



## Volunteers – making the world a better place

December 5<sup>th</sup> is [International Volunteer Day](#) - a day set aside by the United Nations since 1985 to celebrate volunteerism. On this day we pause to celebrate the many thousands of people who travel across the globe to serve the needs of their fellow man. International volunteers work side by side with local citizens in every corner of the world helping address every kind of need, including the UN [Millennium Development Goals](#). Please join us in celebrating International Volunteer Day 2008!



**WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Have you had the privilege of participating in an international volunteer program? If so, help us raise awareness by writing a phrase or two on December 5<sup>th</sup> about why or how your experience was meaningful to you. If you have a regular [Facebook](#), [MySpace](#) or [BeGlobal](#) blog presence, simply take 2 minutes and make your entry there. Or [Twitter](#) your friends to honor the day. Or send an e-mail to your colleagues about the benefits to you and those you served. Consider including a link to the website of the volunteer organization to create further awareness. Together we can build a better world!

The following links provide more information about volunteering around the world. Take a look to brighten your day.

[Video Tribute to Volunteers](#)

[Volunteering for Health & Happiness](#)

<http://www.wevolunteer.net>



This message is brought to you by the [Building Bridges Coalition](#) a consortium of leading international volunteering organizations, colleges & universities, corporations and government agencies working collaboratively to double the number of volunteers serving abroad by 2010 while improving program quality and maximizing positive impacts in the communities where volunteers serve.

Happy International Volunteer Day!

