

EXPANDING
ACCESS
& DEEPENING
IMPACT



DEAR FRIENDS,

As Dream Volunteers turns the page on year 15 of empowering youth, I'm excited to share with you recent successes and future plans for growth and impact, all of which is made possible by you, our committed partners.

Remember that Dream Volunteers (DV) began with five scholarship students and one annual service trip in 2007. We now serve hundreds of students annually in six countries worldwide. This wouldn't be possible without our 10 diverse staff members, 8 impassioned board members, 3,000 program participants, and more than 600 donors — all working together to empower students.

We intend to build on this foundation as we live up to the words of our theme: **Expanding Access and Deepening Impact**. It's our goal over the next few years to provide hundreds of US-based youths with travel scholarships to participate in our service trip programs. We are developing a robust post-trip component that will harness their enthusiasm and apply it to community impact projects. We are taking our already powerful service trip program and making it stronger and more accessible.

As a valued member of the DV family, you've been critical in helping build something special for thousands of people around the globe. You've given us the motivation and determination to innovate, push our boundaries, and look beyond our past successes to design for a tomorrow that we all feel proud of.

As we enter our 16th year, we continue to work toward our goal of empowering 5,000 program participants by the beginning of 2027. Join us!

We know that together, with your support, our students will have access to all they need to become the best versions of themselves and lead their communities forward in lasting change.

Thank you for always joining us in this endeavor,



BRIAN BUNTZ

IT'S OUR GOAL OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF US-BASED YOUTH WITH TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR SERVICE TRIP PROGRAMS. WE ARE DEVELOPING A ROBUST POST-TRIP COMPONENT THAT WILL HARNESS THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND APPLY IT TO COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECTS.

MISSION & VISION

OUR MISSION – WHY WE'RE HERE

Youth aren't receiving the types of education and tools needed to tackle today's most pressing challenges.

Dream Volunteers' mission is to connect and educate young people across the globe to address these challenges in and beyond their own communities.

OUR VISION – WHERE WE'RE GOING

We envision an equitable and sustainable world where all youth believe in their power and responsibility to change the things they are unwilling to accept.

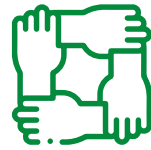


15 YEARS OF IMPACT



162,402

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS



3,536

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



420

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



1,422

TOTAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS



94

INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



309

PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS





DOING OUR PART TO CREATE A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE WORLD

STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Our commitment to empowering youth to make the change they want to see in the world is greatly enhanced through our dedication to inclusivity and implementation of equitable practices throughout our organization. In the spirit of modeling global citizenship, inclusion and respect for all identities, we are dedicating time and resources to expand access to our programs in order to further deepen the impact youth make in their own communities and beyond. Over the next four years, we are committed to providing hundreds of travel scholarships for US-based youth so that socioeconomic status doesn't pose a barrier to those passionate about serving others on a global scale. We are currently strengthening the post-trip component of our program, so that trip participants can feel fully supported to continue to take action in their own homes, neighborhoods, schools and communities. And finally, we are seeking to expand access to academic and personal success for our Young Dreamers around the world by establishing neighborhood youth centers. This will give our Young Dreamers access to a creative safe space where they can gather to connect, make progress on their academic goals, receive mentorship and collaborate with one another on community impact projects. As we forge ahead in our pursuit of equity, we thank you for your meaningful contributions toward our goal of empowering 5,000 program participants by 2027.

GLOBAL COMPETENCIES THAT GUIDE AND TRANSFORM

We believe in the power of young people to transform our world when provided with the right opportunities, knowledge, and support. Dream Volunteers' eight Global Citizenship Competencies serve as an essential framework for developing our program curriculum. We've adopted our competencies from a broader set of standards designed by international education leaders World Savvy, the Asia Society, and Teachers College at Columbia University. Over the years, our organization has used these competencies as a guiding light to equip our youth in taking thoughtful action to address the problems they are unwilling to accept in and beyond their own communities.

DREAM VOLUNTEERS' EIGHT GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP COMPETENCIES

VALUES AND ATTITUDES



Openness to new opportunities, ideas, and ways of thinking



Self-awareness about identity & culture, & sensitivity and respect for differences



Empathy, with a focus on valuing multiple perspectives



Comfort with ambiguity & unfamiliar situations



Question prevailing assumptions

BEHAVIOR, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILLS



Adopts shared responsibility and takes cooperative action



Translates ideas, concerns, and findings into appropriate and responsible individual or collaborative actions to improve conditions



Listens actively and engages in inclusive dialogue



TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES, INTERWOVEN PROGRAMS

Dream Volunteers is a global learning community that brings together students from all over the world for transformative education, service, and travel experiences. Our interconnected programs and initiatives are centered around developing critical global citizenship competencies. Our program participants come out better equipped to address the world's pressing challenges. Most students in our network participate in several of these programs during their time in school. Take a look at the variety of deep learning opportunities we provide to youth.



VOLUNTEER TEACHING

The online Volunteer Teaching program pairs a volunteer teacher with a small group of Young Dreamers to provide a once or twice a week English class.



MONTHLY PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Monthly Personal Development Workshops led by DV country directors help our international scholarship recipients explore topics such as self-confidence and goal-setting to support their local community work.



FOOTHILL TEACHER CORPS

Foothill Teacher Corps selects and trains four Foothill College students annually to teach English classes at our Colegio Young Dreamers Academy in Antigua, Guatemala, from January through June.

"IT'S GOING TO TEACH YOU A LOT ABOUT YOURSELF, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THOSE EXPERIENCES THAT ARE REFLECTIVE OF WHAT YOU CAN IMPACT IN THE WORLD"

JAYME ALBRITTON
Foothill Teacher Corps '22



HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS CLUBS

High School Campus Clubs are student-run and operate in various Bay Area high schools, receiving support from Dream Volunteers staff to carry out local community impact work and engage in cross-cultural connections.



GAP YEAR PROGRAMS

Gap Year programs are customized for youth just out of high school to participate in service, cultural immersion, and adventure travel.



MINI-GRANTS

Mini-grants up to \$500 are awarded to individuals or teams of youth in our network to solve a particular community challenge.

"FROM MY MINI GRANT PROJECT, I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO SPEAK ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE, BETTER WAYS TO CONNECT WITH ORGANIZATIONS IN MY COMMUNITY, AND HOW TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT DONATIONS."

BELLA
Santa Cruz, CA
Mini Grant Recipient '22



SERVICE TRIPS

Service Trips are seven- to fourteen-day service-based travel programs to Costa Rica, Guatemala, Ghana, India, and Vietnam. Visiting youth and local youth engage in community-led service work and cross-cultural connections.



"THIS EXPERIENCE OPENED UP MY EYES TO THE WORLD AND IN WHAT WAYS I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I WAS EXPOSED TO SO MANY NEW WAYS OF THINKING AND SOLUTIONS."

I WILL NOW USE THIS INFORMATION TO TRY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD."

SOPHIE
Costa Rice Service Trip '22



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships are awarded to just over 200 youth in our international communities to remove any financial barriers to their education.



COLEGIO YOUNG DREAMERS ACADEMY

Colegio Young Dreamers Academy is a K-12 school in Antigua, Guatemala, operated by Guatemalan-based Dream Volunteers staff. In addition to core academic subjects, there is an emphasis on service learning and global citizenship.



STORIES FROM OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY



"ONE OF MY FUTURE DREAMS IS TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AND BECOME A SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL SO THAT MY HARD WORK BENEFITS BOTH MY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY."

— KEILY
YOUNG DREAMER, GUATEMALA

GUATEMALA

Keily, a motivated Young Dreamer from Guatemala, has always been independent. Growing up, she helped her mother bake treats and went house to house selling goods. Now she supports her family as the manager of a small bakery in her community. She does this while being a top student and serving as an example to her Young Dreamer peers. Keily entered the program timid to speak in front of others, but now she represents her cohort in cross-cultural meetings with students all over the world.



"MY DREAM IS TO BECOME AN ENGLISH TEACHER IN MY COMMUNITY, SO THAT I CAN PROVIDE THE YOUNGER GENERATION WITH ACCESS TO NEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES."

— SICDALI
YOUNG DREAMER, COSTA RICA

COSTA RICA

Siccдали leads by example in her community of Providencia, Costa Rica. She inspires those around her to step outside of their comfort zone. As someone who has struggled with public speaking, she has practiced speaking up and is motivated to do so in English as well. Her aspirations include becoming a leader that educates and inspires her community to be more mindful of consumption.

INDIA

Priya, a hardworking and passionate Young Dreamer, grew up supporting her single mother by cleaning homes with her, tutoring her younger brother, and helping with household duties. This year, Priya was a mini-grant recipient and initiated a protest and campaign to spread environmental awareness in her community. She is motivated to not only change the future of her family financially, but to also become a lawyer that fights environmental and gender inequality issues, creating a lasting impact in her community.



"SUCCESS FOR ME THIS YEAR IN THE PROGRAM MEANT INCREASING MY SELF-CONFIDENCE AND LEARNING HOW TO COMMUNICATE BEST WITH OTHERS. BECAUSE OF DREAM VOLUNTEERS, I WILL FULFILL MY DREAMS."

— PRIYA
YOUNG DREAMER, INDIA



"WHEN ASKED, 'WHAT'S A GOAL YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF?' NANA REPLIES WITH 'TO LIVE AN IMPACTFUL LIFE'."

— NANA
YOUNG DREAMER, GHANA

GHANA

Nana is an inspiring Young Dreamer that exemplifies how youth can create impactful change around the world. While balancing home responsibilities and his college studies, Nana earned a mini-grant award this year. He organized an event at the local homeless shelter to provide youth with basic necessities. He gained insight of his community's needs on a more personal level, and it continues to influence his work towards mitigating homelessness for youth.



"DREAM VOLUNTEERS GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW THINGS AND KEEP AN OPEN MIND."

— CHAN
YOUNG DREAMER, VIETNAM



VIETNAM

Chan grew up working with his parents to support their family. He works nights with his father making hats and selling them. He then supports his mom by looking after his three siblings, cooking, and working on household duties. His dream is to become a teacher and focus on initiating environmental projects in his local community.



WHAT'S NEXT

POST-TRIP IMPACT

Upon return home from a service trip, trip participants will be encouraged to participate in a program to support the implementation of the community impact action pledge created during their trip. Dream Volunteers staff will coach and mentor participants during weekly meetings for six weeks. Furthermore, trip participants will be encouraged to directly connect their action pledge experience to the college application process and resume-building. A culminating event will allow participants to share action pledge results and celebrate their accomplishment.



NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CENTERS

Currently, Dream Volunteers operates a neighborhood youth center in Ambedkar Negar in Jaipur, India. It serves as a hub for Young Dreamers and other community members. Moving forward, we seek to expand the youth center concept to other Dream Volunteers-supported communities to provide a safe and informal gathering place where Young Dreamers can come together to unleash their passion and potential through connection, socioemotional and academic support, and community impact project planning.

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