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'Tis the Season to Volunteer Abroad: United Planet Reports an Increase in International Volunteers over the Holidays

- ***[United Planet](#) volunteer participation increases 50% compared to previous year***

Boston, MA, November 27, 2012 – The holiday season is a time for giving and gratitude. No matter what your religious beliefs or background may be, this time of year is about reflection, growth, and giving back. For many, the holidays are also a time to take a much needed break from a busy year and plan a trip abroad. It's no surprise then that more and more people are choosing to [volunteer abroad](#) during the winter holidays, which offers globe-trotting do-gooders a chance to appease both their travel bug and their inner-philanthropist.

As an international non-profit that provides volunteer abroad service trips in over forty countries across the globe, [United Planet](#) has seen the number of volunteers serving during the months of December and January increase by 50% compared to the same period last year. United Planet's Enrollment Manager, Tyler Quattlebaum, comments, "We're thrilled to report such a significant increase in international volunteer support during December and January, compared to last year. This level of volunteer participation over the holidays really speaks volumes to the power of the human spirit, and affirms our notion that we truly are a 'Community Beyond Borders'."

In addition to the increase of international volunteer participation during the winter season, United Planet has also seen a spike in enrollments during Spring Break over the last year. Students looking to gain international experience and use their school vacation to do good, have been steadily signing up to volunteer abroad during their spring break, which is often referred to as an "[alternative spring break](#)". Regardless of the time of year, volunteering abroad

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is becoming an increasingly popular option for those who not only want to travel and see the world, but also want to learn about a different culture and provide vital support to communities in need.

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About United Planet

[United Planet](#), an international non-profit based in Boston, MA, strives to create a world in which all people understand, respect, and support one another. United Planet's global network of leaders and volunteers fosters cross-cultural understanding and addresses shared challenges to unite the world in a community beyond borders. Over the past ten years, United Planet has worked with local communities all over the world to find meaningful work for volunteer travelers; and has placed thousands of volunteers in those communities to live and work – for periods ranging from one week to one year. United Planet is the U.S. and Canadian member of the [International Cultural Youth Exchange \(ICYE\) Federation](#), founded in 1949. For more information about United Planet and its [volunteer abroad](#) programs, please visit us www.unitedplanet.org.

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