

# Why Join ProWorld?



## OUR Mission

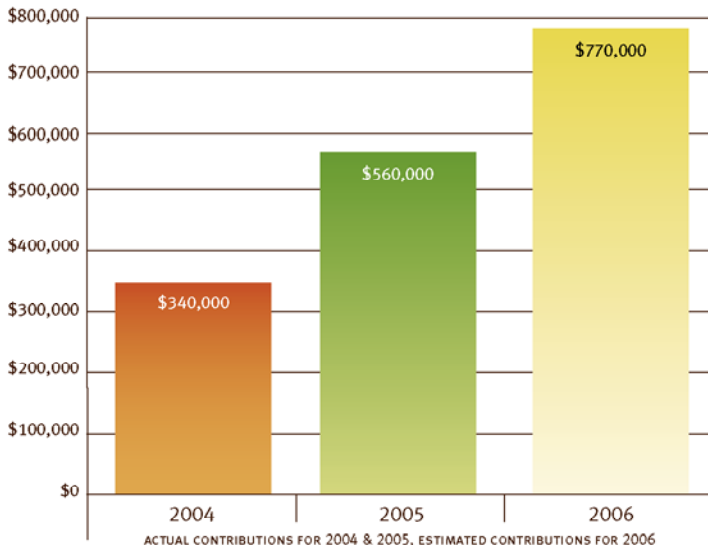
*ProWorld's mission is to promote social and economic development, empower communities, and cultivate educated compassionate global citizens.*

## REAL PROJECTS – Make a Difference

ProWorld teams in Peru, Belize, and Mexico assess and execute projects year round to ensure sustainable and valuable development projects for our host communities and volunteers. These projects are the foundation of every ProWorld program. By joining ProWorld, volunteers become agents of positive change in the lives of others and themselves.

The vital economic support from volunteers' program fees strengthens the positive impact of hands-on work by volunteers. Program fees pay for volunteer experiences and support our host community economies in the forms of project materials purchases, local salaries, host family payments, and local purchases. To date, this capital injection by ProWorld and its volunteers to our host communities is over \$1.4 million dollars.

## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



## PERSONAL Growth

We believe volunteers deserve to be challenged, to be exposed to new and authentic experiences, and to participate in real and sustainable development projects. ProWorld programs challenge volunteers physically, culturally, and intellectually through experiential learning, hands-on development work, and cultural immersion. Volunteers gain skills in sustainable development work, leadership, and cross-cultural communication. ProWorld volunteers gain a broadened perspective of themselves, development work, and the world in which we live.

## BUILD Relationships

Volunteers develop meaningful relationships with host families and local community members by working and living together. New insights and understandings are forged daily, offering volunteers tremendous opportunities for cross-cultural learning and self-reflection.

In addition, there is a shared feeling of mission that binds team members and volunteers to their projects and each other. Common experiences, academic challenges, and team projects provide a sturdy and satisfying peer to peer support system made stronger by the exceptional nature of ProWorld volunteers. This shared experience is often the most rewarding aspect of a ProWorld program for many volunteers, as they join the growing ProWorld Alumni network of friends and colleagues.

## PROWORLD Staff Support

Staff teams are composed of local and international development workers and range in size from 3 to 12 staff members per site. ProWorld staff members are part of every aspect of the program experience, encouraging cultural immersion, providing quality support, and often becoming friends as well as guides for the volunteer's journey.

## CORE Values

We believe that within every project decision and every community interaction there exists the opportunity for ProWorld staff and volunteers to strengthen our mission, and practice our core values:

- Commitment
- Integrity
- Vision
- Sustainability
- Compassion
- Success