



**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**  
**Month/Year**

**MARIANN SUMMERS**

**Name of organization affiliated with:  
ESL IN-HOME PROGRAM  
OF NORTHERN NEVADA**

*Digital  
Picture  
of  
Volunteer  
Coming soon*

How long have you lived here in Douglas County? 3 years

Town of residence Gardnerville

Where did you live before moving here to Douglas County? Redwood City, CA

Family Husband Fred Summers

Are you currently working or retired Retired

If retired, former profession / If still working, current profession?

VP Marketing, Brainworks, a marketing firm for colleges & universities. Before that, Director of Marketing at College of Notre Dame. Also, TESL/TESOL Instructor for EuroCenters in Menlo Park and volunteer instructor in Project Literacy at the Redwood City Public Library

How long have you been a volunteer? 20 years, 2 years here in Douglas County. (I was a volunteer tutor in Washoe County when I attended Reno High and UNR)

Where do you currently volunteer? ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada at St. Gall's Catholic Church

What are your duties? TESL Instructor

How much time do you volunteer per month? 24+ hours not including lesson prep (completed 332 hrs for 2014)

Why and how did you become a volunteer? Have always felt people who are struggling need a hand up NOT a hand out. Give them the tools and afford them the dignity of taking care of themselves.

Favorite aspects of volunteering? The light in my students' eyes when they know they are succeeding and learning something new.

What would you say to others to encourage others to volunteer? First and foremost, it isn't about them, it's about making this weary old world a bit better for someone else.

Thank your for your help in this endeavor, but again, it's not about us, it's about the students who want a better life.

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