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A Message from the Development Team

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Inspired, Optimistic, and Overjoyed. These are the words that come when describing how we feel about Up with People today and about those that have been a part of its past, present, and its future.

Over the past year, the Development Team has had the opportunity to meet and share stories with alumni and friends in Denver, Los Angeles, Italy and many other cities and countries around the world. We have been welcomed into your homes and your communities and want to thank you for believing in and supporting the mission of Up with People.

We are excited for the enthusiasm that alumni have for this organization and the optimism shared for its success. However, our passion and enthusiasm alone won't get us into the future. We must rely upon financial support from those who know, love, and believe in what we are doing.

As you may know, **in July 2006, Up with People ended the fiscal year with a positive net income for the first time in 13 years** and we are committed to ensuring its existence for generations to come! However, in order to do so, we need your help to raise a total of US \$800,000 by July 2007. Achieving this goal is highly critical to Up with People's success. While this amount may seem daunting, we are working to secure \$400,000 of this goal from less than 100 alumni.

These alumni are challenging you to match their contribution by giving another \$400,000! You might remember the Lunt Challenge presented to alumni last year at this time. We have been so grateful for and impressed by the response of alumni and friends to this generous challenge. You gave at a time when our new program model was just emerging, and we didn't even have a cast on the road. Your investment made our success a reality. As our program and organization expand, we need your help to support cast operations, the launch of the Southeast Asia tour and continued scholarships for students in need of financial assistance.

Now is the time for you to make a tangible difference in the world by giving to Up with People. Please watch your mail in upcoming weeks for a donor envelope and a chance to respond to this call to action by your fellow alumni.

The Development Team is committed to connecting with the students we work to serve. Our team has been there when the students from Cast A 2006 and Cast A 2007 arrived in Denver to begin their new journey and have spent time getting to know those individuals who will soon wear the shoes of an "alumnus" and will carry on the legacy of those who came before them. They have excitement in their eyes, and enthusiasm fills the air as they begin their journey of opening minds, breaking down walls, and building community strength in each city they visit.

While our experiences in Up with People vary, it is this diversity that contributes so significantly to our strength and gives us confidence for the future. Alumni from all eras and casts contributed music, culture and passion; we have all given from our hearts to people around the world with hopes of creating a stronger humanity and a belief in peace among people of all backgrounds. We left a footprint for each step we took, and with your help, we will continue to make an imprint for many years to come.

Giving can be fun and rewarding! Challenge yourself to make a difference!

Thank you for your support.

Tammie Limoges

Eduardo Aguirre

Rebecca Pallas



Tammie and student Armando Gonzales



Eduardo and Rebecca with the Road Staff in Italy

how can I help?

- Make a personal donation at www.upwithpeople.org/donate.html.
- Establish a financial goal and challenge your cast members to reach it in honor of your cast
- Ask your parents, siblings and grandparents to match your donation
- Ask your employer if your company has a matching gift program
- Include a donor envelope in your Holiday cards to friends and family
- Ask your friends to make a donation in your name in lieu of a birthday gift

thank you!

Thanks to Alumni Volunteer Recruiters

The Up with People Admissions Team would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the alumni who recruited students for Cast A 2007!

Each alumni volunteer recruiter is listed below along with the student he or she recruited for our program.

Cast A 2007 is an exceptional group of young people, and we are incredibly grateful to all of you who introduced these incredible individuals to us and enabled them to have an experience of a lifetime!



Cast A 2007 Member	Country	UWP Alumni Recruiter
Gabriel Anchondo	USA	Veronica Castro
Karin Beer	Netherlands	Dirk-Jan Verlinden
Jeffrey Burns	USA	James Burns
Jorge Cantellano	Mexico	Elda Cantellano
Charlotte Color	Belgium	Kate Roudebush
Kaylee DeGraff	USA	Chris & Cathy DeGraff
Jose Armando Gonzalez Perez	Mexico	Nelleke Klomp
Xiaochun Guo	China	Lin Wang
Jonas Hesselmark	Denmark	Danni Nielsen
Peter Hollis	New Zealand	Bob Blake
Christine Holmes	USA	Janelle Feddersen Holmes
Margaux Hovine	France	Kate Roudebush
Linda Maria Jung	Germany	Nadine Winkelhaus
Matthew Kerby	Canada	Dean Pierno
Andrew Lanham	USA	Sam & Stephanie Lanham
Meghan Lemoine	USA	Shannon Wellington
Jiayi Liang	China	Bai Hao
Jose Lopez Gianacopulos	Mexico	Hugo Ariza
Jingyuan Ma	China	Lin Wang
Megan MacIntosh	Canada	Sheena Anderson
Ryan Mahome	USA	Theresa Parra King
Tina Marlind	Sweden	Ulrika Larsson

Student Spotlight



Jiayi (Simi) Liang joins Up with People Cast A 2007 from China. Since joining the program in January, Simi has enjoyed getting to know her host families in Denver, Farmington, Tucson, and Dallas. She says, "I have an urge to wake up every morning to see what the day will bring, especially what cultural experiences I will have in my host family. In Tucson, Arizona I went on a cactus tour and had cactus candy."

1) What are some of the local needs you have learned about in the cities you have visited so far?

Jiayi (Simi) Liang

For the past several months, I have had the chance to get to know the communities in each city we have visited. Some of the local community concerns include homelessness, education, and the health care system for poor people.

The experience we had at the Navajo Native American Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico made me realize that the children there are still living in a relatively "closed environment" and are very shy toward the outside world. I am glad we were able to take the initiative to engage with them and try to understand their culture. I hope that we were able to spread a message about the world to the rest of the community

2) What is being done to address some of these needs?

During each community service project, we do various activities such as painting shelters for homeless people, packaging food for a food bank and reading stories for children. But I am amazed by what we have accomplished as a group: in 2 days, we had a homeless shelter looking as if it were brand new with painting and refurbishing. In Tucson, we went to local elementary school and high school and directly impacted 800-1000 students. We dedicated our time, passion and culture to these projects, which in my opinion, makes a big difference.

3) Do these local needs have any relevance or importance on an international level?

I believe so. Every community faces the problem of increasing gap between rich and poor, every community faces social issues, and by working with social issues in another countries, we are better able to identify problems and solutions in our own home communities. By experiencing different social issues around the world during our travels, cast members can form a better sense of global understanding--thinking globally, taking a stand and being ready for action.

4) Has your experience working on the Community Impact projects so far brought up any questions or new areas of interest for you? If so, what?

Of course. Working with my friends from the cast to improve other people's lives has turned out to be such a rewarding thing to do. I feel that even a student like me that does not have money can still make this world a little better by putting my heart and efforts in it.

Student Spotlight



Interview with Simi, Continued

The other thought about community service I have is that it is much better to educate people about how to make a living instead of just giving them money and physical aid. I think everyone in the cast educates other people like that.

5) What are you looking forward to about the rest of the North America Tour? What do you hope to learn? What do you hope to contribute to the communities and people you meet?

America is called "a melting pot". America has Latino culture, African American culture, Asian Culture, etc., so I look forward to experiencing a global village in each city. Besides that, I look forward to seeing different social systems because America is very different from China, so I will be eager to see and learn. I would like to spend my time talking to people, sharing Chinese culture and beliefs. The exchange of thought and culture will have a long term effect on me and the people I meet along the way.

When Mr. Shashi Tharoor, the ex –under secretary general of UN visited my university in 2006 I asked him how to become a global leader. He said that the younger generation should have curiosity about other nations as well as the sympathy to people who are in a worse situation. This motivates me a lot and encourages me to stand in other people’s shoes and speak what is on my heart. Keeping that in mind, I am enjoying my Up with People journey very much.



Up with People requests your support in a variety of ways.

We greatly appreciate your *financial assistance* as we launch our annual challenge campaign.



We also need your help *recruiting students*. We currently have approximately 200 prospective students who have been accepted for this summer’s casts. Our goal is to have 80 to 100 students for each of the casts: Cast B 2007 and Cast C 2007.

As we build the foundations of sustainable development and recruitment models, your participation and support is invaluable.



Thank you!



Alumni Recruiters, Continued

Cast A 2007 Member	Country	UWP Alumni Recruiter
Minguelangelo Martis	Curacao	Judeska Arrundell
Mitchell McVicker	USA	Jennifer Bailey
Si Yin Neo	Singapore	Ruben Ng
Luis Pineda	USA/Venezuela	Frederico Pineda
Aoife Redmond	Ireland	Mary McCullough
Ivens Rivera	Mexico	Veronica Castro
Monica (Renee) Rogers	USA	Mia Hanson
Lauran Ross	USA	Eric Ashmore
Whitney Ross	Panama/USA	Weslie Ross
Kenzo Terada	Japan	Setsu Fujii
Yamil Torres	Mexico	Raul Alarcon
Yulin Tu	China	Hunin Zhang
Jessica Walters	USA	Gabriela Moersfelder
Lijing Weng	China	Ian O'Connell
Yuri Yamaguchi	Japan	Yurika Iwakiri
Yasuyo Yoshida	Japan	Chusan Han

New Hirings and Open Positions with Admissions & Recruitment

Up with People has recently hired three new recruiters: Joel Mauney, National Admissions Recruiter; Jen Chengery, Regional Recruiter—Colorado; and Cathy “Maguire” DeGraff, Regional Recruiter, Upper Midwest.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to these new members of our Admissions & Recruitment Team!

We are still hiring for the position of **Regional Recruiter—Southern California**. If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please visit www.upwithpeople.org/employment.htm.

