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It is delighted to reach out in touch with the CCU alumni members. Did you know many great schools are great because volunteers (including alumni volunteers) contribute to their growth? Volunteers play a significant role in various aspects of the university, from fundraising and admissions to community engagement and research support.

As of June 30, 2024, Harvard University received a \$53.2 billion endowment, making it the largest academic endowment in the world, according to Wikipedia. I wish CCU could get at least \$500,000 now, but our time will come. This endowment is a crucial source of funding for the university's operations, including scholarships, faculty support, and academic programs. And it is a fact that many people are volunteering for Harvard.

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People volunteer for a multitude of reasons, often intertwining personal fulfillment with a desire to contribute to their community and the wider world. Many are driven by the desire to make a positive impact, support a cause they believe in, or give back to their university that has supported them and fulfilled their dream. Volunteering also offers opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and social connection.

Should money always be a factor?

While volunteering is often seen as an altruistic act, people who volunteer their time can and often do think about money in relation to their volunteer work. This can manifest in several ways, from considering the value of their time in monetary terms to potentially making financial donations alongside their volunteer efforts. Many people who wish to donate money but don't have it would consider donating their time.

Financial Donations

I volunteered many times for different organizations. I remember volunteering for Laubach Literacy, and I made a financial donation at the same time. Research indicates a strong correlation between volunteering and financial giving. Many volunteers also donate money to the organizations they support with their time, or they may even be more likely to donate after experiencing volunteering firsthand.

Self-Interest

Some people volunteer because they derive personal benefits from it, such as a sense of purpose, social interaction, or skill development. These benefits can be seen as valuable in and of themselves, but they can also be framed in terms of the "value" they bring to the volunteer.

Many nonprofits rely heavily on volunteers and would struggle to survive without them. Volunteers are a crucial resource for nonprofits, providing essential labor, fundraising support, and board leadership, according to the National Council of Nonprofits. Without volunteers, many organizations would struggle to operate and fulfill their missions.

This article is geared toward the public in general but more specifically to our constituents and CCU alumni. I would like to instill in your mind the spirit of volunteering and giving. Volunteering is one of the best ways to make a huge difference in your life and in the lives of others. CCU has made a huge difference in your life or in the lives of your loved ones. I want to give you an opportunity to take a turn and make a difference in CCU's mission.

Even Harvard needs volunteers! The \$53.2 billion in endowment I mentioned earlier was from alumni.

Seeing your school thriving and flourishing should be a desire for every alumnus. Your school is the reference for your degree, your pride, and even your success and social status. When you say, "I am Dr." so-and-so, and attach an MA or MS to your name, you should think of CCU and take a leap?

Thanks for reading.

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