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- Students interact with native Spanish speakers outside of class to help them develop their English language skills
- All people that students work with are on a waitlist for a tutor at “Literacy Green Bay”
- The goal of this service is to:
 - Practice Spanish conversational skills outside of class
 - Connect the concepts in class to what is going on outside of the classroom
 - Learn more about the presence and different features of Spanish in the local community

12 students total- **4** in person and **8** virtual
98 hours served so far:
10 weeks, meet for **1-1.5** hours

"I think the biggest takeaway I've gained from this experience was the ability to understand the obstacles immigrants have while living in America due to their lack of proficiency in English. It's apparent through our conversations that there aren't enough opportunities for work or education for these individuals due to their lack of fluency. This experience has also motivated me to want to continue serving minority groups within the US and foster acceptance of different cultures and languages."- Jordyn Lawatsch Spring 2021 Participant



Jordyn Lawatsch with Literacy GB conversation partner Ricardo

“The experience working with a conversational partner has been great! Not only is it a great way for each of us to practice our second language, but it is also a unique way to experience and share culture. By talking with her each week, I have learned a lot about life in Mexico, as well as the transition to living here. It is really interesting to compare her perspective of our culture to my own perceptions. This just shows how big the world actually is!” -Brittany Wagner Spring 2021 Participant

