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**ENGLISH MADE EASY**

Washington Township -- Once every week, after their shift ends, nine Heath Village employees come to the Board Room after their shift ends, to meet with two resident volunteer tutors for an English conversation class. The students work in various departments, and come from a range of countries: Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Russia and the Ukraine. They all have good, basic English skills but want to improve their command of the language.

The class utilizes a variety of approaches to achieve this: conversation, reading aloud stories and news items, introduction to the many rules of English grammar and peculiarities of American speech. This is all enlivened by Bingo games specially constructed to illustrate the current lesson. "I feel very happy and comfortable...because it is a friendly environment where mistakes are not criticized but a learning lesson," said one participant. Proof of this is the sound of their laughter which can be heard each week up and down the hallway.

And, there is homework - after all, this is a class - written exercises, having a conversation in English outside the class, and watching English TV with subtitles. Despite the extra work, one student feels that the class gave her "an opportunity to speak even though it sometimes it wasn't proper. It has helped rectify our mistakes and pushed us to do better."

The program falls under the umbrella of literacyNJ and was spearheaded by Heath Village resident Marguerite Gadel who has been active with the organization in many roles, including tutor, for over twenty years. "The class has been very successful and I am very happy to be able to provide this service to interested employees," said Gadel about the program.

For additional information or to arrange an interview, please contact Heath Village Community Relations Coordinator Melissa Nichols at 908-684-5006.

Heath Village is a full-service, not-for-profit, retirement community located at 430 Schooley's Mountain Road in Washington Township, Morris County. For further information, please call 908-852-4801 or visit us on our website at [www.heathvillage.com](http://www.heathvillage.com). Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/heathvillage](https://www.facebook.com/heathvillage).



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