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Alicia Tarjeff graduated from RC in May and began the experience of a lifetime two months later. On month nine of the 11-month World Race, Alicia is currently located in China.

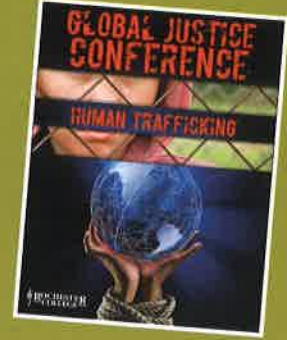
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IMPACTFUL EVENTS

If you're a student at RC, your calendar is pretty full. Whether you like tutoring local youth, rocking out at an Invisible Children's benefit concert or just getting to know the people in your residence hall, there's something going on for everyone. Here's more about a few RC events you can be involved in.

GLOBAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

Rochester College will be hosting the Global Justice Conference, a community-wide dialogue regarding global matters of social justice, on April 1-2. At this event, leaders, advocates and activists from both sacred and secular contexts will share their knowledge, expertise, vision and passion to help all of us actively pursue a more just society. By combining the voices and minds of those in faith communities, law enforcement, student and community activism, as well as the arts, the Global Justice Conference offers a concerted and holistic approach to shaping our society more justly.



CHELSEA'S WALK

This fall, a group of RC students organized and hosted Chelsea's Walk, a "take-two" awareness event held in honor of the sudden and tragic death of RC student Miriah Jones' friend from high school who went missing while on her daily run last February. Chelsea's Walk was a fundraiser for Chelsea's Light Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to changing legislation and

bringing awareness to the prevention of what happened to Chelsea. The event was also an important reminder to always take two wherever you go.



SHACK-A-THON

An annual fall event, the purpose of Shack-a-Thon is to raise awareness for the homeless and poverty stricken. Participants build makeshift shacks on the front lawn of RC and live in them for 48 hours in an attempt to simulate poverty housing. During this time, food is limited, port-a-potties are used, and all electrical devices are forbidden. All money raised during Shack-a-Thon is donated to a local cause.



spotlight

Tabora, Tanzania Team



In 2013, eight RC alumni will head to Tabora, Tanzania, on a one-way ticket. The team, comprised of five married couples (4 of whom are RC grads) and their families, met each other and their spouses while students at RC. Overseas internship experiences through Rochester College was also responsible for sparking a passion for

foreign missions in each of them. "The Lord used RC as His vessel for each of our individual paths to ignite into His will!" says team member Dave Rotberg, '07. As a church planting mission team, T3's goal is to plant self-sustaining communities who love Jesus and each other in the town and villages of Tabora, Tanzania. After fundraising and taking part in cultural, language and missional training over the next two years, T3 will depart for Tabora with the goal of church planting to begin in 2015.

spotlight

Alicia Tarjeft

For RC grad Alicia Tarjeft, life after graduation has been an experience she'll never forget. In July 2010, Alicia began the World Race, an 11-month mission trip around the globe. Traveling to a new country each month, her most memorable experience so far has been the time her team spent in rural Africa.



"These people have no running water, electricity or bathrooms, but once they found out about Jesus, they praised God with everything they had. We were able to love people who have never felt loved before, and I would not trade that for the world," says Alicia.

Alicia says RC prepared her to walk into an 11-month mission trip and helped shape the person she is today. "I met people [at RC] with a heart for those stuck in the cycle of poverty, and their hearts were contagious." To read more about Alicia's journey with World Race and within herself, including why she recently decided to shave her head or how her team is changing lives on a beach in the Philippines, visit alliciatarjeft.theworldrace.org.

Warriors

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The map above represents just a glimpse of Rochester College alumni who have stepped up with intellect, character and compassion to make a difference all over the globe. Warriors are working in small towns, inner cities and even an island 8,200 miles away as youth ministers, Christian performers, educators, missionaries and more.

For over 50 years, Rochester College has been dedicated to affirming and modeling social justice and servant leadership. Our goal is to equip each student for a lifetime of growth and service.

At Rochester College, students find a welcoming environment that cultivates moral development. RC students are trained with life skills beyond mere academic credentials. Our diverse degree offerings and tight-knit community work together to mold world citizens who are passionate and prepared to change our world for the better.



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Ralph Fluker



Ralph Fluker, a recent Rochester College graduate, spends most of his time volunteering in Detroit. Whether he's interning at Hope Community House, volunteering at a local food pantry or clothing closet, or working at a boys' home, Ralph's work has given him an acute awareness of the needs in the city.

Ralph was first introduced to Hope Community on a Rochester College Urban Plunge trip and has since been able to build many relationships with urban non-profit organizations. "As I neared graduation, a big question for me was, 'Is there a career pathway that I could feel passionate about for the rest of my life?'" said Ralph. "This internship has helped me to take monumental steps toward the answer. I plan to one day have a home for boys, possibly in a Latin-American country."

Ralph attributes his time at RC to playing an integral role in helping him find a career he will be passionate about for a lifetime. "It was through Rochester College that I was able to gain first-hand experience in the field of urban ministry. RC helped me network and build relationships with several ministries and non-profit organizations in Detroit, surrounding communities and even overseas." Ralph says the diversity of his experiences and scope of the relationships he has been able to build definitely provides confidence when searching for a job post graduation.

This spring, Ralph is organizing the "Detroit Urban Plunge" trip, a chance for RC students to serve in ways that will tangibly benefit those they reach out to. Participants will spend time feeding the homeless, renovating a Detroit public school classroom, cleaning the streets, volunteering at shelters, and listening to the stories of those who have no voice.



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Words & Deeds

Rochester College knows faith and service go hand-in-hand. While most of us recognize a need for change, RC students are *being* that change around campus, in the community and beyond. Here's a glimpse into how warriors are putting their passion into action and turning their words into deeds.

facingEve ministries

Inspired by Psalm 139:14, six young women, including four RC students, started facingEve ministries in 2009 after seeing a need for a ministry designed to challenge young girls. "We want to bring young women to a positive outlook on who they are as women of God, and use what God has given us to help girls seek and find God's plan for their lives," said Kayce McClure, junior at RC and one of facingEve's founding members. FacingEve hosts frequent events such as the "Dinner & A Devo" gathering, where girls ages 11-17 are encouraged to see themselves as "fearfully and wonderfully made" and come face-to-face with the Eve inside them.



REAL HOPE

Sometimes the best way to embody the message of Jesus and His kingdom is to simply go about doing good. The Real Hope ministry is an opportunity for Rochester students to pay-it-forward and make a difference in the lives of others in the surrounding community.

Thanks to generous and anonymous donors, cash grants are available for students to help someone else, while receiving nothing in return. Individual students and student groups apply for the grants which are available in \$100, \$250 or \$500 amounts. The money cannot go to help friends, family or causes. Instead, the efforts must meet specific needs within the community.

Real Hope: School Edition is one particular group focusing on bringing hope to a local, inner-city, public school whose library needs assistance. With a goal of raising \$10,000 for this effort, Real Hope: School Edition has built upon the grant money it received through the Real Hope program by selling hand-made crafts and accessories like the ones pictured as right.

