



THE JOY OF WRITING

2024

Stories and narratives written by
the adult students of
Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle

Table of Contents

I Am Proud to Belong to This Community by Gloria Patricia Rios....	3
A New Life for My Family by Mariam Amiri	4
My New Life is Beginning by Sukriye.....	5
My New Home by Nerva Principal.....	6
A History of My Life in El Salvador by Carlos Angel.....	7
Eid al-Fitr by Latifa Azizi	8
This is My Fight by Zolboot Gombosuren	9
Olga's Story by Olga Popoca	11
My Life in the U.S. by Lily Li	12
Mi Histora de Vida by Norma Pineda.....	13
I Am From by Ping	15
My Citizenship by Rosmery Franco.....	17
It's a Little Complicated:Work vs Education by Doris Chicas.....	19
What Happened at Food Lion by Ibtihal Al Zuabidi	21
Traditions and Customs from Mexico to the U.S. by Guadalupe Salazar Fraire	23
The Reasons It's a Good Thing for a Person to Read Poetry by Lijing Yang	26
From Struggle to Strength: A Refugee's Journey to Belonging by Tajaldeen Ashour	29
No Rice, No Fries by Ebru Balpetek.....	31
Things I Love by Abdulkarim Chiha.....	32
My Family Home by William David Chambers.....	33
Women Can Do It! by Karyna Belova	34



Going Home to Richmond by Lever Belcher	35
Shukrya’s Childhood by Shukrya.....	36
Be Proud of Yourself by Guillermo Martinez Lopez	38
My Daily Life in My Hometown by Taiba Bunyadi.....	39
I Am Roohullah by Roohullah Laldari.....	42
My Family Trip by Najibeh Ghasemi.....	43
No Matter How Difficult the Situation, Some Good May Come	
From It by Bahie Ramadan	44
My View of Education by Oyuna Erendoo	46
Before the Nightmare by Mohamad Al Darwish	49
How to Support Literacy Volunteers	51

