Dear Humphrey Alumni, Supporters, and Friends,

I hope this note finds each of you happy and healthy! As the air becomes crisp and the leaves are turning beautiful shades of gold and red in Nashville, I am thinking about how Humphrey Fellows are leafing their footprint near and far.

Although the Fellows have only been in Nashville for three months, they are busy sharing their stories, experiences and educational practices with individuals on and off campus to leaf new ideas and foster mutual understanding. Yet, there are over forty Vanderbilt Humphrey Fellows working in their home countries leafing a significant impact on the lives of children and families because of skills they developed while in the United States.

Therefore, I would like to thank all of our supporters that have provided the necessary skills, knowledge, and encouragement to the Fellows over the last five year. It is because of your dedication, the footprint the Fellows are leafing are meaningful to so many around the globe.

Sincerely,
Nancy Dickson
We asked the 2013 Fellows: What does service mean to you?

When I think or do a service the following words come into my mind that life ends when a person stops dreaming, hope ends when he stops believing and love ends when he stops caring. There are so many people who need our help. So, service to me is love and care. The vivid example to that could be Susan Gray School which provides care and concern for children with disabilities.

~Andrey Almakaev, Russia

“Humphrey said, ‘the impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor.’ This helping hand of a neighbor is the aim of any service activity provided by community groups or NGO’s. In Nashville, I was amazed with the number of community groups who provide various services. I think that this is due to the nature of people living in this city and that Tennessee is known as the ‘Volunteer State’. In addition, the time and efforts provided are the essence of community services success.”

~Tarek Daoud, Lebanon

“Service is an inspiring concept for me to work for a great cause without hoping for any return. It is about helping needy people make their lives better. I really like the culture of service and volunteerism in US society. Inspired by the concept and to learn about the adult education system here, I have planned to volunteer for a local organization. In this regard, I have already obtained necessary training for teaching the illiterate adults in Nashville area. As a leader, it is my passion to incorporate the concept of service back home, in my organization and society as well.”

~Syed Akbar, Pakistan
Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 6th, 12 pm to 1pm: Fellow Mahi Parveen presents at World on Wednesdays on “Pakistan: The Northern Territories and the Role of Women”. Location: Student Life Center, Lower Level Meeting Room 1, Vanderbilt Campus

Friday, November 8th, 12 pm to 1pm: Fellow Akina Shen presents at the Peabody International Lunch Series on Migrant Children with Humphrey Graduate Assistant Elizabeth Rose. Location: Wyatt Center, Room 102, Peabody Campus, Vanderbilt

Friday, November 15th, 11 am to 1pm: Fellows will present at the Global Service Fair put on by Vanderbilt’s Office for Active Citizenship and Service. They will discuss the need for service in their own countries and the various forms service takes. Location: Rand 305 (Sarratt Student Center)

Monday, November 18th, 6:00pm-8:00pm: Thanksgiving Potluck with Supporters. All Friendship Families, Advisors, AmbassaDores, and Supporters are invited to a potluck at Mad Platter in Germantown. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish! Location: Mad Platter, 1239 6th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37208

Wednesday, December 4th, 8:30am-1:00pm: End of Institute Presentations. Fellows present their Statement of Need. All are welcome to attend. Location: Home Economics Building, Room 104 Peabody Campus, Vanderbilt University
Hey, Humphrey Alumni: What does service mean to you back home?

“Being a Humphrey fellow is the best thing that happened in my professional development and I have used the strategies such as holding regular Humphrey sessions in developing the professional development seminars of our teachers. I collaborated with three other school heads to organize once a month on a Saturday without honorarium for a professional development seminar for teachers from three schools. All of that said, service is giving better quality activities/ideas for the improvement of the whole person, which is long term and will help the person empower him/herself.”

~Soraya Faculo, Philippines

“Service to me is sacrifice of personal time, energy and resources in a bid to give back to the community a little of the much I’ve gained from it. It is customary to pause and say thank you in appreciation of a kind gesture, service for me is a great way to show that appreciation to my community. Lately I’ve spent a great deal of time helping teachers in Abuja to work on and submit their Microsoft Expert Educator applications. I’m hoping that many of them will make it to the Microsoft Global Forum in Barcelona next March.”

~Iyke Chukwu, Nigeria

"Service can be defined as value addition to social capital. Community activities that do not contribute towards social capital do not merit the name of service. The tradition and practices of service to community and volunteerism are a major difference between developed and developing countries. Service to community is a bond that ensures social cohesion which is one of the prerequisites of social uplifting and economic development."

~Zaheer Iqbal, Pakistan

“Service, to me, is doing something that will benefit others and give a sense of worth to one’s self for having participated. Not always is the fruit of such labor a visible product. Often it can be a caring hand placing a blanket over an old person who needs that, a gentle word or deed that help ease the pain of another. The Humphrey experience underlined for me to take part, to be engaged, in adding to help ease the lives of others.”

~Aamaal Ali, Maldives
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**Site Visits**
- SCORE Colloquium
- Bailey Middle School: Dr. Christian Sawyer
- Vol State Community College: Ann Marie Ruttenbur and Dr. John Epsey
- MNPS Reading Clinic: Tammy Lipsey
- Discovery Education: Chris Meador
- Rochelle Center: Debbie and Avi

**Seminar Speakers**
- Dr. Barbara Stengel
- Dr. Paul Fleming
- Dr. Kristin Neal
- Dr. Doug Fuchs