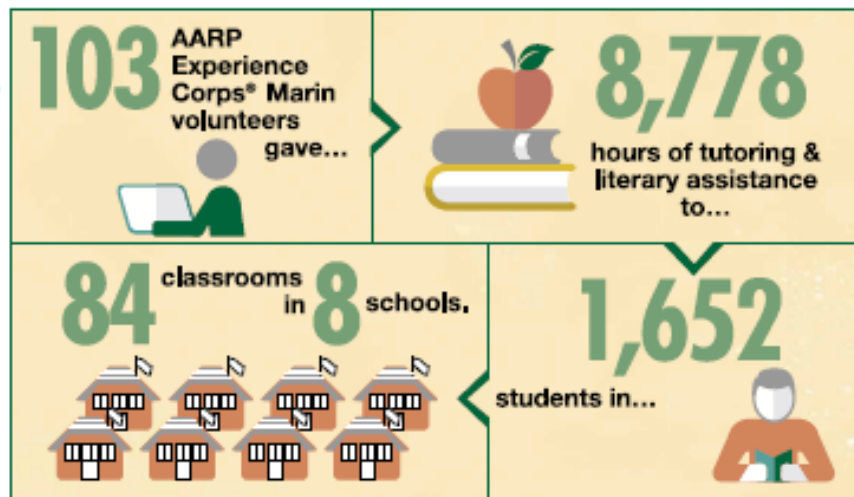


## AARP Foundation Experience Corps® Marin

Studies show that achieving literacy in the early years is essential for children's success later in life. AARP Foundation Experience Corps® Marin is dedicated to helping young students read at grade level by the end of third grade.



Experience Corps® Marin matches diverse volunteer tutors aged fifty and older with struggling readers in grades K–3. The relationships the Experience Corps® tutors build with their students contribute to the children's scholastic success and motivate them to excel. Tutors share that being Experience Corps® volunteers increases their sense of purpose in life and helps them stay physically and mentally healthy.



### Volunteer Spotlight:

#### Beatriz Ferrari

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AARP Foundation Experience Corps® Marin volunteer Beatriz Ferrari uses creativity, communication, and a caring heart to help kindergarteners at Venetia Valley Elementary become great readers.

"Mrs. Ferrari is an extraordinary tutor," says Venetia Valley Kindergarten teacher Sheila Torrez. "Her compassion and love for the students

is something to admire. She lets students know that she is here for them, to help them and be their friend. I could not do my language centers if Mrs. Ferrari were not in the class with me."

Bilingual in Spanish and English, Beatriz also helps young English learners improve their language skills. During her four years as an Experience Corps tutor, Beatriz has even written several bilingual children's books, including her most recent story, "Corkie the Surfer Dog."