

Initiative for Service

SUMMER 2007

In its fourth year, The Initiative for Service Internships in International Development supports internships for Carleton students who perform volunteer service in developing countries. The Initiative was established in 2003 by Stephen R. West '53 and his wife Phyllis M. West with a generous gift in honor of the members of the Class of 1953 at its Fiftieth Reunion. This year, fourteen students have been selected to participate:



Elizabeth Alspach '08
Oaxaca Streetchildren
Grassroots
Mexico



Rachel Carroll '08
The Kamala Nimbkar
Balhavan
India



Juliet Dana '09
Student's Ed. &
Cultural Movement
India



Mya Dosch '09
ProPeru
Peru



Peter Gill '09
The Mountain Institute
Nepal



Hope Harvey '09
i-to-i
Costa Rica



Olivia Jee '08
Child Family Health
International
Bolivia



Rachel Klein '08
Amigos de las
Americas
Panama



Lily Li '08
Cross-Cultural
Solutions
Thailand



Beth Mynar '08
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Sarojini Rao '09
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Guatemala



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Alexis White '08
World Teach
Ecuador

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Elizabeth Alspach '08

Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots, Mexico

Liz Alspach will spend this summer volunteering with the Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots, an organization dedicated to the care, growth and education of Triqui Indian youth in southern Mexico. She will be involved in administrative work, life skills development and the tuberculosis testing operation in one of Mexico's most impoverished communities.

Mya Dosch '09

ProPeru, Peru

Mya Dosch is pursuing a six week internship in Cusco, Peru through the ProPeru organization. She will either assist a local high school or primary school teacher with art and English workshops, or work with K'anchay Wasi, a local women's center, while also living with a Peruvian family.

Olivia Jee '08

Child Family Health International, Bolivia

Olivia Jee will spend 8 weeks with Child Family Health Int'l assisting in a number of pediatric hospitals. She will be working with local doctors to examine and treat patients and will be involved in helping with problems caused by poverty.

Beth Mynar '08

Child Family Health International, Bolivia

Beth Mynar will volunteer for eight weeks with Child Family Health International in La Paz, Bolivia. She will focus on pediatric public health, participating in clinical rotations that serve street children and disadvantaged families.

Rachel Carroll '08

The Kamala Nimbkar Balbhavan, India

Rachel Carroll will spend nine weeks teaching English in the small town of Phaltan, India, at a school renowned for its equal education regardless of caste, gender, and religion. She will tutor seventh, eighth, and ninth year students in reading and writing while living with a local Marathi teacher.

Peter Gill '09

The Mountain Institute, Nepal

The Mountain Institute works with farmers throughout the Himalayas in agricultural extension and environmental preservation work. Peter Gill will work on their programs involved in livestock management and medicinal plants agriculture.

Rachel Klein '08

Amigos de las Americas, Panama

Rachel Klein will live and volunteer in Veraguas, Panama with Amigos de las Americas. For eight weeks, she will work closely with community members to promote youth leadership through workshops focusing on health, the environment, and artistic expression as well as through service projects.

Sarojini Rao '09

Cross-Cultural Solutions, Guatemala

Jini Rao is going to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala on the Cross-Cultural Solutions program. Although she does not know her work assignment yet, she hopes to work with women's groups and with children, teaching English and helping with daily activities.

Mary Ellen Stitt '08

Found. For Sustainable Development, Bolivia

Mary Ellen Stitt will work with la Fundacion Pro-Habitat, a Bolivian organization that works to promote the participation of various low-income communities in sustainably improving their surroundings.

Juliet Dana '09

Student's Ed. & Cultural Movement, India

Juliet Dana is traveling to Ladakh, a northern region of India, to volunteer with the SECMOL organization. SECMOL aims to reform the educational system of Ladakh and build sustainability within the region. Juliet will be working at the school's summer program, teaching English and helping to rebuild the students' self-esteem.

Hope Harvey '09

i-to-i, Costa Rica

Hope Harvey will be working in a nonprofit day care center to teach and help children who have been affected by poverty or abuse.

Lily Li '08

Cross-Cultural Solutions, Thailand

Lily Li will participate in a Cross-Cultural Solutions program based in Bangkok, Thailand. She will spend 5 weeks engaging in medical volunteer projects, such as observing and assisting local health professionals, caring for children and infants, or working with people with disabilities.

Alexis White

World Teach, Ecuador

Alexis White will be teaching English in a rural community that would otherwise not have access to a native English speaker.