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Thursday, May 19, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

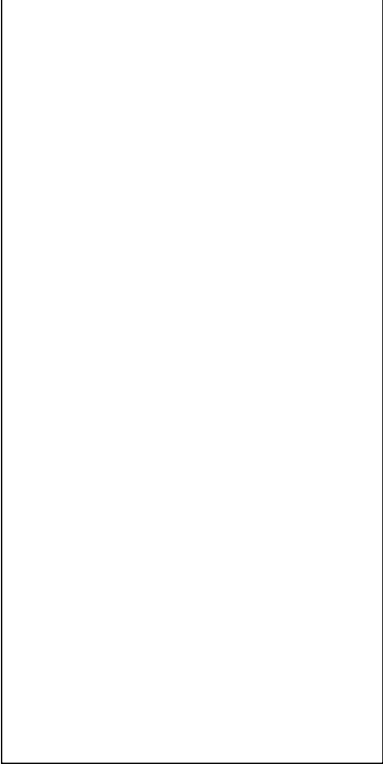
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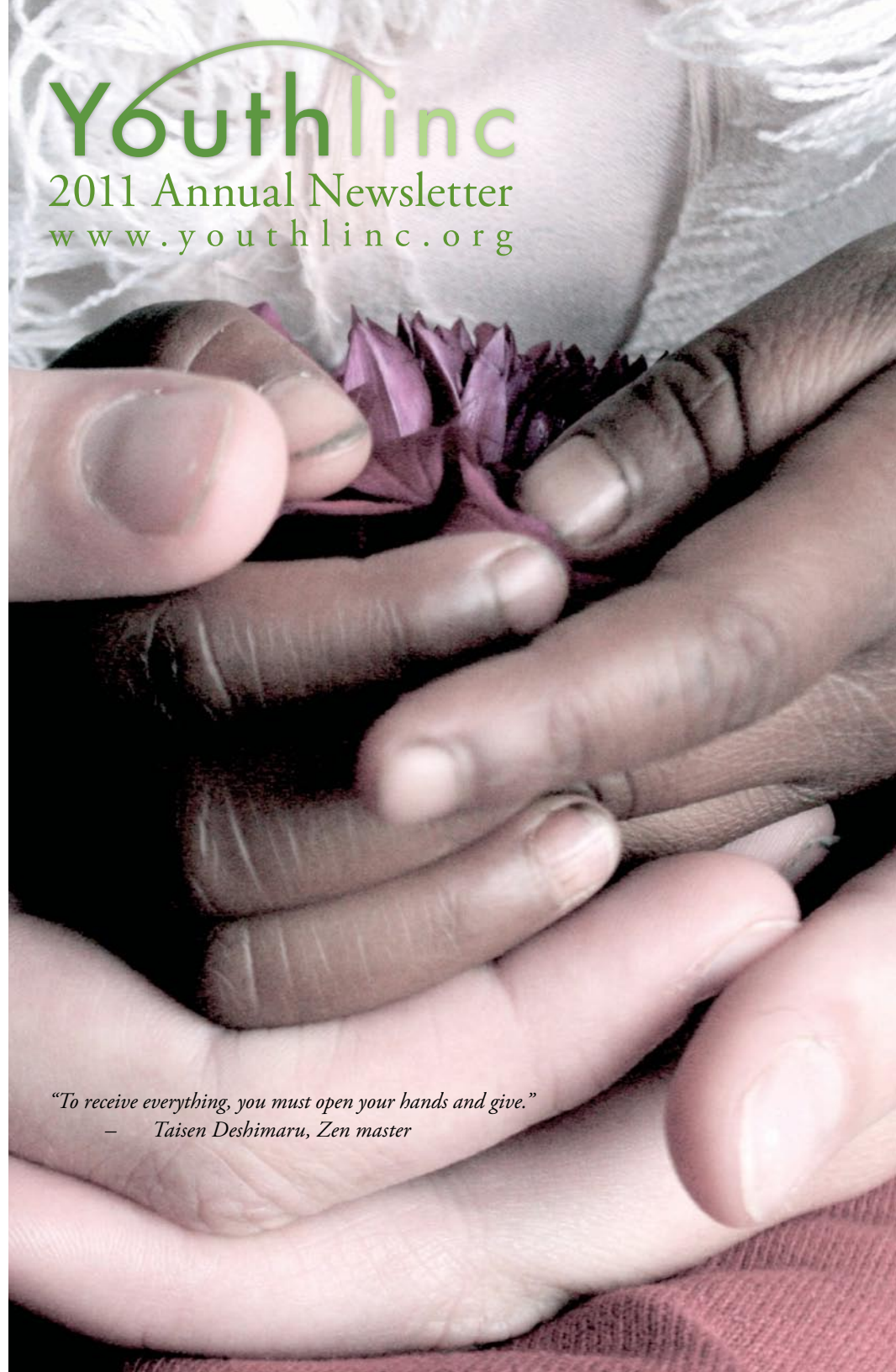


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*"To receive everything, you must open your hands and give."
- Taisen Deshimaru, Zen master*



Friends and Family Trip to Peru! **YOU ARE HERE**

Dates: August 3 – 17, 2011 Deadline for Application: March 31, 2011
Open to **EVERYONE**: All friends of Youthline!

To reserve your place, go to www.youthline.org, click APPLY to download your application and send in your \$250 deposit. The first team monthly team planning meeting: Saturday, March 31, 2011 10am at the Youthline office. Contact Smith Monson, our International Service Director smith@youthline.org for more information.

Peru is one of our most popular destinations for the Friends & Family Trips, most likely because participants can visit two outstanding wonders: the natural wonder of the Amazon Rainforest and the man-made wonder of Machu Picchu.

Along the Amazon, the team will work with the people of the tiny pueblo of Palmeras, a Youthline site for the past two years. The team will continue the construction, education, community health, and microenterprise projects of our Service Year group which will visit in July. Look forward to a jungle walk, piranha fishing, pink dolphin watching, and lots of interaction and exposure to the fascinating culture of the shy but welcoming river people.

We stay at the Heliconia Lodge, hosted by our in-country coordinator, Iquitos Rotarian and longtime friend Carlos Acosta. This Swiss Family Robinson style lodge now has pool in its central courtyard so the team can cool off after a day of service in the jungle heat.

This team will also travel to Cusco, ancient seat of the Inca culture, and tour one of the wonders of the world: Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu was rediscovered, covered in jungle, in 1911. The site dates from the early 1400s, built by the Incas as a place for spiritual study and astronomical observation. There are terraced agricultural plots, houses, and ceremonial rooms. Few people have toured Machu Picchu and left without remarking that the ruin evokes a profound feeling of inspirational human accomplishment and spirituality.

The team will also tour Lima and visit the Indian Market for some of the world's most amazing shopping before an idyllic dinner in Rosa Nautica restaurant, extending out into the Pacific Ocean.

Cost: \$3,590, inclusive of int'l and in-country airfare, transport, accommodations, most meals, all tours. All but \$1,000 of the cost is tax deductible, and yes, you can fundraise!

"My heart is so full, not from what I have done, but from what I have learned. The Peruvian people are kind, loving and hard working. They just need a little hand up. I came home and was embarrassed by what I own. Compared to them, I am royalty, even though at home I am no more than the rest. As an American I am so blessed. Now that I know, I need to share more,"
– Participant, 2007 Peru Friends & Family Trip.

Youthlinc Flagship Local Service Program: Real Life in SLC meets a critical need: refugee teen mentoring

“Youthlinc has been a godsend to our teen program! Not only are they teaching much needed life skills to our teens, but they are providing a positive support system that has been effective in keeping our teens off the streets and out of trouble,”

– Raunde Everett, Center Manager, Hser Ner Moo Community & Welcome Center



While there are many programs to fill the afterschool hours of elementary age refugees in Salt Lake City, what is lacking is an effective teen refugee mentoring program that provides more than homework help. Real Life in SLC (RLSLC) creates friendships between Youthlinc students and refugee teens to help them transition to their new lives. Our objective is to teach them “real life skills” such as financial literacy, teamwork, responsibility, and overall self-respect.

60 refugee and immigrant teens and 30 Youthlinc Service Year participants meet three afternoons a week for a variety of activities, ranging from learning how to open a bank account, to art projects, from ice skating to service projects for other refugee and immigrant teens, from anti-bullying lessons to grocery shopping.

Youthlinc Service Year participants – secondary and college students – plan and implement each lesson under the guidance of Youthlinc staff, providing quality service leadership experiences.

There are 30,000 refugees in Salt Lake most from several African countries, Burma, Thailand, Nepal, and Iraq. There are many services for them, and Youthlinc is pleased to be part of that effort.

“There is so much pressure on refugee teens. They are expected to go to school, help out at home, find jobs, and translate for their parents — all while trying to understand a new culture and going through all the normal drama of being a teenager. I wanted to create a program that would benefit these teens AND our Youthlinc participants,”

– Ellie Nazzal, Youthlinc alum, staffer, founder of the Real Life in SLC program.

RLSLC partners: Hser Ner Moo Community and Welcome Center, City of South Salt Lake, Mondo Art Project

RLSLC sponsors: Miss Utah USA, American Express, GE Money Bank, Larry H. Miller Charities, LDS Humanitarian Foundation, Burton Foundation

Our New International Site: Cambodia!



Cambodia is one of Southeast Asia’s poorest and most war-torn countries. The Khmer Rouge murdered 50% of the country’s population after the U.S. withdrew from Vietnam. The literacy rate hovers around 3% today, and poverty is extreme. The unique and humbling history of this great nation will help our participants see the value of service and humanitarianism.

Our first partner community will be the village of Peak Sneng, located just 30 minutes from the ancient wonders of Angkor Wat and surrounding temples. The team will be improving and preparing the land for the construction of new school buildings, building bathrooms, installing water filtration systems for rural families in partnership with Water for Cambodia, funding a rotating cow bank, improving medical facilities, and offering educational and hygiene courses.

U of U professor Wade Roberts seeks to expand Youthlinc microcredit efforts

Dr. Wade Roberts, a long time Cambodia scholar and advocate, has organized an international economics class at the University of Utah around the concept of microcredit in the developing world. Wade will be participating in our first Cambodia Service Year.

Wade hopes to create a cowbank, so that the purchase of each cow guarantees offspring that can provide labor, food, and increased funds for Cambodian families. He wants to raise \$10,000 with his class before our June trip. Any donations are tax deductible and would be greatly appreciated.

“Microcredit is an endeavor that produces incredible returns for all those involved. Everyone has something to give. Whether it be time, talent, or treasure – you are capable of changing lives! I would love for you to join us in our pursuit to ameliorate poverty in Cambodia,”

– Dr. Wade Roberts

Cambodia Benefit raises funds for water filtration systems and cows

Thanks to the efforts of Karen Royslance, Cindy Roberts, and the local Cambodian community, Youthlinc held a benefit for its newest site on Saturday, November 13 at Bangkok Classic restaurant in Salt Lake City. Nearly 100 event goers were regaled with live Cambodian entertainment and ceremony, and were able to purchase art and artifacts from Cambodia. The money raised at the event will go towards water filtration systems and a cow bank for the needy community in Peak Sneng, Cambodia.

Service Year Updates

Youthlinc teams each work in five different areas of development in all of our international sites: Construction; Culture; Education; Medical/Community Health; and Microenterprise and Vocational Training. Teams build schools, bathrooms, and bridges; carry out art and cultural projects; teach English and other school courses; improve community hygiene and health; and teach business lessons and train in vocational skills.

We have more Service Year participants than ever this year. 148 students and 40 mentors are traveling to five international sites. Youthlinc students will contribute 12,000 hours of local service this school year – a record contribution that will continue annually.

Kenya



Our team will visit Kiamuri for the final time this summer. The 2010 team was able to build two classrooms in Kiamuri and Gikuru.

The 2011 will be looking to improve education and health in the region by building school buildings and bathrooms, teaching lessons, donating educational and hygiene supplies. We also will continue to support microenterprise opportunities to the village through loans and business and vocational training.

"The first day we taught maturation to the girls at Kauthene School was so amazing because when we gave them reusable pads they literally stood and cheered with excitement. I couldn't help but cry."

– Kassie Penton, Kenya 2010



Mexico



Participants will be returning to the community of Bautista Grande in the state of Chiapas, Mexico's southern most and poorest state. The 2010 team built bathrooms for the kindergarten and a well to ensure year round access to water. They also started a microcredit pilot program with partner Ban Mujer by making loans to a group of seven women who have already paid off the loan and are working on receiving a second round of loans.

The 2011 team will work to build a kitchen for the school to help feed the children of the community and continue with other Youthlinc initiatives.

Peru



The 2010 team built a school and medical shed and laid hundreds of meters of cement walkway for the village of Palmeras. The team also continued microenterprise efforts by teaching business lessons, following up with past loans, and offering new loans to four groups of five women each. The team enjoyed the culture of the Amazon by dancing, singing, and painting a mural.

The 2011 team will help build a bridge, lay even more cement walkways, continue microenterprise efforts, and work to improve cultural ties, education, and community health.

"I did not realize the great need in my own state of Utah nor that there existed so many organizations to combat poverty and hunger in Utah. On a broader level, Youthlinc made me truly realize the solidarity of all people; that we are all the same no matter language or skin color."

– Matthew Kirkegaard, Peru 2010

Thailand



The 2010 Thailand team had an excellent trip and got a lot accomplished while making lasting friendships. They helped improve the Wat Bang Siad School by renovating the kitchen and classroom areas, tiling floors, providing a playground for the school, bringing hygiene and school supplies to this jungle community.

The 2011 team will return to Wat Bang Siad to help teach vocational skills and will move to the Tham Thong Lang School to make improvements in this needy location.

"I am so glad that I was able to have my eyes opened to the culture of Thailand. Doing this humanitarian trip was one of the best experiences of my life. It showed me that doing something so simple, like putting in a septic tank, can make the biggest difference."

— Katelyn Frost, Thailand 2010



Featured Volunteer Donna Dewey

Donna has lived in SLC since 1979. She is married and has two daughters. She works outside the home but hardest inside and around the home! She plays the guitar, makes a mean batch of cheese enchiladas and LOVES to draw. Donna first started volunteering with Youthlinc last year when her daughter, Morgan, applied for the 2010 Thailand Service Year. She served as the Entertainment Chair for our 2010 Annual Benefit.

"Morgan's experience here and in Thailand left her wanting more. For both of us, Youthlinc has been an experience in unbreakable bonding, unique and heartfelt connections, carefree delight, astonishing friendships, kindred moments and everlasting joys. I have only been a part of the Youthlinc family for just over a year yet Youthlinc will be a part of my family forever."

— Donna Dewey, Youthlinc mom.



Meet Julia Wee

New Local Service Director and Office Manager

The oldest of 6 children, Julia was born in southern California and raised in Sandy, Utah. She attended Juan Diego H.S. where she says her "personal joy in service began." She volunteered as a summer camp counselor, the 2002 Olympics, and the Utah Food Bank.

While working on her degree in International Studies and Sociology at the University of Utah, Julia was employed by the Lied Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salt Lake. She interned at the International Refugee Committee and studied abroad in Oviedo, Spain. Her volunteer work included UNICEF RED, Student Orphan Aid Program, national Links to Literacy project. All of these experiences had a link between local and international service, so she says, they led naturally to Youthlinc.

Julia's sister Olivia was a student on the 2009 Mexico team, and her stories of service led Julia to become a mentor on the 2010 Thailand team. Says Julia: "I was incredibly impressed by the passion and willingness to serve that came from everyone on that team. I am so lucky to be able to continue to work with Youthlinc and I am so thankful to have the opportunity to do what I love full time!"

2011 Youthlinc Utah Local Service Directory

2011 Youthlinc Utah Local Service Directory features more sites, more geographical coverage, and tips for service learning teachers! Go to our website www.youthlinc.org to access an online version and start volunteering today!



"Because of Youthlinc, my view on service has been changed. It is now a part of my life. It is a part of my weekly routine."

— Hannah Schiel, Mexico 2010

2011 Youthlinc Utah Young Humanitarian Award: Applications due March 23 for this \$5,000 college scholarship!

If you are, or if you know, a Utah secondary or undergraduate college student who excels at giving back to the community, don't miss this opportunity for recognition! There are also three \$1,000 awards given at our Annual Benefit, Thursday May 19 at La Caille.

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Our blog features almost daily updates on happenings in Youthlincland! Read about what happens each week in Real Life in SLC (our teen refugee mentoring program), what happens at our Service Year team meetings, individual reports on the 12,000 hours of local service done by our participants, our international projects, our Partners, the Young Humanitarian Awards, our benefits, and more! Go to <http://youthlinc-blog.blogspot.com> and follow us!

Donate!

Donate online to Youthline international projects! Go to our website www.youthline.org and click Donate! You can donate by credit card or check.

"Youthline has changed my life. My eyes have been opened to the service world. I now know how to go about making a plan and serving with a purpose. I can see a need now and fix it. Just to feel like I can make a difference is so empowering.

– Cole Gardner, Thailand 2010

Youthline alum starts a gluten-free business, founded in our microenterprise program.



WEDO Gluten-Free started in Kenya when David Wintzer met a family that made banana flour on a Youthline trip. David researched the flour and discovered it was gluten-free. WEDO started in Kenya and will evolve to other banana producing third world nations. WEDO Gluten-Free gives back 10% of its profits to the women of developing countries. To find out more about WEDO, contact David davidwintzer@gmail.com.

Youthline is fortunate and grateful to have so many community partners.

Many thanks to the following educational institutions for their support of student sponsorships:

- University of Utah Health Sciences LEAP
- University of Utah College of Nursing
- Utah State University
- Westminster College
- Weber State University
- Dixie College

Through the efforts of Board Member and East H.S. educator Kathleen Dibble and the International Leadership School, we have 24 East H.S. students participating in Youthline this year! This is a record number of students from any one educational institution!



INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

at East High School



Rotary Clubs partner with Youthline to make a better world

At every international site, Youthline teams are hosted by Rotary Clubs.

Rotarians organize our trips, coordinate and oversee quality of life projects all year, and watch over us in-country. We could not do the good we do without these partnerships. Much thanks to the Rotary Club of Iquitos, Peru (Carlos Acosta), Rotary Club of Meru, Kenya (Elijah Imathiu, Daniel Angaine Muriuthi, Catherine Kimathi), Rotary Club of Tuxtla Gutierrez (Miguel Negron), Rotary Club of Patong Beach, Thailand (Brad Kenny), Rotary Club of Angkor, Cambodia (Sophanit Prin).

We are also very grateful to the dozens of Utah Rotary Clubs which provide student sponsorships to approximately one-third of our students, whose members travel regularly with our teams, and whose efforts secure quality of life projects through Rotary International Grants for the communities in which we work.

Utah Rotary Clubs build a bridge to better lives in Palmeras, Peru

Youthline is proud to partner with Rotary District 5420 in providing funds to build a 30 meter footbridge over a tributary of the Amazon River and an 800 meter cement walkway. The bridge and walkway will help provide the community of Palmeras (around 1000 inhabitants) with faster and more reliable access to medical facilities in the nearby town of Yanamono, as well as better access to boat transportation to the city of Iquitos. Currently, the community members need to walk long distances around the tributary to access the medical facilities that lie in relatively close proximity. During the rainy season, the tributary swells causing more obstacles to medical access. Rotary Clubs of Kaysville, Fort Union Midvale, Tooele, Hurricane, Logan, Iquitos participated in this project.

Utah Rotary Clubs provide clean water and vocational training in Meru, Kenya

Nine Rotary clubs participating in a Rotary International Global Grant will provide two rainwater catchment systems (clean water for almost 4,000 people), vocational training equipment (sewing machines and computers), classroom furniture (student & teacher desks, chairs) to three villages in Meru, Kenya. The total funding for this grant is \$40,000. The Rotary clubs are participating in this grant: Sugar House, Richfield, Vernal, Southwest Valley Sunrise, Centerville/Farmington, Park City Sunrise, Park City Lunch, Rotary Club of Middleton, England, Rotary Club of Meru, Kenya.



Youthline loves the Michel Family Foundation

Youthline would like to thank the Michel Family Foundation for supporting our construction and renovation projects in Cambodia, Thailand, and Kenya this year. The Michel Family has been a constant source of support to Youthline international projects for several years.