

Summer Volunteer Opportunity Grant (SVOG) Past Recipients

1991-2010

2010

Laura Streyle '11

Growing Together,
APPLETON,WI

Laura Streyle created a program called "Growing Together" in collaboration with the Community Garden Partnership in Appleton. Growing Together aimed to work with teachers, English Language Learner students and their parents to create and nurture part of a garden. They exchanged language and meaning over the common activity of getting hands dirty. Laura planned lessons varying from planting to painting to writing all centered around the garden.

Katherine Jubert '12

Sonidos de la Tierra,
PARAGUAY

Katherine Jubert taught flute and vocal lessons while directing a wind ensemble, flute choir, and vocal choir. She worked with a Paraguayan school that keeps at-risk youth off the streets, in an underserved area where children have no opportunity for formal education. Katherine brought North American musical experience to children who would otherwise not have it.

Melinda Beyer '12

Handi Children
Outreach Home,
ACCRA, GHANA

Melinda Beyer worked with a Ghanaian orphanage this summer. She worked with an agriculture program at the orphanage, helping with farming, food collection and storage by clearing and fertilizing land, planting and nurturing crops, teaching farming techniques to older children and staff, assisting with purchasing stock, caring for, fencing, and moving stock. She also assisted in the daily activities with the orphanage.

Jared Gebel '11

Ali Forney Center,
NEW YORK, NY

Jared Gebel interned at the Ali Forney Center's administrative office working to provide housing, resources, and services to homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth, ages 16-24. He provided administrative assistance, organized benefits and fundraisers, and co-facilitated and developed workshops for clients at several of their sites.

2009

J.B. Sivanich

Pragati Educational Foundation,
BANGALORE, INDIA

J.B. Sivanich '10 worked with the Pragati Educational Foundation in Bangalore, India teaching English to academically talented children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. He taught his own English class for two hours everyday as a part of an after-school program. J.B. acted as both a mentor and a teacher to these students, helping them prepare for entering college.

Rebecca Bohl

Guatemala Human Rights
Commission, WASHINGTON DC

Rebecca Bohl '10 worked as an intern for the Guatemala Human Rights Commission in Washington D.C. Rebecca helped to provide support for Guatemalan families forced to leave their homes due to violence and economic disparity. She helped translate and edit biweekly publications, organize events such as fundraisers and delegations to Guatemala, assisted staff with affidavits for political asylum cases, and learned how a non-profit organization functions. Rebecca was also in contact with

U.S. government representatives to advocate against the abuse of human rights in Guatemala.

Sylvie Armstrong

Saving Paws Animal Rescue,
APPLETON, WI

Sylvie Armstrong '10 worked as a Dog Adoption Coordinator for Saving Paws Animal Rescue just outside of Appleton, WI. Sylvie helped rescue dogs needing to find new homes. She assessed the dogs to understand the kind of care necessary or any special needs they had. She facilitated in the adoption process, particularly for the "unadoptable" dogs, which involved reviewing applications and meeting with the potential adopters to make sure it is a good match. Sylvie lived in an off-campus apartment where she fostered dogs with special needs or who there was no space for in the shelter.

Zachary Becker

Ramchander Nath Foundation,
NEW DELHI, INDIA

Zachary Becker '10 worked in New Delhi, India with the Ramchander Nath Foundation (RNF). He worked with the prisoner art project "Expressions at Tihar" and helped empower prisoners, specifically juvenile offenders, through opportunities in the arts. Zachary assisted the curator of the upcoming Expressions exhibition held at the Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts. Many of his tasks involved working directly with the inmates as well as with leading contemporary Indian artists who comprise this exhibition. His work included visits to Delhi's Tihar Prison, the largest prison complex in Asia.

2008

Kaileigh Arnold

World Food Program,
ASIA

Sophomore Kaileigh Arnold worked with the Director of the World Food Program in Asia to better understand what running a Non-Profit Organization involves. She met with other country directors and government officials to discuss program details, work on the budget, and arrange details for food donations. Kaileigh also worked directly with the people in extremely poor communities. She organized and monitored "food for education" programs which gave children a free meal at school and acted as a volunteer passing out the food to the children in these areas.

Harjinder Bedi

Organic Farming,
GHANA

Junior Harjinder Bedi worked on an organic farm in rural Ghana by engaging in planting, crop cultivation, plant and animal upkeep, and grounds upkeep for the farm. As a volunteer, he gained knowledge about sustainable farming and living while participating in an invaluable cultural exchange with the people of Ghana. Harjinder also volunteered in the schools for educational purposes and for other projects that work together with the World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF). After his stay at the farm, Harjinder studied traditional drumming and the dances of Ghana in his teacher's home village.

Megan Bjella

Lawrence University Sustainable Garden
APPLETON, WI

Junior Megan Bjella worked on the Lawrence University Sustainable Garden this summer. She worked with the Community Gardens Partnership of the Fox Valley to develop a plan for the Lawrence garden as one of a series of teaching gardens in the community. Megan also developed a garden curriculum for local grade schools and hosted local community group visits to the garden. Throughout the summer, local businesses, organizations and schools were invited to visit and participate in the Lawrence garden.

Jamie Gajewski

Su espacio
COSTA RICA

Junior Jamie Gajewski volunteered at a community center called Su Espacio in Costa Rica. At the center, she taught weekly dance classes to Costa Rican children between the ages of 4 and 13. Jamie also taught English classes to children and adults. In these classes, she used bilingual strategies and interactive activities to help her students learn a language that allows them access to better jobs in the future.

2007**Tungtaeya Abdel-Majeed**

Accord Language School
PARIS, FRANCE

Taeya used her exceptional dance skills to teach high school children about French race relations through various literary and musical movements, specifically those found in La Negritude and the Harlem Renaissance.

Nicole Fisher

Arkansas Foodbank Network
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Nicole spent 10 days volunteering at the Arkansas Foodbank Network. While there, she spent eight hours each day sorting and stocking food, serving food at meal times, and doing some light clerical work.

Heath Gordon

Habitat for Humanity
BRAJA, PORTUGAL

As a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Heath spent 10 days volunteering in Braja, Portugal on a Global Village build.

2006**Kelsey Lutz**

Archeological Fieldwork and Public

Kelsey spent two months in Peru as part of an archeological team

Outreach
PACCASAMAYO, PERU

led by a Lawrence alum. While there she excavated domestic buildings from the 13th century. She also worked to educate the community about the research the team was doing.

Danielle Simandl

Chamber Ensemble Coaching
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

During the summer Danielle coached chamber ensembles for six weeks because the local music camp was closed for the summer months.

Chelsea Wagner

Free Arts for Abused Children
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

As Program Coordinator, Chelsea spent the summer planning sessions for the YES to Art program and organizing a large scale event called Free Arts Day for over 100 children. Additionally she engaged in administrative duties for the organization as well.

2005

Megan Allen

Cristo Rey Community
Center
LANSING, MICHIGAN

As a Youth Service Coordinator, Megan served meals, planned and led games and activities, and supervised sixty children in the summer break program, serving low-income children in a predominantly Hispanic area including recently immigrated families. Megan was able to use her Spanish and English language skills in doing so.

Kenneth Alvord

Cap Hatian
HAITI

Kenneth worked as a youth activities coordinator with Hearts for Haiti, an organization that focuses much of its efforts on youth services. He planned activities, tutored, and helped to construct a medical facility in the area. He also conducted interviews and research related to civil unrest and political instability in the area.

Freya D'Almeida

Center for Communication and Training
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Freya interviewed children of the tsunami-affected areas of the country in an effort to determine what still must be done to bring relief and aid to the victims. Freya also worked with another student to create a film documentary and still photographic record regarding the tsunami and its impact upon the people of Sri Lanka.

Nora Hertel

WORT-FM Radio Station
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Working with non-commercial, listener-supported radio station WORT-FM, Nora served as assistant music librarian organizing the station's collection. In addition, she worked with the station's volunteer coordinator to prepare for and staff outreach events at festivals and events throughout the summer.

Gayatri Naidu
Cross Cultural Solutions
LIMA, PERU

Gayatri worked as a volunteer with Cross Cultural Solutions, an organization that works to alleviate some of the stress caused by political and economic strife by improving the quality of life for the poor rural class in Peru. She assisted with local daycare centers to facilitate athletic and educational activities for children living in impoverished areas so their parents could work.

Jessica Patenaude

The Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Jessica spent her summer volunteering at the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley, a facility for homeless families and individuals. She served as a receptionist, secured the shelter, assisted residents and guests, provided childcare, and assisted residents with finding employment and housing. She also sewed clothing and household items for residents to have as they moved toward finding employment and permanent housing.

Katherine Stanton

Senator Russ Feingold's office
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Katharine spent her summer as an intern in the office U.S. Senator Russ Feingold, responding to constituents, answering phones and mail, performing data entry, attending legislative hearings, and doing research.

2004

Tatiana Plaxina

Library Serials Database Development for
the Appleton Public Library
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Tatiana developed a database for the Appleton Public Library to enable cataloging and searching for serials and periodicals within the Library.

2003

Katherine Hoyme

Youth With A Mission
CHENNAI, INDIA

Katherine worked with children living with poverty in inner-city settings, and focused on AIDS education and prevention, combating poverty and enriching childhood.

Ann Miller

The Tampa Urban Project: Finding God in
the City
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Ann provided computer instruction and access, facilitated an urban day-camp and support in an inner-city setting and studied racism, poverty, and other issues from a theological perspective.

Andrea Wright

Stree Mikti Sanghatana, Parisar Vikas
project
MUMBAI, INDIA

Andrea provided entrepreneurial support, education and encouragement to ragpicker women in India; provided daycare, identity cards, and support around environmental and social issues and personal safety.

2002

Molly Bartholomew

National Association of Anorexia and
Associated Disorders (ANAD)
HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

Molly created educational programming for both sufferers and the general public, provided assistance to health care professionals, and assisted with research studies.

Kora Buettner

ProMujer Foundation for Sustainable
Development
BOLIVIA

Kora worked on women's development through leadership, education, literacy, sexual education, health, micro-enterprise development, human rights, and women's rights.

Jennifer Dieter

Illinois PIRG
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Jennifer worked on grant writing and development to promote and fund the Illinois PIRG (Public Interest Research Group).

Natalie Hall

Music Camp Volunteer Holy Trinity School
PORT-AU-PRINCE and LEOGANE, HAITI

This summer, Natalie staffed a day camp in Port-au-Prince and month-long overnight camp in Leogane, Haiti. She taught lessons, lead sectionals, coached ensembles, and played with children and adults.

Danata Janofsky

Fisheries Biology Intern Research
Program, Moie Marine Biology Laboratory
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

During her volunteer program, Danata helped with computer data entry, shipboard fish tagging, care and maintenance of captive red snappers, fish hyper baric chamber experiments, and fish necropsies.

Sarah Krile

New American Collaborative
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Sarah interviewed members and non-members of the collaborative, implemented a new mentoring program as part of Leadership Development Task Force, and supported four task forces providing services to new Americans.

Yasmine Rainford

Peace Project in Jamaica
JAMAICA (urban and rural)

Yasmine created and implemented a summer program for inner-city youth to encourage moral development and conflict resolution skills. The program, which was patterned after a summer camp, operates in the city for two weeks at a time, focusign on rural and cultural immersion. Other Lawrentians participated as facilitators.

Jenny West

Holy Trinity Summer Music Camp,
PORT-AU-PRINCE and LEOGANE, HAITI

With support of Professor Janet Anthony, Jenny participated in a program which offers lessons and one-on-one mentoring to children in Haiti, provides camp counseling services, and fosters higher aspirations to disadvantaged children through music.

Stephen Venugopal

Gunderson Baby Home
ANTIPOLO, PHILIPPINES

Stephen worked with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in the home and helped with maintenance and other manual labor necessary to keep up the home.

2001

Christopher Anderson

Bringing Russia and Outagamie Closer
Together American Red Cross
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Christopher worked through Red Cross and with Appleton's sister city with Kurgan in Russia to foster helping relationship in developing emergency preparedness and services in Kurgan.

Sandra Blick

Mote Marine Laboratory Internship Marine
Mammal Program
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Sandra completed marine photography, data management, equipment maintenance, and aerial and land surveys.

Sandra Gresl

The Colombia Project US Committee for
Refugees
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sandra served as an Internship Coordinator and facilitated research on refugee situations, provided advocacy support to refugees, and raised public awareness through educational programming.

Sarah Phelps

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Gustavo Setrini

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higher aspirations to disadvantaged children through music.

Douglas Wilber

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With support of Professor Janet Anthony, Douglas participated in a program which offers lessons and one-on-one mentoring to children in Haiti, provides camp counseling services, and fosters higher aspirations to disadvantaged children through music.

2000

Eric Boehmer

Medical Mission to Northeastern Brazil
CAMARAGIBE, BRAZIL

Eric served as an assistant in a medical clinic providing medical care and health education to adults and children in rural areas.

Tom Clowes

Holy Trinity Summer Music Camp,
PORT-AU-PRINCE and LEOGANE, HAITI

With support of Professor Janet Anthony, Tom participated in a program which offers lessons and one-on-one mentoring to children in Haiti, provides camp counseling services, and fosters higher aspirations to disadvantaged children through music.

Bilguissa Diallo

Education in Rural Areas
LABE, GUINEA

Bilguissa worked on a project to foster educational growth and promote increased attention to educational opportunities for both boys and girls in rural West Africa.

Beth Halpern

Habitat for Humanity
AMERICUS, GEORGIA

Worked with Habitat international headquarters, building all summer and preparing for President Jimmy Carter's national build in September.

Jason Hansen

Holy Trinity Summer Music Camp,
PORT-AU-PRINCE and LEOGANE, HAITI

With support of Professor Janet Anthony, Jason participated in a program which offers lessons and one-on-one mentoring to children in Haiti, provides camp counseling services, and fosters higher aspirations to disadvantaged children through music.

Michael O'Brien

Holy Trinity Summer Music Camp,
PORT-AU-PRINCE and LEOGANE, HAITI

With support of Professor Janet Anthony, Michael participated in a program which offers lessons and one-on-one mentoring to children in Haiti, provides camp counseling services, and fosters higher aspirations to disadvantaged children through music.

Abby Wakefield

Holy Trinity Summer Music Camp,
PORT-AU-PRINCE and LEOGANE, HAITI

With support of Professor Janet Anthony, Jason participated in a program which offers lessons and one-on-one mentoring to children in Haiti, provides camp counseling services, and fosters

higher aspirations to disadvantaged children through music.

1999

Craig Hauschildt

British Brass Band Salvation Army,
Appleton Corps Community Center
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Craig worked on a project to establish a British Brass Band for Appleton Salvation Army for youth in Fox Valley.

Kari Hikkila

Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center
LONGMONT, COLORADO

Kari served in the office, at special events, in the lesson ring, and with horse care and selection. She focused on promoting physical, psychological, and social well-being of people with disabilities.

Teresa Kessenich

Manatee Research Project
Mote Marine Laboratory
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Teresa researched to gain understanding about the conservation of the manatee population. She also promoted the adopt-a-manatee program, and collected and processed data.

Kara Neymeyer

Walker's Point Youth and Family Center
Youth Runaway Shelter
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Kara provided staffing, mentoring, counseling, and support to youth runaways, serving as an overnight staff member and on weekdays in the shelter.

Shazore Shah

Holy Trinity Summer Music Camp,
PORT-AU-PRINCE and LEOGANE, HAITI

With support of Professor Janet Anthony, Shazore participated in a program which offers lessons and one-on-one mentoring to children in Haiti, provides camp counseling services, and fosters higher aspirations to disadvantaged children through music.

Natalia Smith

Mazahuas Project for the State of Mexico
MEXICO (rural areas)

Natalia worked on a project dealing with poverty, development, agriculture, and indigenous populations in rural Mexico under the supervision of Asesoría y Desarrollo Rural, a non-governmental organization based in Mexico City.

Justin Stacker

Sartori Hospital Physical Therapy
Volunteer
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Justin provided rehabilitation services and volunteer support to patients in therapy at Sartori Hospital. He also provided services that the hospital cannot afford any other way.

1998

Kathleen Olvera

Translation and Fundraising Projects of
Humanitarian Aid
CHIAPAS, MEXICO

Kathleen organized and worked on sending food and necessities by caravan to remote locations. She also worked on a fundraising campaign for educational programs about a project in Chiapas, translated three books, and staffed the office.

Ben Tilghman

Stepping Stones Children's Museum
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

Ben helped develop the exhibits and programs to be included in the largest children's museum between New York and Boston. He designed exhibits and worked with children to test ideas.

Megan Walsh

Sarah's Inn Domestic Abuse Center
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

Sarah engaged in a combination of administrative work and direct work with staff and victims of abuse. She also worked on a phone triage, provided resources to victims, and worked on programming and counseling for children.

1997**Jessica Holden**

Internship with Two Medical Teams in the
Philippines
RIZAL, PHILIPPINES

Jessica worked with Filipino women in a midwifery clinic in the poverty stricken area of Rizal.

Kara Richards

Joshua House Residential Care facility for
Children removed from Abusive Homes
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Kara served as a houseparent in a home for abused and neglected children, established by the Child Protection Agency of Health and Human Services due to a shortage of foster homes. She worked with children ages newborn to 13 years.

1996**Steve Gruber**

Habitat for Humanity, Mathematics Tutor,
and Battered Women's Shelter
QUETZALTENGAGNO and CATNEL,
GUATEMALA

Steve worked on 3 projects: building Habitat houses, tutoring children, and working in a battered women's shelter. The shelter work included physical improvements to the facility to make it more structurally stable and safer for children. He also worked with children and victims of abuse.

Andrea Nichols

Internship with American Cancer Society
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Andrea worked as a field assistant with fundraising projects, helped with Rely for Life events, and prepared news releases, PSAs, and articles for newsletters. She also worked with the

media to promote the Cancer Society.

Lora Schultz

Internship with Villa Hope Residential Services
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Laura interned in a home for 30 men with developmental challenges or brain trauma, corrections' delinquents, or men with mental illnesses. She served as a staff assistant, mentor and friend to patients.

1995

There are no records for this year

1994

Stacy Czerniak

Cooperational Aid Development FUNDIAC
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA

Stacy spent half of her day in a soup kitchen feeding malnourished children and providing arts and crafts activities and other educational enrichment for them. She spent her afternoons in a woman's cooperative working on building self-esteem, training, etc.

Scott Nguyen

Fox Valley AIDS Project
Resource Library Development
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Scott organized and cataloged materials that were collected over time in the AIDS Resource Center (ARC) of Wisconsin.

Ben Palchick

Human Heart Exhibit
Fox Cities Children's Museum
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Ben worked on the creation and building of a Human Heart exhibit for the Fox Cities Children's Museum.

Erica Rand

Puerto Rican Cultural Center
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Erica volunteered with the staff of a summer camp that teaches skills involving self-determination, self-sufficiency, and self-development to children.

1993

Jana Gearhart

Children in Protective Custody
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Jana volunteered in a small state-licensed daycare facility with emphasis on the arts.

Edward Immler

Disaster Relief American Red Cross

Edward helped with the preparation of a disaster relief plan and

APPLETON, WISCONSIN

created a computer program to track resources and resource allocation, and recorded the needs of victims in a disaster.

Emily Murray

House of the Good Shepherd
Children's Program
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Emily volunteered in a shelter for victims of abuse (mothers and children). She also worked in a children's library, providing summer activities for children, and engaged in short term projects for the center.

1992

Fleming Elsberry

Bronx Episcopal AIDS Ministry
BRONX, NEW YORK

Fleming worked with local populations on AIDS education, sex education, and assisted the area with highest per-capita AIDS occurrence in the U.S.

Margaret Jenks

Housing Opportunities Made Equitable
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Identified homes of people living at or below poverty level in Western Michigan in serious need of repair, then supervised crew to perform work to bring up to codes.

Yiannia Miralis

Cultural Musical Appreciation
Nicoria
CYPRUS, GREECE

Yiannia helped revive the cultural traditions among Cypriot peoples in Psematismenos through education and uncovering traditional music and dance.

Kelly Swett

ART REACH Milwaukee
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Kelly worked on a program to develop accessibility to arts for people with disabilities. She also helped create audio interpretation of visual arts in exhibitions and the development of tactile exhibits for seeing-impaired patrons.

1991

Anthony Alioto

Walker's Point Center for the Arts
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Anthony developed a children's program for cultural and artistic development that builds self-esteem among at-risk neighborhood children. He also assisted with office administration and exhibit curation.

Suzanne Barrow

Mead House for Troubled Youth
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Suzanne developed an independent living skills training program for abused adolescent girls.

Daniel Barry

Wau Ecology Institute
PAPUA, NEW GUINEA

Daniel engaged in rainforest conservation and research, taught indigenous populations about conservation, and worked on activism projects with the goal of challenging corporate interests and empowering populations without land holdings who depend upon the land. He also taught farmers ecologically sound means of farming.

Jessica Zinda

Teen Recovery Center
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Jessia taught pre-natal care, child raising practices, decision-making skills, family planning and health to young mothers in a drug recovery program.