



March Volunteer of the Month



The Helpline Center congratulates David Yendeh on being named the March 2020 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center.

David has been volunteering as a teaching assistant in our daytime ESL classes since March of 2019. He helps teach grammar lessons, works with students on their pronunciation and speaking skills, coaching students on how to improve their writing, and presents examples and explanations to aid in student understanding. David generally works 1:1 with students or in small-groups, but has seen a number of students come and go during his time at Caminando. He is very patient, supportive, and compassionate with students, and they feel comfortable with him. David himself has had the experience of learning several different languages and uses his own experiences to help students. Students appreciate this personal touch and his willingness to relate and share in their struggles of learning a new language.

David has given hours of his time to support the education of others, because he strongly believes in the value of a good education and the opportunities it provides in a person's life. He came to the United States as a refugee from Sierra Leone and has remained a life-long learner, attending classes at USF, studying English and Spanish, and learning about other cultures and languages through friendships he has formed. He has touched the lives of several of our students and has made a lasting impact; this is evident by the way they speak about him. His students and co-teacher say he explains things very well and is a natural teacher and that they enjoy working with him very much.

The Helpline Center is pleased to present David with a framed certificate and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Paul TenHaken.