

Safiya Siddiq

I am 13 years old and I am a tutor to Rana.

I wanted to be a tutor because I love learning new things and I wanted to share that with anyone and everyone. I really enjoy watching the kids learn new things and it always makes me happy when I see them understand a new concept. I smile every time I watch them use a trick I taught them and it's really rewarding when they come in every week with more knowledge. I love knowing that I help these kids and that is why I became a tutor.

Hawa Chohan – Lead Tutor

Why I tutor: This is my second-year volunteering as a tutor for Uplift. I have worked in various grade levels with English Learners and currently work for a local school district. I have a passion for teaching and my classroom experience allows me to give back to my local community. The smile on the students' faces and their "lightbulb" moments are so rewarding.



Salma Dadabhoy – Tutor in Charge

First, I would like to thank God for His never-ending grace, mercy, blessings and provisions.

As we all know, children all over the world are suffering and just watching and hearing about their suffering and ill fate has been depressing. The feeling of helplessness has been overwhelming. I felt like I am not doing anything for them or for humanity in general.

A such, with God’s blessing, when Uplift approached me with an opportunity to do something that has always been close to my heart, I could not help but grab this great opportunity with both hands.

I have always loved children; and teaching them has been a passion for me. I am blessed that I got this opportunity and am thrilled to be a part of this journey in these children's lives. I love seeing their young, eager and motivated faces light up each time they learn something new or overcome a challenge. Their motivation has been my inspiration for a long time and I eagerly look forward to this opportunity that has been provided to me.

I am highly thankful to God first and then Uplift for the podium they are providing me, where I can come together with others in such endeavors. May God help us make a difference in the lives of at least some of these innocent children.

Prayers are requested.

Zak Memon



I’m a chartered accountant from Canada and have worked with airlines for 15 years and in the education field for 19 years providing fiscal support to educational programs. After taking early retirement from the profession, I’m currently working on a project with a healthcare company in Irvine.

With my experience in the education field and passion to support student learning, I began to volunteer to help migrant students from different parts of the world achieve their academic goals. I tutor on Saturday’s at Garden Grove Masjid courtesy Uplift Charity. I’m grateful to God for helping me accomplish this task and thankful to the management of Uplift for giving me the opportunity to volunteer and support student education.

Hina Azhar

Reading news and the condition of Syria have always made me feel like we are not doing enough for our brothers and sisters in humanity.

Uplift provided us with an opportunity to fulfill that missing part of doing something beneficial for others and ourselves.

I love teaching kids. I am a homeschooling mom myself so it’s always a pleasure to teach the students at Uplift.

I love Nadia, she is in second grade.

I am so happy to be a part of her journey in learning to read and admire her motivation.

I am thankful to God and Uplift for the platform they provided where both the students and us teachers come together to benefit each other be it learning or feeling better as a human being to share the goodness in this world.

Sakeena Siddiq

I am volunteering because I want to help these kids learn and reach their full potential. I enjoy watching them become interested in learning and figuring out new concepts. It’s very rewarding to see their faces light up when they’ve understood a challenging problem or concept. I really like tutoring because it lets me use my knowledge to help others.