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THANK YOU

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OVERVIEW OF HEARTFELT TIDBITS

Heartfelt Tidbits provides support to refugees and recent immigrants living in Southwestern Ohio by facilitating integration and self-sufficiency through their innovative education, cultural, and employment-enhancing programming.



PURPOSE

The goal of this internship was to gain experience working with immigrants and refugees before starting my senior IS. Through this internship, I have gained knowledge on different cultures and gained social skills by communicating with different people.



EXPERIENCE

During my time at this internship I was a lead teacher for the summer camp Heartfelt Tidbits’ hosts, taught English classes, and helped organize their community space while simultaneously researching the economic consequences of mass deportations.



CONCLUSIONS

During my time at Heartfelt Tidbits, I gained more communication skills, specifically when I am speaking with a non-English speaker, more techniques when it comes to researching, and began developing my plan after graduating the College of Wooster. From this internship I learned that I hope to go into education after completing my degree. I also began researching programs to get my teaching license if I am not an education major.

