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University Police Department Tutoring Program

My name is Sue Dootson. I am the LEC Coordinator for Albemarle County and Charlottesville. Um, my job is to coordinate the tutors that we have with the school. I'm kinda the go-between LEC, our tutors, and also the school. The tutor experience is so interesting because it goes from bringing in people who may never have tutored before. They don't have children of their own. They are a little bit apprehensive. They're not sure how this is going to work. And, so, from that very beginning stage of putting them at ease, telling them that we have everything covered, we have all the materials you need, there is a training that you go through before, and that you'll be you'll be great, you'll be great. To, at the end of it, saying this was the best experience I have ever had. Really making that one-on-one connection with a student and knowing that you're helping them learn to read. A lot of our students are second language learners and so helping them to better assimilate and really make that one-on-one connection is just a wonderful thing to experience. As a coordinator, to see that journey of the students and the tutors come together

If you are at all interested in making a difference in a student's life as well as in your own life, I encourage you to reach out and get in touch. This is a wonderful program and the best part about it is that you're really taken care of. There's not a lot that you need to worry about besides coming to the school, making that commitment, which actually gets to be really easy because once you get to know your student one-on-one, you form that bond and it just becomes something that you look forward to. And that's something that most of our tutors tell us is that, they weren't sure but then it becomes something they look forward to. They make sure they're available and they get just as much out of it as the students do.

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