

**Michael Patrick Keefe
Memorial Fund**



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About Mike Keefe

Mike Keefe was a 1995 graduate of St. Thomas majoring in International Political Economy with minors in Justice and Peace Studies and Business. He participated in four VISION trips: Jamaica in 1992, Alamosa, Colorado in 1993; Selma, Alabama in 1994; and Guatemala in 1995. He also volunteered for two months in Guatemala following graduation. Mike died in Chicago with his family on December 8, 1997. This fund was established in his memory with donations from family and friends.

Mike is remembered for his deep compassion, commitment to the poor, and concern for justice. Perhaps his greatest gift as a volunteer was the ability to step into the shoes of another and walk with them on the journey. Children in Guatemala, residents of Selma and peers at UST were challenged and encouraged by his insights, straightforward questions, and good humor.

The Keefe Scholarship Offers:

- Two \$800 Scholarships for international trip applicants
- One \$400 Scholarship for any trip but Montgomery, AL

Scholarship awards in Mike's honor are given based in part on the thoughtfulness, originality and thoroughness of a proposed project with special consideration given to financial need.

Scholarship Process:

1) To apply:

- **Document your fund-raising efforts:** On another sheet of paper document what attempts you have made thus far to fund your trip and how you plan to raise support. Be sure to include sponsors, fund-raising activities, part-time jobs and donations.
- **Write a project proposal.** If you receive a Keefe scholarship, you will implement a project related to your site when you return from a trip. Although you do not know where you'll be going at this point, base your idea on your major, personal interests or prior knowledge of one of the VISION sites. Be sure to include a plan with specific steps as to what you will do when you return. Past project examples are listed on the back of this form. Be creative!

2) During your VISION trip:

- Observe what's going on around you. Reflect individually and with others on what you're seeing and feeling. Think about how you might improve and expand your proposed project, given what you've learned from the experience.

3) After the trip:

- In order to receive the scholarship, you are required to meet with VISION staff and student directors to discuss your experience and how you will implement your project within three weeks of your return. If you do not complete your project within this time or make arrangements otherwise, your UST account will be billed for the amount of the scholarship.

To apply, please complete this form **with fundraising efforts and proposal attached.**

Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered.

Scholarship Applications will be accepted in the same way as trip applications. Please email scholarship applications at the same time as your trip application to vision@stthomas.edu, **Tuesday, October 6th from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.**

You will be notified of an award upon trip selection.



Past projects by Keefe Scholarship recipients:

- Promoted and educated about fair trade coffee alternatives on campus.
- Shared with Frisbee teammates about Venezuela and raised money to send Frisbees to kids in the neighborhood surrounding the parish.
- Presented border experience to UST Spanish club and facilitated trip to local theater to a play about immigration issues.
- Developed a lesson plan for high-school Spanish language classes about Venezuelan culture and social justice issues.
- Created a bulletin board display in residence hall about Native American culture, spirituality and justice issues. Highlighted Native Americans in “Around the World” event for Dowling Hall.
- Wrote article for student publication on impact of “No Child Left Behind” legislation on reservation schools.
- Hosted a potluck gathering for friends and shared about urban experiences in Chicago
- Spoke at student-run ministry club (SHINE) about time in Belfast and its impact on her faith.