STAFF

SPOTLIGHT

MICHELLE PALMER



What is your position with Open Door?

I teach math in English, personal finance, and I'm the volunteer coordinator.

How long have you been with Open Door?

A little more than a year.

Give three words that describe Open door:

important resource, indispensable

Reflect on a moment or event with Open Door that is memorable to you:

I love it when students pass their test. Sometimes they text me to let me know. That is always exciting for me.

Why would you recommend someone to be on Open Door staff?

You are doing something truly vital for our community. By helping adults strengthen their understanding of English and find confidence in speaking it, you are opening doors that many once thought were closed. You're also empowering those who need their high school diploma to reach that goal — making them more marketable, giving them access to better opportunities, and even inspiring them to continue on to college.
What you're doing changes lives. Your work doesn't just teach skills — it builds hope, dignity, and a stronger community for everyone.