



*"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy,  
I woke and I saw that life is all service.  
I served and I saw that service is joy."*

*-Mother Teresa*

### Within ACP:

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- Mentor medical students and physicians in training  
[www.acponline.org/mentoring](http://www.acponline.org/mentoring)
- Get involved at the Chapter level by volunteering to serve on a local committee [www.acponline.org/chapters](http://www.acponline.org/chapters)
- Apply for a seat on the College's Volunteerism Committee  
[www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/committees/volunteerism/](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/committees/volunteerism/)
- Join ACP's Volunteerism Network  
[www.acponline.org/volunteerism](http://www.acponline.org/volunteerism)
- Join ACP's Special Interest Group on Volunteerism  
[www.acponline.org/sig](http://www.acponline.org/sig)

### Within the United States:

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- Contact your county medical association, local Chamber of Commerce, nearby school districts, city recreation centers, or a free clinic or medical center near you  
[www.nafclinics.org](http://www.nafclinics.org) or [www.volunteersinmedicine.org](http://www.volunteersinmedicine.org)

### Within the Worldwide Community:

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- ACP sponsors the Internal Medicine Overseas Section of Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO), which supports training programs for internal medicine generalists and subspecialists in Bhutan, India, Peru, and Uganda. Projects differ on the basis of the educational needs and technological capacity of the country.  
[www.hvousing.org](http://www.hvousing.org)

### National and Local Awards

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ACP acknowledges the importance of volunteerism and community service at both the national and local level as part of its commitment to professionalism and access to health care.

Nationally, ACP has several awards that are given to members who have been active in community service and volunteerism. The College's Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service is given to an ACP member who has initiated or been involved in volunteer programs or has provided volunteer service posttraining. In addition, ACP's Outstanding Clinical Teacher Award is bestowed upon a Fellow of the College who has consistently volunteered his or her services to teach medical students and residents.

Please refer to the College's Awards and Masterships Booklet online for additional information  
[www.acponline.org/awards](http://www.acponline.org/awards).

Locally, a number of College Chapters have community service awards. Contact your ACP Chapter [www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/chapters/](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/) to propose a local award or to nominate a local "hero" for a volunteerism award.

### Volunteerism as Criteria for Attaining Fellowship

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Community service and volunteer activities are recognized as an important part of professional activities when submitted in support of candidacy for Fellowship. For more information about attaining Fellowship, visit [www.acponline.org/facp](http://www.acponline.org/facp).

### Travel and Health Advisories for Medical Volunteers

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For the latest travel and health advisories, visit the U.S. State Department at <http://travel.state.gov> or the Center for Disease Control's Traveler's Health section at [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel). For information about financial assistance offered to volunteers in need, visit the Missionary Travel Service at [www.mtstravel.com](http://www.mtstravel.com).

### Volunteer Protection Act

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The 1997 Volunteer Protection Act (VPA) provides liability protection for volunteers of nonprofit organizations and certain government entities.