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Why I Volunteer

After retiring to Durango last year, I had extra time for volunteer work when I switched to employment, I’d heard about the Durango Education Center and thought it was a good fit. I’d done some math teaching back East but lost my job in the civil industry of Hillsdale, achieving economy of 2.8 kg plus steel worked in Pittsburgh had devastated it (about 60.)

I started to teach math on weekdays and evenings at the DEC. In my previous tutoring experience, I was pretty successful at getting students to succeed in the area of algebra but help them in the public school system. Working one on one, I try to give DEC students the confidence and willpower to stick with basic algebra and geometry until the light comes on in their heads. I encourage students to try to find ways to problem solve at home on their own. Then I show them what I’m doing right and what short cuts not to take.

It’s been a real re-orientation for the students and I feel good when I see something to the community by helping a struggling each student more.

Tim Shumaker, Volunteer

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Meet Our Student

Mylorn Cystine-Balogun

Mylorn and her family moved to the United States 15 years ago from Argentina, settling in Chicago in 2004. Mylorn’s son and daughter attended public schools, but no Advanced Placement (AP) classes or any advanced classes were available in the public schools.

In October 2013, Brian started attending The Adventist University of the Philippines. Living in the dorms on campus, Brian interacts with students from all over the world and is thoroughly enjoying his college experience.

With her son off to college, Mylorn had time to focus on her own goals. “I wanted to get my GED about 10 years ago but was busy with the kids until a little scare to go back to school – I hadn’t gone to school since 1977,” said Mylorn. A nursing by trade, she was looking for a new career as she became increasingly difficult to lift the children she cared for due to her hip problems.

Mylorn started the DEC’s English as a Second Language (ESL) Program in February 2014. “I was invited to improve my pronunciation and vocabulary, even though I spoke English enough well,” she said with a smile. The ESL teachers at the Center quickly found out Mylorn was really for higher level English and encouraged her to try the Literacy Leader program. Consequently, Mylorn joined the program successfully and graduated.

Today, Mylorn is currently a flight attendant for GEX. She decided to start a new chapter in her life, she plans to pursue a career in travel/bedding.

BEC: Business Education Center

Test Your Knowledge: GED Sample Test Question

“Taxes north of 1500 lbs. per year are due in April if filed in 1040; it will be due on April 17th. When checking your 1040 tax, 1031 tax, and 1040A tax, you will receive an e-mail notification of its availability.”

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Along with the same mission, we included our vision, beliefs, and goals in addition to helping students attain a basic education, we are to prepare our graduates to enter college and be prepared for workplace success. We teach lifelong skills because we are the first chance educational option for most of our students.

With ongoing support from individual and community partners, we will expand our ability to help people help themselves through essential education. I’m looking forward to making an even bigger difference together.

Thank you for your continued support.

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112 infants and toddlers received care
112 youth participated in Del Alma program
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360 adult learners completed college diplomats, Spanish, or ESL enrichment
287 students studied for GED

Financial Report

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Summer School 2014. The DEC will be offering summer classes from the GED and Community Education Programs. Starting July 1st and going through August 14, classes will be offered Monday through Friday evenings until 11pm. In ESL and GED.

Introducing Family Bilingual of Durango. DEC and Fort Lewis College’s El Centro de Muchos Colores Hispanic Resource Center have partnered on a pathway-to-college program that aims to increase Latino student graduation rates at La Plata County and Southern Colorado colleges. Students of FLC now called Bilingual Family of Durango; the dual program is a merger of the Centro de Muchos Colores Program and the El Centro Afro Hispanic Coalition Program. FLC Dance students reach participants, ages 13 and up, traditional Missionian dancers.

U.S. Citizenship Preparation. With a guest from the City of Durango, DEC is helping more immigrants gain citizenship by training volunteers to help them pass the U.S. Naturalization Exam. “Training is taught to assist students on all aspects of the test, from the oral portion to the civics questions,” said Lizbeth Ramon, ESL Program Coordinator. “This on-one-on relationship allows DEC staff to talk one-on-one with the students, so we can better guide students in the naturalization process. As a goal of citizenship, better information is available, contact Lizbeth at 435-877-1165.

Computer Training. DEC continues to deliver computer training to employers from a variety of business sectors and non-profits, both in class and at the company site. The trainings can be customized for job descriptions and the courses can send them to one of the Centers open enrollment computer training classes. Visit our website or contact Kelly Quach at 970-356-5432.

DEC Test Score. DEC continues to serve GED and ESL learners with its qualitative into program. Availability of children is one of the biggest barriers for people needing to complete their education. DEC helps parents to take classes while their children are missing school or in-class. Only the programs in kind in the region, DEC will be continuing to offer this service to make situations easier without additional support community.

Contributions to the GED Test Score may be eligible for a 50% Colorado Tax credit. For more information, contact Christi Anne Tann at 970-356-5432.

Ways to Donate

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• On-line at www.durangocenter.org

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Our Thanks

Please be aware that:
• All people have inherent worth.
• A sense of belonging is a building block for a stronger community.
• We all have the potential to create positive change.
• Education empowers the individual to achieve their character attributes, social and economic mobility, and self-sufficiency.
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• Family and culture impact the development of each individual.
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2013 Revenue

GED Test Assess 5700

2013 Expenses

190 students from other countries learned English
120 infants and toddlers received care
120 youth participated in Del Acio program
75 Plato Signed Zone jails received earned a GED
144 Plato Signed Zone jails received earned a GED
330 adults learned computer skills, Spanish, or ESL enrichment
207 students studied for GED

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- By Mail: GED Education Center, 2000 South 9th Street, Durango, Colorado 81301
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Youth Services

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"One of my favorite quotes is doing something that you love and then you get to see the results of that in the work that you do," said Moni Grushkin. "I want to be a part of something that has such a huge impact on the community that it is meaningful and something I could be proud of." Grushkin is president of the Durango Education Center and a member of both the Durango and Montrose boards of the Durango Education Center. He is thrilled with the opportunity to help change the lives of others in the community through music education. Grushkin is deeply committed to the mission of the Durango Education Center and feels a strong sense of pride in being a part of something that is making a difference in the lives of others. Grushkin is a passionate advocate for music education and believes that it has the power to transform lives and bring people together. He is dedicated to supporting the growth and success of the Durango Education Center and is committed to ensuring that it continues to thrive and meet the needs of the community. For more information about the Durango Education Center, visit Durangoeducationcenter.org.

**Upcoming Events**

*July 5: TEDx and ESL class begin*

*July 11: Summer Community Education classes begin*

*September 2: Fall OED and ESL class begins*

*September 14: Balloon Festival and Durango performance Roster on the Move, 5-7 p.m., Fort Lewis College Student Union Plaza*

**Why I Volunteer**

After retiring to Durango last year, I had extra time to volunteer work when I searched for employment. I found out about the Durango Education Center and thought it would be a great fit. I don’t have time to teach in person, and I would be able to help them from afar. I am passionate about music education and believe that it has the power to bring people together and make the world a better place. I am excited to be a part of the Durango Education Center and to help make a difference in the lives of others.*

**National Testing Week**

July 22, 2013 - July 26, 2013

The National Testing Week is an annual event held to raise awareness of the importance of academic assessment. The week is dedicated to the testing of students in order to ensure that they are prepared for the future. The National Testing Week is an important event for students and educators alike. During the week, students are encouraged to participate in various testing activities and to think critically about the role of testing in education. The National Testing Week is an opportunity for students to reflect on their own learning journeys and to explore new avenues for self-discovery. The National Testing Week is a celebration of the power of testing as a tool for personal and academic growth. For more information about the National Testing Week, visit NationalTestingWeek.org.

**Literacy in Action**

May 15 - June 15, 2013

The Literacy in Action event is an annual initiative that aims to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and to promote literacy-related activities. The event is organized by the National Literacy Council and is supported by a variety of partners, including the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Literacy in Action event is an opportunity for community members to come together and to celebrate the power of literacy to transform lives. The event includes a variety of activities, such as book fairs, literacy workshops, and reading events. The Literacy in Action event is an important opportunity for people of all ages to come together and to learn more about the power of literacy to transform lives.