



# Bringing the World Together

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## North America Tour Review

From building homes in Chattahoochee Valley, to eating shrimp with host families in New Orleans, to raising nearly \$20,000 for a local organization in Tucson and teaching nonviolence to elementary students in our *Stand for Peace* program in Dallas, Cast A 2007 has left a positive, lasting influence on the communities they visited in the United States. In the following pages, you will see evidence of the incredible things these young men and women are doing around the world. In the United States, Cast A 2007 contributed more than 3500 hours of community service and raised nearly \$100,000 for local charitable organizations through show ticket sales. Currently in Europe, the cast is learning about immigration, interacting with local leaders, working with youth centers and performing country-specific shows. Truly, we are making a difference and bringing the world together. It kind of makes you want to travel, doesn't it?

As much as you might relish the idea of long bus rides, stinky costumes and very little sleep, the truth is that most of us can't go back on the road again. But as alumni, host families and friends, we can encourage the young people we know to join Up with People and support the organization as an investment in the future leaders of our world.

### The Challenge

Eighty alumni have taken a stand to financially support Up with People and are now challenging each of us to do the same. They have collectively given \$400,000 and are challenging the rest of us to **match their contribution by collectively giving another \$400,000 by June 30**. While this amount may seem large, it is attainable and a realistic goal. If each of us gives, we can attain it. It is our opportunity to give back to Up with People and ensure this experience is available for future generations of young people throughout the world. Please visit [www.upwithpeople.org](http://www.upwithpeople.org) and click on "donate" or place a check in the mail today.

### The Competition

In July 2007, Up with People will have two casts for the first time since 2000. Alumni recruiters are a critical part of meeting our admissions goals. Right now, you can participate in our **Global Madness Challenge** for a chance to win a free airline ticket and other prizes. More importantly, you can provide a young man or woman that you know with an incredible opportunity to experience the world through travel, international friendships, service, host family living, global education and the performing arts.

#### Alumni recruiting facts

- 1) 60% of admitted students are recommended by alumni
- 2) Your personal story and personal connection are invaluable in our recruiting efforts.
- 3) Your recommendation provides an automatic \$1,000 scholarship to an admitted student through our Golden Passport Program (more information available at [www.upwithpeople.org](http://www.upwithpeople.org))
- 4) Additional scholarships are available to relatives of alumni through the UWPIAA Alumni Relative Scholarship (see [www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org) for more details).

#### Take advantage of . . .

- 1) Our scripts, brochures and other materials available on our website
- 2) Our Admissions and Recruitment department, who will follow up with any prospective students you might have and provide you with support and advice
- 3) Graduation season. Many young men and women just out of college and high school are looking for Up with People—you can introduce us to them!

**Thank you!**

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### Farmington, New Mexico

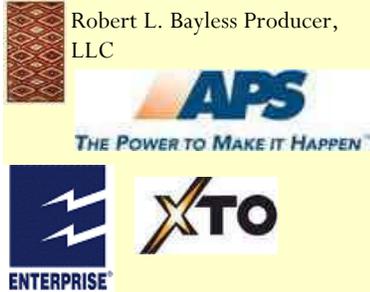


**Community Service Hours:** 350  
**Donations Raised from the Show:** \$12,885.00  
**Show Beneficiaries:** Childhaven and Path

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### Tucson, Arizona



**Community Service Hours:** 283.5  
**Donations Raised from the Show:** \$18,659.00  
**Show Beneficiaries:** El Rio Foundation

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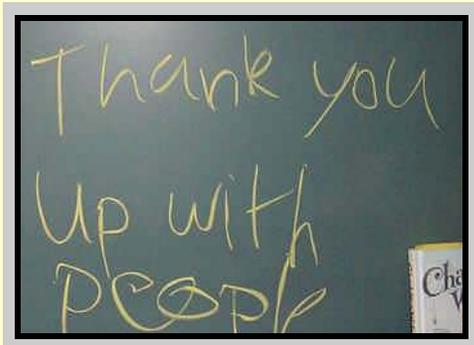
## North America Tour Review, Continued

### Dallas, Texas



<b>Community Service Hours:</b>	405
<b>Donations Raised from the Show:</b>	(free show)
<b>Show Beneficiaries:</b>	Mannarelief and Happy Hill Farm

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### Baton Rouge, Louisiana



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<b>Community Service Hours:</b>	560
<b>Donations Raised from the Show:</b>	\$1,100.00
<b>Show Beneficiaries:</b>	City Year

## North America Tour Review, Continued

### New Orleans, Louisiana



**Community Service Hours:** 840  
**Donations Raised from the Show:** \$7,500.00  
**Show Beneficiaries:** New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity, New Orleans City Park, and Volunteers of America

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### Nashville, TN



**Community Service Hours:** 420  
**Donations Raised from the Show:** \$24,000  
**Show Beneficiaries:** Vanderbilt Children's Hospital

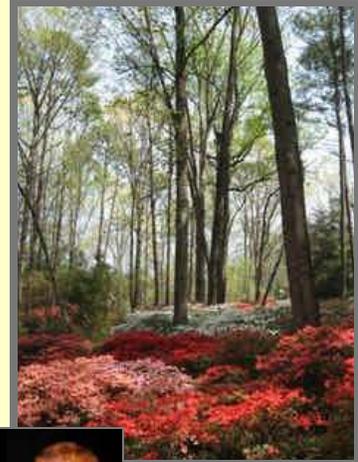
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## North America Tour Review, Continued

### Chattahoochee Valley, Georgia/Alabama

**Community Service Hours:** 525  
**Donations Raised from the Show:** \$14,000  
**Show Beneficiaries:** Chattahoochee Fuller Center Project



### Venice, Florida



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**Community Service Hours:** 280  
**Donations Raised from the Show:** \$14,000  
**Show Beneficiaries:** Venice High School Foundation and Rotary Futures



## Antwerpen, Belgium

April 2-8, 2007

Kristin Franco, Music Coordinator

This week, Cast A arrived in Europe after a 24 hour-plus travel day. After spending a day in Brussels, we moved on to our very first tour city - Antwerpen. The week promised to be an exciting one, as we delved into the complicated topic of immigration in this city, which is becoming more and more populated by immigrants from Eastern Europe and the Middle East. In addition to outside influences, we were also exposed to the differences shared among the native people of the country; we experienced the diversity of the Flemish section along with the French influences in Brussels.



We started our tour of Europe with a day in Brussels and a tour of the European Parliament where a guest speaker presented on the history and significance of the EU in the past, present, and future. Throughout the week, we met together at Eco Huis, an environmental educational center. Meeting here gave us a perspective on what Belgians are doing to help



environmental issues. This week's main topic was immigration. We explored this topic through independent film, city excursions, cast member presentations and interactive educational activities.

Our community impact projects took place at ten sites over two days. The work varied from interacting with children and mentally challenged people, to assisting with renovation and building projects. These sites were: OCMW De Fonteinn , Vzn Recht-op, De Arkgemeenschap, Instuif, Ziekenzorg CM, De Grijze Kat, Vlaamse Dienst Speelpleinwerk vzw, Huize Bethanie, Ecohuis, and Het Huis.

### *Antwerpen, Belgium, Continued*

The show here in Antwerpen was a tremendous success. Approximately 700 people were in attendance, and the proceeds from ticket sales were donated to Universitaire Stichting voor Armoedebestrijding, an organization that is run out of the University which stands up for the poor in the community. Local Belgian children, whom we had met through host families and community impact projects, joined us onstage. A Flemish rapper also joined us as a guest performer. We also added an extra song just for Belgium called *Vanbinnen* by the band Clouseau. It's message is that real value is found inside. The Cast had a fun time performing it and received a great response from the audience.

**Dank jullie wel, Antwerpen!**



## Attending the Show in Europe

We would like to thank all the alumni who provided warm welcomes and support to Cast A 2007 in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany!



If you have not yet visited the cast in Europe, please consider attending one of our upcoming shows.

Show Facilities and Ticket Sales (*all proceeds will go the local charity project*):

### **Bremen, Germany**

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm and 8:00pm

Waldau-Theater, [www.waldautheater.de](http://www.waldautheater.de)

Tickets: +49-(0)421-3775013

### **Gothenburg, Sweden**

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm

Lisebergshallen, [www.liseberg.se](http://www.liseberg.se)

Tickets: [www.ticnet.se](http://www.ticnet.se)

### **Roskilde, Denmark**

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4.00PM and 8.00 PM

Roskilde Kongresscenter,

[www.roskilde-hallerne.dk](http://www.roskilde-hallerne.dk)

Tickets: [www.billetten.dk](http://www.billetten.dk)



### The Alumni Reception:

Please let us know that you will be attending the alumni reception and with how many people by emailing to the city address:

[Bremen@upwithpeople.org](mailto:Bremen@upwithpeople.org), [Goteborg@upwithpeople.org](mailto:Goteborg@upwithpeople.org), [Roskilde@upwithpeople.org](mailto:Roskilde@upwithpeople.org)

**See you there! ~ Cast A 2007 and the European UWP staff**

# Student Spotlight



**Ryan Mahome**

*Ryan joins Up with People from southern California. He loves making people laugh and plans to be a pediatrician. After traveling in Up with People, Ryan will return to Pasadena to complete his undergraduate degree before going on to medical school.*

*1) What has been a highlight of your time with Up with People so far?*

For me, I have been amazed by everyone and everything. It has been such a greater than great experience for me so far. I have been just blown away by this program.

But to tell the truth, when I first entered the program, I thought that it would be another leadership program that in the end will be somewhat fun. BUT, I was so wrong from the start. I was like, "Wow this is amazing! The students, the staff, their cast - MY CAST! I just couldn't believe that I was going to be with these people for six months. Now that I am with the cast and settled in, my highlight will have to be the people I've met and the places I've been and will be. The people I've met have been added to the most wonderful people I know, and I believe that they will remain there.

*2) What hopes and expectations do you have for the European tour?*

The hopes and expectations that I have are basically to have a blast in Europe and to learn as much as I possibly can while I am on this tour of Europe, which so far I have been accomplishing. I have always wanted to meet new people and at least hear, if not learn, a new language. I can proudly say that I am doing so. The people on this trip with me are so fantastic, open hearted and open-minded that it's like a dream, and I'm glad I can't wake up.

*3) What are some of your initial impressions about the culture(s) of Europe?*

I think that the cultures over here in Europe are so different from mine in the US, and I just love it. I love to be different. I love different things. It pulls me in like a moth to a flame; I can't help but to touch it, and after it burns me, I can't help but to touch it again. When I was in Belgium, I was amazed by everything that I saw. I thought that it was just because I have never been to Europe before now, so everything was, "wow," but again, I was wrong. When we arrived in Holland (the Netherlands), I was again blown away by how BEAUTIFUL it was. The only problem I had was that the restrooms were so small from the walls to the sinks. I was so glad the toilets were the right size - other wise, we would have had a problem.

*4) What aspect(s) of the program do you love the most? Do you have any plans for bringing this back to your life at home?*

Well the aspects of the program which I love the most are my fellow cast mates and the people of the communities we visit such as my host families. And yes, I will take everything that I have learned so far and try to apply it to my everyday life.

*5) Do you have any stories from the road you would like to share with us?*

Well, there are tons of stories to tell, so I'll tell the ones that will only affect me. So in Florida, I was hosted with a roommate who had to leave for our next city early, and I thought to myself, "Okay, self, what are you going to do? You're going to be in these people's house, and you will have to talk to them." And I didn't know what to do in this type of situation. I would usually break something of theirs (that happens even at home), but it turns out that they were just as scared as me. Now that was a relief, so it wound up being so much fun! Also,

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### *Interview with Ryan Mahome, Continued*

when I was in Germany, I was hosted with a family who could not speak English very well. I had to play charades the first night just so we could find out each other's names. Then all of a sudden, we had a little thing that we did for about thirty minutes where we would shrug our shoulders and then burst into gut-busting laughter, which was fun but weird for anyone who happened to see (which was his son who he lived with). Well, that's that. Enjoy!!!!!!!!!!

### Up with People Welcomes New *Leader's Challenge* President & CEO, Gil Jones

Nearly seven years ago, a group of Up with People alumni and their friends saw a need for high school students to learn skills in leadership and civic service that are necessary in an increasingly interconnected and complex world. The result was the founding of Leader's Challenge, an innovative program that has grown beyond the Denver community and is now the leading program of its kind in the state of Colorado.

Thomas Spaulding, Up with People alumnus from cast D 87, continued as the President and CEO of Leader's Challenge even after taking his current position of President and CEO of Up with People. This spring, Leader's Challenge will get a new chief as Founder and CEO, Thomas Spaulding, steps aside.

Gil Jones, well-respected resource development and leadership consultant, will take over as Chief Executive of Leader's Challenge in mid-April. Jones formerly served as lead pastor of Boulder-based Flatirons Community Church, where he oversaw a 113% per year growth of the organization over the course of six years.

"Leaders are not born, they're made," says Spaulding. "That's what I believe, and it's why I started Leader's Challenge. Gil Jones exemplifies this idea, and I am certain he'll do a wonderful job of piloting the organization into the future."

Spaulding, who plans to stay on with Leader's Challenge as Chairman of the Board, will assume full-time management of the internationally acclaimed Up with People, where he has acted as President and CEO since 2005.

"Tommy has been an incredible steward of this organization, and his vision and passion have touched thousands of young people," says incoming CEO Gil Jones. "I am honored to be able to carry on the vision of what he created, and I see great things ahead for Leader's Challenge."

Founded in 2000, Leader's Challenge is a Colorado-based nonprofit youth program providing leadership training to high school students. Today the program is in over 80 schools statewide and serves more than 750 students annually with its three programs.

The staff and Board of Directors of Up with People extends a warm welcome and best wishes for success to Gil and Leader's Challenge.

## Bringing Passion and Work Together

As Up with People grows and develops, several new positions are made available throughout the year. Positions vary from the Road and Advance Staff to the Denver and Brussles offices.

We would like to thank everyone who applied for recent positions on Road Staff and in the Denver office. We received hundreds of well-qualified applications for our July 2007 programs and regret that we cannot bring everyone on board. We encourage you to apply again for the January 2007 Road Staff. In the meantime, we greatly appreciate your support as a volunteer recruiter and donor.

Please continue to check the Up with People website at [www.upwithpeople.org/employment.htm](http://www.upwithpeople.org/employment.htm) for new openings.

**We are currently hiring for:**

**Europe:**

- [European External Relations Coordinator](#)
- [European Recruiter](#)

**North America:**

- [Director of Finance](#)
- [Accounting Clerk](#)

**North America Advance Staff:**

- [External Relations Coordinator - North America](#)

