



Oles helping Oles

Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.

*—Marian Wright Edelman
Children's Advocate*

The St. Olaf Family

St. Olaf alumni are not just people who went to the same school. Because of our time on the Hill, we share a special common bond. We are a family. Like all families, we cherish one another and take care of the place we once called home.

Hundreds of alumni have chosen to sustain St. Olaf and support today's Oles by volunteering for Partners in Annual Giving, the St. Olaf annual fund. By e-mail, letter, and phone, they are reconnecting with classmates and encouraging them to participate in the annual giving campaign — the gift from alumni

to students that says, "We are your family and we support you. We believe in you and want you to have the resources to become the next generation of thinkers, doers, and leaders."

Like you, St. Olaf students are busy and involved as they learn to engage in a life of worthwhile service. They know that juggling commitments isn't always easy. As you will see in the next few pages, St. Olaf students like Victor Wong '08 and Anna Dutke '08 embody the St. Olaf mission of putting service above self. Their service helps them deeply appreciate the extended, world-wide family of dedicated Ole volunteers who give generously of their time for them.





Victor Wong '08

LAKEVILLE, MN

BIO: A senior majoring in economics with a management emphasis and a concentration in biomedical studies

ORGANIZATIONS VOLUNTEERED FOR: Volunteer Network, Relay for Life, Hoops

for Hope, Feed My Starving Children, the Ronald McDonald Foundation and Ole Spring Relief

"I get my volunteering fix during Spring Break, when I log over 40 hours of taking town drywall, mucking and working alongside other student volunteers and those in need."

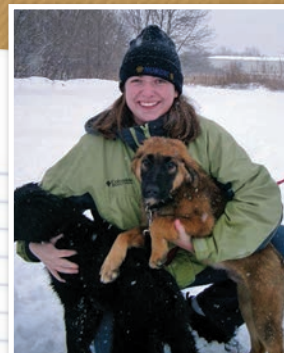
ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO VOLUNTEERING: Executive member of Student Senate, Peer Leadership Consultant, Co-Captain of Badminton Team, St. Olaf Snowboarding Club and employee at his parents' Chinese restaurant

"I definitely have to prioritize my day and sacrifice a lot of down time in order to stay involved in so many activities and still maintain a social and work life."

HIS SOURCE OF INSPIRATION:

"For me, service isn't really a thing I do when I have free time. I think we are obligated to help those in need as citizens of the world."

"It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



Anna Dutke '08

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MN

BIO: A senior majoring in biology with a concentration in environmental studies. Anna finished most of her coursework last year and now has a full-time internship at the Minnesota Zoo

ORGANIZATIONS VOLUNTEERED FOR: Volunter Network, Rice County Humane Society, St. Olaf Cancer Society, Project Friendship mentoring program, Pet Therapy, Head Start Preschool, Salvation Army, Como Zoo, Dodge Nature Center and The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs

"Volunteering is fun, often stress-free, typically involves something you are personally interested in, and is often satisfying."

ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO VOLUNTEERING: Serving as a Student Naturalist, TA for Vertebrate Biology, Senior Campaign Committee member, intern at the Minnesota Zoo, weekend naturalist at the Dodge Nature Center and member of contract education staff at the Como Zoo

"By making time for volunteering the same way I make time for class, homework, meetings and hanging out with friends, it becomes a natural part of my weekly schedule and I just plan around it."

HER SOURCE OF INSPIRATION:

"It was volunteers who provided me with so many opportunities when I was a kid, from coaching sports teams to organizing, setting up and chaperoning events at school. We have all been benefited by others taking the time to volunteer, and an easy way to repay others for their time is to give back to the community ourselves."

Worthwhile Service

A volunteer for Partners in Annual Giving serves as a part of a class fundraising team. As a volunteer, you would keep in touch with 15-20 classmates via email, letter, and phone to encourage them to support students through a gift to the annual fund.



This team effort makes annual giving more collaborative and fun. Volunteering gives you, and the 200 Oles who currently give gifts of their time, ownership of the program. The concept is simple. It's about *Oles asking Oles to give gifts to Oles*. By volunteering for the Partners in Annual Giving program and lending your energy and enthusiasm to this important work, you will help make the St. Olaf experience possible for current students and future Oles.

*Make the St. Olaf experience possible.
Please volunteer.*

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