

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING USA
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The YFU Volunteer



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YFU USA is a 501C3 nonprofit organization.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the organization's founding, the exemplary character of YFU has been embodied in a corps of dedicated individuals and families – our volunteers. YFU began as a grassroots, volunteer-based organization, and we are proud to continue that legacy to this day. We remain deeply committed to the spirit of volunteerism in each local community where we support students, families, and schools.

As an organization, YFU offers a wide range of opportunities for individuals to volunteer and make a difference: Host Families, Area Coordinators, Area Representatives, Trainers-of-Trainers, and American Overseas (AO) Volunteers. Volunteers make YFU possible by hosting students, conducting student and host family interviews, providing administrative support, giving presentations on international exchange, assisting with orientations, and reviewing scholarship applications.

Our volunteers are eager to learn more about the world around them while sharing their local ideas, customs, and communities with outsiders. They enjoy building bonds of friendship and truly appreciate intercultural understanding. In their own unique and personal way, each YFU volunteer is helping shape our collective future, one student at a time. Enjoy reading more about YFU USA's look back on 2010 and what drives our volunteers to continue the YFU legacy.

Michael Finnell
President



VOLUNTEERS

YFU Volunteers come from small towns and big cities. They represent all walks of life, cutting across geographic, demographic, and political spheres. YFU USA recently caught up with a number of volunteers to ask them about their passion for international exchange.

“Volunteers are God's gift to worthy organizations...There would be no Youth For Understanding if it wasn't for the volunteers. What a job they do!”

— YFU Founder and Longtime Executive Director Rachel Andresen, 1959



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Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA, Venezuela, and others.



REFLECTIONS FROM VOLUNTEERS

"I started as a volunteer a year after my daughter returned from her exchange program in Denmark. Although I was never in the exchange program, moving around with my father's military postings was a similar experience to an exchange student. It makes me more aware of the concerns of the students and their parents. Also, I believe my outreach to teens and parents contributes positive change and prepares the teens for a changing and independent world as YFU's mission."

— **Gail Senter** California
YFU volunteer for 22 years

"I started volunteering for YFU after being recruited by a West Coast friend of my neighbor. The occasional chance to hear and talk to previous exchange students and knowing my children's exchange experience reinforce what I always believe about foreign exchange programs—we are one world and the more we get to know our global neighbors, the better that world will be for everyone."

— **John Elsbree** Maryland
YFU volunteer for 23 years

"The YFU program breeds tolerance, acceptance, and understanding. The world needs more of all three."

-- **Claire Schnurr** Minnesota
YFU volunteer for 4 years

"I started volunteering with YFU by answering an ad in the *Washington Post*. In my first year as an Area Rep, my student stayed with his relatives that were going through a separation. It was hard for him to say he wanted to change to another family as they were relatives. I stepped in and found him a new family. Our friendship was also built after many long talks that year. YFU and its mission are important to me because the exchange experience for the students and families are vital and can be lifelong."



— **Dianne Bradley** Maryland
YFU volunteer for 20 years

"During the summer of 1989 our older daughter asked about hosting an exchange student. It was great to see how some of my students changed their attitudes toward their parents after my encouragement in their exchange year because they had not had much communication and felt very comfortable to talk to their parents. I have learned a great deal about other countries and the insights of teenagers. Also, I am happy to see many of my students turn into great achievers and become very accomplished people in their countries and the world."



— **Sally Wooten** Missouri
YFU volunteer for 23 years

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM

YFU offers limited programs for students who have completed their secondary schooling or who otherwise exceed age requirements for YFU programs. YFU USA's Community College Program (CCP) was established in 1990, and more than 3,000 students have participated in this program since then. In 2010, more than 116 students participated in this unique program to study English as a Second Language (ESL) at community colleges across the United States. These students also had the opportunity to study the arts, sciences, business, or literature. Enrolled for a semester, year, or two-year degree, CCP participants choose to either live with a volunteer host family or reside on campus at a dormitory. In the event of the latter, students still maintain regular contact with a mentoring American family.

The CCP program provides participants diverse educational opportunities through academic and cultural experiences and the participants bring a wealth of intercultural perspectives to the colleges and their communities.



REFLECTIONS FROM CCP STUDENTS

“The experience has really shown me the quality of traveling and embracing new cultures. In addition, the college program has made me plan to pursue art on a professional level”

– **Jakob** from Denmark

“Try everything you can because its amazing to experience a different way of life”

– **Roxanne** from Belgium

“I experienced a lot of things that I would never do in my home country.”

– **Gian** from Switzerland

“My host family and I had dinner together and we actually talked very much at that time. We played games together when my hosts had free time. They helped me with my homework and I helped them with household chores. I sometimes travel around camping and to visit their family with them. We had fun time together”

– **Anh** from Vietnam

“In my town, Oak Ridge, there is a national laboratory. I made it my goal to come back as a researcher”

– **Nobukatsu** from Japan

“My future plan is to finish my bachelor degree in America. This experience is definitely a fundamental step for me to attempt college in America. I wish to set up my consulting company in the future. This experience broadened my view and provided me with the skills to communicate with people all over the world.”

– **Yueheng** from China

“I am planning to study international business administration in the Netherlands. This year really opened my eyes and I do believe that the international aspect in our daily life is so important”

– **Bert** from Netherlands

SUPPORT

YFU USA Support System

The purpose of the YFU USA support system is to anticipate and respond to the needs of participants and the organization in the area of on-program support. This is done by developing and maintaining qualitative systems and procedures through consultation, education and monitoring.

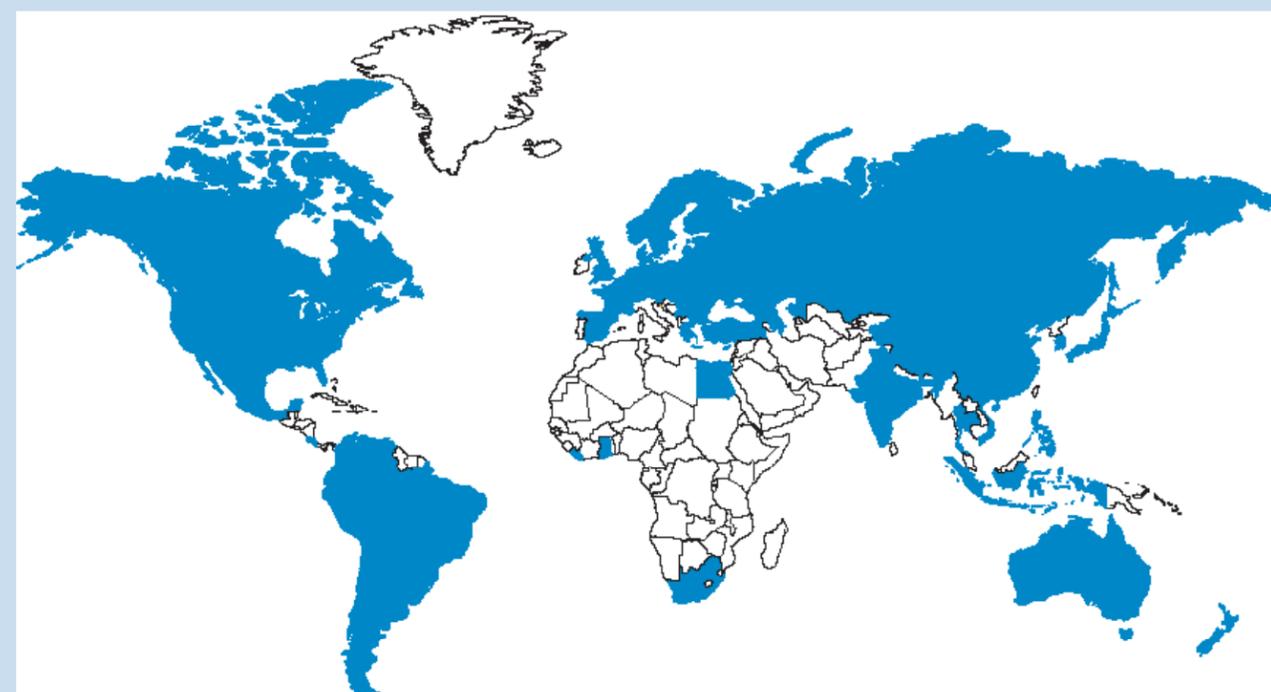
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Australia	Estonia	Liberia	Serbia
Austria	Finland	Latvia	Slovakia
Belgium-Flanders	France	Lithuania	South Africa
Belgium-Wallonia	Georgia	Mexico	Sweden
Brazil	Germany	Moldova	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Ghana	Mongolia	Thailand
Canada	Greece	Netherlands	Turkey
Chile	Hungary	New Zealand	Ukraine
China	India	Norway	Uruguay
Colombia	Indonesia	Philippines	USA
Czech Republic	Japan	Poland	Venezuela
Denmark	Kazakhstan	Romania	Vietnam

FINANCIALS

Youth For Understanding USA, Inc. Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2010 and 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$ 450,688	\$ 651,212
Investments	10,344,080	10,017,328
Accounts Receivable		
Program Fees Receivable from International Affiliates	33,499	15,032
Grants Receivable	103,808	53,898
Other Accounts Receivable	7,159	91,366
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	106,393	98,412
Deposits	24,062	25,762
Property and Equipment, Net	110,733	101,276
Total Assets	<u>\$11,180,422</u>	<u>\$11,054,286</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 651,204	\$ 384,654
Accrued Program Expenses	2,603,835	3,014,119
Deferred Revenue	1,061,086	1,124,208
Total Liabilities	<u>4,316,125</u>	<u>4,522,981</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted - Operating	6,722,967	6,336,043
Temporarily Restricted	141,330	195,262
Total Net Assets	<u>6,864,297</u>	<u>6,531,305</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$11,180,422</u>	<u>\$11,054,286</u>



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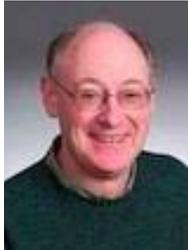
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Statements of Activities
For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009

	2010			2009		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue and Support						
Program Fees	\$ 13,482,699	\$ -	\$ 13,482,699	\$ 12,628,134	\$ -	\$ 12,628,134
Corporate Scholarships and Special Programs	1,659,189	71,185	1,730,374	1,833,101	147,012	1,980,113
Grants	184,871	-	184,871	156,338	-	156,338
Other Contributions	728,261	-	728,261	577,571	-	577,571
Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	(20,840)	-	(20,840)	(7,891)	-	(7,891)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	125,117	(125,117)	-	73,972	(73,972)	-
Total Revenue and Support	16,159,297	(53,932)	16,105,365	15,261,225	73,040	15,334,265
Operating Expenses						
Program	14,071,275	-	14,071,275	13,815,353	-	13,815,353
Supporting services						
Management and General	1,700,181	-	1,700,181	1,707,088	-	1,707,088
Fund-Raising	81,126	-	81,126	59,555	-	59,555
Total Operating Expenses	15,852,582	-	15,852,582	15,581,996	-	15,581,996
Changes in Net Assets from Operations	306,715	(53,932)	252,783	(320,771)	73,040	(247,731)
Other Revenues						
Investment Income	25,969	-	25,969	46,866	-	46,866
Other Revenue	54,240	-	54,240	75,297	-	75,297
Total Other Revenues	80,209	-	80,209	122,163	-	122,163
Change in Net Assets	386,924	(53,932)	332,992	(198,608)	73,040	(125,568)
Net Assets at Beginning of Period	6,336,043	195,262	6,531,305	6,534,651	122,222	6,656,873
Net Assets at End of Period	\$6,722,967	\$141,330	\$6,864,297	\$6,336,043	\$195,262	\$6,531,305



The following summary of the financial statements is incorporated in the annual audit report issued by Councilor, Buchanan and Mitchell (CBM) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. The full financial statements and notes are available upon request from YFU USA.

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