

Alternative Spring Break
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Hello!

For over 19 years, the University of Vermont's Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program has offered students opportunities to do service in communities outside of their own by sending groups on week-long, substance-free volunteer trips over spring break. In helping organizations in every part of the country, our program has allowed for personal growth among participants, experience with volunteer work, training in social justice, increased awareness about particular issues, and networking between our university and many communities across the nation.

Our trips this year will revolve around issues such as environmental conservation/ justice, poverty, gender diversity, education inequity, health care, disabilities, and disaster relief work. This year we are planning for fourteen trips with the goal of opening this popular and successful program to more students than ever before. We are currently fundraising within the campus community as well as reaching into the greater Burlington area for sponsorship in an effort to keep costs low for participants and leave some money for ASB in the future to continue this great tradition.

Alternative Spring Break is not only a program that challenges students' views and understandings of their own privilege and the world around them, but it is also one that continues to give back positively to our society. While we are in the midst of fundraising campaigns to support our trips' expenses, we are still in need of donations in order to reach our monetary goals and make this program as accessible as possible to future participants. We would greatly appreciate your support in any way that you are able.

For many students, ASB is integral to their experience in their time at college. As a program we are dedicated to expanding relationships between communities, increasing awareness around particular issues, and inspiring an ethic of volunteerism. We do this with the long-term goal of promoting wellness and diversity in the world around us. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we appreciate your support of Alternative Spring Break, and please feel free to contact us anytime at uvmasb@uvm.edu.

Fundraising has been made easier through the internet! At alumni.uvm.edu/giving, you can give straight to ASB. Simply click on 'Give Now' in the upper-right hand corner, and under the Gift Designation, designate 'Volunteers In Action Alternative Spring Break'.

Checks can be made payable to "Alternative Spring Break."

Best,

