

Give to causes close to heart PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE

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Many think about giving as buying a gift to give to someone else. Giving however, is not always about going out and buying someone else a gift. Giving to others and to a community can be done in so many different ways.

One way of giving is to donate money to a cause that a person finds interesting and that is in need of financial help. Many people prefer to give money because of limited time and other obligations. Others then distribute the money received and try to help the cause as best possible with the funds.

Giving gives back to the giver as well as those receiving.

"Hands on" giving is another form of giving that many really like, because this is a way to be able to see the results of giving. This form of giving is not for everyone, but the giver in this case often becomes the receiver as well, because they get to work and see the results of who and what they are helping.

There are plenty of causes out in the community and in the world that are in need of help. It is hard to make a decision about which cause to help out, and sometimes even overwhelming trying to find the right one.

However, small actions and funds can help in the long run

even if one doesn't think so at first.

Small gestures for one person can be something big for someone else.

Sometimes it seems hopeless, especially for a student. It's easy to think, "How can my five dollars help the starving children?" Or "How can I be of help when I only have

a couple of hours a week to spend helping rebuild that family's house." Well, if everyone were Positive Polly's instead of Negative Nancy's, even a few bucks or a few hours could help those in need of it, because when more people think that way, more people are helping out.

Finding a cause that one finds important and/or close to their heart can be very important when you want to help others. Sometimes the person next door may be the one in need of help, and sometimes a country or community is because they've been hit by a catastrophe. It all depends on whom or what is in need of help and how one is able to help.

Giving comes in many different forms and so does the need for help.

It's doesn't take much to give a little, and even small actions can make a difference.

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What's the most meaningful way to give in order to help those in your immediate area as well as globally?



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I like to give through the organizations I know well. Gifts to the United Methodist Church help at the local, national and globally level. Gifts to SC students for their projects helps their work here and on their

trips. Keeping a habit of giving is very important to the maintaining of my own spirit and emotional well-being.

Sometimes giving directly to persons and situations I know well is important, sometimes giving funds to help in situations far away like Haiti and Japan are needed because the money will help them and it helps me stay a little connected to the pain and suffering in the world. I have confidence in the Church and College to use my gifts well, and with others make a positive difference in the lives of others, and also in my own life.

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Word on the Hill

Who do you come in contact with the most on Facebook?

By Jonathan Woon



"A range of people back home in Singapore. I don't get to see them, and that's the easiest form of communication."

Alicia Ong
biochemistry senior



"Scheming with my neighbor to see how to annoy my roommate."

Elizabeth Macy
nursing senior



"My friends back home, and sometimes my mom. She nags at me all the time. Everyone else on campus that I see everyday."

Hunter Rockhill
music sophomore



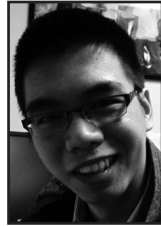
"My roommates to figure out what we are having for dinner."

Lacey Hibbs
liberal arts senior



"I use it to contact my family at times, but I don't really use it all that much."

Debbie Pearce
natural science faculty assistant



"Friends that have transferred, or moved out."

Theo Mawia
business administration sophomore



SALLY MCGUIRE

The most meaningful way to give will always, always be education, at least in my mind. As the saying goes, give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. I believe that this rings true in all aspects of life. If you give someone a dol-

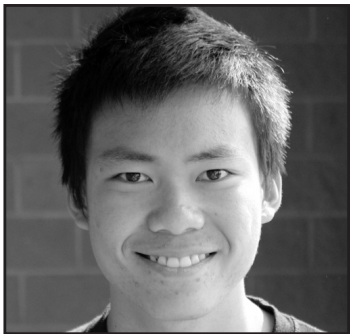
lar, he or she will go and spend it on something. But giving someone an education so that they understand how to be profitable is a whole different story.

I'm not saying building houses and canned food drives aren't important; however, to give someone the ability to think for themselves, be productive, and imagine creatively can go so much further. This can also be applied in one's immediate area or globally.

What a success for humankind it would be if no one on this Earth was illiterate! And thank goodness for teachers and mentors for willingly and ardently spreading the wealth of knowledge.

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Facebook creates more than social interaction



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Registering for a Facebook account for the first time wasn't a good experience. My mother constantly encouraged me to think through the consequences of my actions and believed that social networking sites were the utmost trap that young people fall into these days the devil of technology. Very commonly, Facebook is labeled as a platform where time-wasting activities start, and somehow never come to an end.

The majorities of users looks at social networking sites at their surface and rarely go the extra mile to carefully evaluate how Facebook changes with regards to trend. For Facebook, it all started off as a site where student were rated based on their physical appearances.

Remember that Burger King commercial on television that asked you to follow them on their Facebook page? Look around you and observe the trend today. Everything is Facebook-related, simply because almost everyone is on Facebook; kids, adolescents, adults, granies, grandpas...Today, to have a Facebook account has become a necessity of some sort, not a want, but a must.

Often, we use Facebook as a medium of communication to contact our peers and family members thousands of miles away. Coming from Malaysia, a land approximately 9,000 miles

away, Facebook has been a great tool to contact with my loved ones especially family members at no cost at all. One hit of the button and messages are sent almost instantaneously over the internet.

Beside the messaging function, Facebook has taken smart steps in expanding their database to a wider scope which caters to a broader range of users. One-to-one chat sessions are no longer intriguing, group chats, recently introduced on Facebook, bring a whole new dimension when chatting.

Others would argue the negative effects of Facebook. A hardcore user would proudly claim to be addicted to the site as if it were weed or tobacco. In today's society, we find parents opposing the notion of being connected via Facebook.

There is more to it than just

the socializing aspect. Many of us forget about the networking side of Facebook. What lies beyond Facebook that we do not realize, is business. Facebook is a virtual marketplace. Think of the role of Facebook just as you would for Ebay.com or Amazon.com.

It has become a self-sustaining marketplace where both sellers and buyers are present at the same location regardless of their actual physical location. Companies these days use Facebook as a tool to globally market their products. Going across seas, borders, and thousands of miles can never happen instantaneously when done traditionally. This is business profitable and all is done via Facebook.

This not only happens to big time companies but also small time business people. For instance, when you follow or

"like" someone's photography page, you are indirectly approving and allowing the photographer to virtually channel, display and market his or her product to you. The day will come when you are in need of a photographer for your senior pictures and trust me, you will find that very same photographer because of the bridge and network she has seemingly built ever since you hit the "Like" button on his or her page.

Personally, I managed to make about \$200 from photo shooting sessions that all started as a result of Facebook. Of course, \$200 is not a large sum to make one's jaw drop but who knows how far this network will take me in five, 10 or even 20 years?

Contrary to popular views, I undoubtedly believe in the many wonders of social networking. Not only on a family-to-family or peer-to-peer basis, but most importantly the construction of networking bridges that can go a long way especially in the professional industry.

We've all heard of the saying, "A knife in the hands of a murderer can kill, but a knife in the hands of a doctor can save a life." Similarly, when Facebook is used wisely by one who recognizes the power of such social networking sites, more positive benefits can be reaped.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

Animated chameleon brings fun, adventure to audience

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A journey of self-identity brings one small, crooked-necked chameleon dressed in a red Hawaiian shirt to a small western town named Dirt.

The journey starts out with a Mariachi band of burrowing owls who wear sombreros. They serenade the audience singing about a tale of a hero. This hero ends up being none other than the small sly chameleon with the crooked neck, whose name ends up being "Rango."

Director Gore Verbinski and writer John Logan bring us a fun filled adventurous animated movie, which makes adults feel like a kid again. Verbinski is known for his "Pirates of the Caribbean" films. He finds himself reteaming with Johnny Depp, who is the voice for the main

character Rango.

Depp brings a sense of humor and wit to this fun loving, dramatic chameleon. The small chameleon finds himself stranded in the desert when his aquarium, or as Rango would describe it "his movie set," is thrown out of the back of the family station wagon. After it hits the scorching highway, the aquarium shatters, leaving Rango stranded on the highway in the extreme heat.

Rango finds himself in a small western town Dirt, and from that point in the movie, starts learning that life isn't as easy as he had previously thought. He meets a variety of interesting characters, and not one of them is alike. The characters range from lizards, turtles, moles, to other animals that can be found in the desert.

Rango meets a sassy, gutsy, smart frontierswoman, who is a lizard. Isla Fisher voices the

character Beans. Together with their team of townsfolk, they hunt for a solution to the mystery of the missing water.

In this small town of Dirt there is a water shortage, which represents how the economy is for some people today. Rango then ends up getting himself in a bind, and with the drama queen that he is, he gets himself dubbed the sheriff of Dirt. He then has to figure out why the water has suddenly disappeared.

Verbinski took the risk of making several characters generally unpleasant, especially for a PG rated movie. Also throughout the movie there are several gruesome gags. When sitting in the movie theatre I noticed that many of the little kids looked lost and confused, but the adults and teens were laughing at the jokes. "Rango" may not be for younger children.

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