sounds for all letters of the alphabet, expanded her vocabulary and improved listening skills. She can use some basic sentence patterns to talk about senses and include vocabulary words that she has learned. Fadumo practices outside class time and is always on time and communicates well
123. My mentee passed his drivers test and now has his permit

124. Reponse and I are becoming good friends! We got Ethiopian food together one day.
125. Amani is working now as a translator and getting ready to take his licensing test to become a Registered Behavior Technician. We have worked on financial planning and I set him up with a financial planner and my son in law who just finished a degree in finance. We also went through the whole Dave Ramsey financial peace course.
126. Retaaj is doing great on fractions! She struggled in the beginning but has made some real progress.
127. Christina got a 95% on her comprehensive math test
128. We completed a new draft of Mama Africa's business plan, and we made progress towards a PPP loan application. Plus, we helped bottle hot sauce. :)
129. I've noticed Zakira's English has improved drastically! She's doing so well
130. The fourth grader and her mom report that she recently passed her DIBELS test (a reading and literacy assessment) and will be able to move on to fifth grade!
131. For Christmas we got the family passes to Lagoon so that we could go together this summer. Zakira (the mother) is great at driving, but not comfortable on the freeway. She told me last Saturday that she wouldn't be able to meet me at Lagoon because her husband was working. That day she decided that she would try the freeway because her kids were so sad to not be able to go to Lagoon. She texted me to say she was coming and I was so shocked and proud of her. She did it! She drove the freeway to Lagoon! I met her there and helped her with her parking pass and passes to get in and we had such a fun time. It was a huge accomplishment for her!
132. My client finished her classes with great grades!
133. The grant support for the Mesopotamian Refugee center went very well. The leadership of the group was very open to a critique of their programs and by being that open to rethinking the program, I believe they made great strides in writing and submitting a well balanced grant.
134. After only two sessions, Christina started showing real improvement in an important math concept. She seemed more confident and proud of herself. It was great to see her smile!
135. We got their grant application for next year turned in, hooray! It was quite a feat. They are also mostly caught up on their records after being really behind.

136. The kids are doing well and are meeting via google meet with their teachers on schedule. For the most part, their assignments are getting completed. I think they are both improving in reading!
137. Tabu has been working hard on preparing for the GED. We have spent most of our time working on reading for understanding and grammar. Tabu is definitely improving and is trying to figure out the next steps to prepare for the GED.
138. Amani earned his Registered Behavior Technician completion certificate. Now we are working on studying for the licensure test.
139. Sheila wrote me a lovely letter as part of an English class assignment, in which she expressed that her grades have improved and she is understanding more of her schoolwork since our tutoring began.
140. Love working with Destiny. I am meeting with her and helping her with her homework. She is awesome!
141. We re-wrote James' Business Plan. It is going well. Women of Action is now an active 501c3.
142. The leaders of the group were able to buy their zoom account and get their binder set up to record uses of Grant funds. The women of action group also met and completed their activity regarding women's preventative health.
143. Final items moved to a new classroom for the Refugee sewing program. Also helped individual families move into their house. Met several times with one of the ladies in the sewing program. Not sewing related, just friendship. She is having a hard time in her family right now so I just took her out for sodas and to talk.
144. The girls I tutor have started calling me every day which is terrific! I work with them Monday through Friday now and set aside two hours each day for them. Sometimes we go long, sometimes much shorter.
145. Reponse is learning how to construct good sentences: capitalization and periods. His spelling has improved, and he successfully completed the makeup course for an English class he previously failed.
146. I'm not sure the student was convinced tutoring via Google Meet would really be helpful, but after a couple of sessions he really began to see that he could be helped with his school work. Little by little he has become more proactive about asking for help needs.
147. Elizabeth was able to catch up completely in her class

148. For Fiston's Website we were able to get a Board of Directors page up and running and I taught him how to make use of Google Forms for Volunteer Sign ups. For the Java class, I worked on an online way for Students to share their coding progress with us, the mentors.
149. We have completed Jame's business plan, social media presents and are now working towards finding grants and applying for funding assistance. Nema is working on her resume and registering for the new semester. Yahya is studying hard for the GMAT.
150. Youngest son got into school with special assistance (was tested and qualified!) and got bus approved so he will be able to attend now! This is huge because she wasn't attending school previously!!
151. Patrick was given an interview for one of two jobs I had helped him with. He was very happy and seemed to be a good fit for the job.
152. I worked with Fiston Mwesige editing documents to go to national leaders to encourage them to work with the Congo and UN to deal with/stop the genocide in those countries. The Congo is a nation of origin for many of our refugee families and students