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BY YWCA ENGLISH STUDENTS
IN COLLABORATION WITH UNI STUDENTS

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Olá Bon jour....
Möste! Zdravo Hello!

I ...

My family...

past

present

future

do
sew
cut
cook
look
mend
grow
move
lift
plant
build
braid
weave
prepare
think
write
design
create
master
speak
study
learn
draw
make
be



Introduction.

During the spring and fall semesters of 2016, UNI students collaborated with adult learners in English classes at the YWCA in Waterloo, Iowa as language partners. The stories below are just a sample of all the different backgrounds and talents that the adult English learners brought to the collaboration. At the end of the fall 2016 semester, the YWCA students were invited to write about their past, present, and/or future and, if they wanted to, about their family as well. (The document that prompted them to share their ideas is on the first page!) UNI students offered assistance, as needed, to help the YWCA students craft their stories. Students were also invited to share fabric from their home countries. These fragments of cloth inspired the patterns on the book cover and throughout its pages. We present this text as a means to join together words and images that linked students from around the world as partners in learning.

-Jennifer and Caitlin



Student 1.

Student 1 is from Angola.

She writes,

'My name is A@#\$.%

I am from Angola.

I went to school in Angola.

I go to English class in America.

I will go to beauty school.

I like to study!

A!@#\$.% knows how to braid hair.

Student 2.

Student 2 is from Mexico,
but he has lived in the U.S. for many years.

His name is P!@#\$.%

He says, "I cook.

I used to work at Tyson, but now I'm retired.

I started cooking.

I cook barbeques, roast meats, tacos and tamales.

I'm on a diet and I lost a lot of weight,
but I still like cooking."

P!@#\$.% made tamales for our class.

Everyone liked them!





Student 3.

Student 3 is from Burma.

His name is Slo#\$%.

He writes, "I used to play soccer.

I had to quit when I turned 50.

I also used to high jump.

I had to quit when I turned 20.

I like to exercise."

Student 4.

Student 4 is from Bosnia.

Her name is M!@#\$.%

She writes, "I cook.

I will cook lasagna tomorrow.

I am cutting peppers.

I am chopping onions.

I seasoned the ground beef.

I put the lasagna in the oven.

Good food!"





Student 5.

Student 5 is from Burma.

He writes, "My name is N!@#\$.%.

In the past I lived in Burma and I lived in a small village.

Almost all the people in my village, they are farmers.

So my family is also farmers.

Every year we are planting some vegetables and rice in our field for the rainy season.

So, I love planting!

I planted banana trees and sweet potato in my garden.

Because Myanmar had a Civil War,

we cannot live in my country. I moved to Thailand.

Then, I got another opportunity, to come to USA.

Last year, in 2015, I arrived to this country.

The first month I arrived here I didn't know anything. I was feeling bad. How to go? How to do? How to buy?

I knew nothing.

But, right now I know a little bit about the situation.

Right now I am a student.

I am studying English in the YWCA. But my English is zero.

In the future I hope I'm going to improve my English.

I'm feeling happy because I'm getting a good opportunity to have study here. Thank you for all!"

Student 6.

Student 6 is from Colombia.

She writes, "My name is P!@#\$.

I'm from Colombia.

I'm married and have a daughter.

She is 4 years old.

I have lived in Cedar Falls for 2 months and

will start studying English

in January at Hawkeye College.

I like practicing yoga and

I want to be an expert in the future.

I want to be a yoga instructor.

My favorite hobbies are reading and

playing with my daughter.





Student 7.

Student 7 is from Burma.
She offers a recipe for Fish Soup.

Lemon grass

Chile

Tomato

Salmon

Cinnamon

Water

Sugar

Salt

Put in a pressure cooker for 5 minutes.

Eat with rice (or rice noodles)

and drink water.

Use a big spoon!

Student 8.

Student 8 is from the Congo.
She writes, "My name is A!@#\$.%

I am married.

I have one child.

He is 4 years old.

I live in Waterloo, Iowa."

A!@#\$.% speaks French
with her friend, student 9.





Student 9.

Student 9 writes, My name is J!@#\$.%

I am from Africa RD Congo.

I have a child.

Now I live in Waterloo.

I have spoken French since I was three years old

I have lived in Waterloo for 2 years.

In French she writes,

*Je m'appelle J!@#\$.%

Je viens de L'Afrique DRC Kinshasa.

J'ai un enfant maintenant j'habite Waterloo.

Je parle Français depuis le trois ans.

J'ai 2 ans á Waterloo.

Student 10.

Student 10 is from Burma.

Her name is H!@#%\$.

She writes, "In the past,

I used to cook.

In the present, I dance.

In the future, I want to sew."

She is a good dancer!

She also says,

"Every Sunday my husband and I go fishing.

We fish at the Cedar River.

We catch many kinds of fish.

We keep the fish to eat."





Student 11.

Student 11 is from Bosnia.

He likes to fish.

His name is Sl@#\$%.

He writes, "I bought the line at Walmart.

I put the hook on.

I have the bobber.

I am holding my fishing pole.

I will buy the bait tomorrow.

[After I catch one]

I will weigh the fish!"

Student 12.

Student 12 is from Mexico.

Her name is R!@#\$.

She makes cakes.

She showed us all the steps
to make a Tres Leches cake.

It takes about 8 hours to do it.

She uses cake mix, three kinds of milk
(milk, sweetened condensed milk and whipped cream)
and puts fruit on top of the cake
(mango, peaches, strawberries or maraschino cherries).

The cake was delicious!





Student 13.

Student 13 is from Burma.

Her name is J!@#\$.%

She writes, 'I like to cook a chicken,
and I like to eat chicken.

I cook with oil, and then I like to put it in water.

I cut the chicken first!

And, I like to put in chili.

I love chili!

Student 14.

Student 14 is from Burma.

She writes, "My name is Sl@#\$.

My husband's name is K!@#\$.

My mother is 85 years old.

She is not well.

My father died in 2012.

My mother and daughters are in my country.

I remember my family.

I am from Myanmar.

I am 59 years old.

I'm married.

I have 3 daughters.

Two daughters are married.

The last daughter is single.

They are finished school.

I like Waterloo because school

is close to my house and

all teachers are great and very good.

I dislike Waterloo because

the trees are very big and have a lot of leaves.

There are some old houses and they are destroyed."

Sl@#\$% likes to exercise and she is very flexible!





Student 15.

Student 15 says, "Hello! My name is Sl@#\$%.

I am from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I came to U.S.A. together with my family in 1998.

I am married about 27 years.

I have two sons.

My oldest son is 26 years old,
younger is 20 years old,
going into the third year of college,
and works as a security officer.

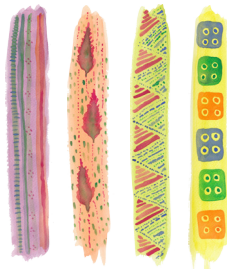
My oldest son completed 4 years of college and
is working in an office.

I worked at Tyson but now I don't because of illness.

My husband works.

In Bosnia I have two brothers and a sister.

Here in U.S.A. I have family in Florida.



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