



Bringing the World Together

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A Message from Tommy

Dear alumni and friends,

One week ago, I woke up to a changed world. There was no traffic, no rushing to the office, and shopping malls were empty. Outside, peace had literally settled upon the landscape. More than two feet of snow had blanketed the Denver area with drifts reaching up to six feet in some places. The white powder had reached everything in sight, changed it, and left a tangible mark of tranquility.

My dream for Up with People is to leave such a mark on the world. I envision Up with People reaching into every corner of the globe, positively changing the lives of those we meet and leaving peace in our wake. By now, the snow has melted and business has again returned to daily life, but for a few days, we all had a taste of what tranquility is like.

As the year draws to a close and I think back to all we have accomplished, I wish I could thank each and every one of you personally for your commitment and support of Up with People. I want you to know how much you mean to me, to our staff, and most of all, to the students who just completed a successful tour and returned home with new energy, skills and abilities to change the world for the better.

This is what we, together, have accomplished in this incredible year:



- Re-designing the Up with People program in July 2006 with 80 participants from more than 20 different countries and territories
- Receiving more than \$250,000 in gifts from Up with People alumni, the largest amount received from alumni in its 40 year history
- Maintaining the more than \$3.7 million endowment
- Completing fiscal year 2006 with a positive net income
- Redesigning the program to be relevant for the needs of a 21st Century world

Please accept my personal thanks for being a part of a very successful 2006!

I only wish I could look forward in time to see what we will do in 2007, 2008 and beyond. I strongly believe that we live in a time when we *must* be working to break down cultural walls of mistrust and misunderstanding. Up with People is uniquely situated to make a powerful difference in the world. In Up with People, tomorrow's leaders are forming strong friendships around the world. They are learning how to work together with people of different backgrounds. Communities are being inspired to give to each other and work together. Lives are changing for the better.

As Up with People grows in the coming years, I imagine our mission spreading to all parts of the globe. If we all continue to pull together, I have no doubt this will come true. We will be sustainable – for our children and theirs. We will have a positive influence on the students and communities we visit, changing the world for the better. We will see peace happen, moments at a time.

Please take a look at our Holiday Wish List on the following page and pick at least one or two items you can assist with. We have aggressive goals and hard work ahead, but I believe – and I am sure you do as well – that if there is ever a time to give all we have for peace, that time is now.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

Tommy Spaulding
President and CEO
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Up with People 2007 Wish List

1. Serve on a **Development Committee** to help reach out to individuals and alumni for financial support. Contact Tammie Limoges at tlimoges@upwithpeople.org.
2. Help us gather **contact information** for alumni by sending us updated lists of your cast members. Contact Eduardo Aguirre at eaguirre@upwithpeople.org
3. **Recruit** a potential student and use your Golden Passport. Contact Dave McKlveen at dmcklveen@upwithpeople.org.
4. Assist with identifying **corporate sponsors** for the cities on the 2007 Casts' tours. Contact Brooke Taylor at btaylor@upwithpeople.org.
5. **Call** ten other alumni and share with them the mission and vision of Up with People today.
6. **Help** the External Relations Coordinators and the **Advance Team** when a Cast is coming to your area. Contact Kerri-Ann Appleton at kappleton@upwithpeople.org.
7. Be a **host family**. Contact Jessica Trabert at jtrabert@upwithpeople.org.
8. **Challenge your cast members** to set up a scholarship fund or memorial fund by raising \$10,000 or more. Contact Rebecca Pallas at rpallas@upwithpeople.org.
9. **Give** of your time, talents, money, or resources to help ensure the continued success of this program, which impacts people all over the world.
10. **Continue bringing the world together in 2007!**



Cast A 2006

Cast A 2006 completed a landmark tour in Modena, Italy, in early December. The first cast to take part in the new Up with People program, Cast A 2006 worked with more than 40 charitable organizations, performed 21 full shows, and lived with more than 750 host families. In every city they visited, cast members learned about local culture, history, and current issues by interacting with local leaders, business professionals, and other young adults.

The cast's week in Modena began with a personal welcome from the Mayor and city representatives. Their community impact activities included volunteering with local schools and elderly homes. The Cast also performed a backing track show for elderly community members and met with several student associations. The Cast was privileged to hear from Up with People alumna and longtime friend Carolyn Lee, who also participated in cast activities throughout the week. The final show took place on December 8 in a packed auditorium, with several alumni in attendance. The Cast departed with sad goodbyes but with a renewed sense of the power they have to change the world.

Several members of Cast A 2006 are returning to Up with People as Road Staff for the Cast A 2007 Tour. Participants for Cast A 2007 will arrive in Denver on January 6 for a month of orientation and staging. After leaving Denver, they will travel south through New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida before moving on to Europe. In Europe, the cast will spend six weeks in Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Sweden and Denmark. Their tour will culminate with four weeks in Thailand where they will stay in both rural and urban areas, volunteering with local organizations and raising money and awareness to meet needs of local communities there.

For information about the Cast A 2007 Tour and to find out how you can help make the tour a success, please visit www.upwithpeople.org. Up with People would like to extend many thanks to the numerous alumni and friends who supported Cast A 2006!

