

Devoted to Creating a More Just and Merciful World

From Ireland and Uganda to Jamaica, Belize and Nicaragua, each year, Carlow students live our values of mercy, kindness and compassion through learning and service opportunities throughout the world. Following is an overview of the work we've been doing around the world.

Devoted to connecting with students in Ireland

Whether in Sligo or Derry in Ireland or initiatives that begin closer to home, Carlow students and faculty have been working tirelessly to provide for students with disabilities.

Highlights include:

- Providing services to individuals with disabilities in schools, communities, and hospitals.
- Creating virtual friendships for children with significant learning needs through a collaboration between Derry Special School and the Children's Institute
- Devoting time to individuals with disabilities in schools, hospitals, and communities.
- Creating a Virtual Pals Program in collaboration with the Warhol Museum, autistic classes at Woodland Hills High School and the Special Education school in Derry.





Devoted to advocating for students and communities in Uganda.

Since 2013, we've been helping to improve access to education for students with disabilities.

Highlights include:

- Training of teachers in providing inclusivity to students with disabilities.
- Building the first inclusive school and securing tuition scholarships for many of the students.
- Creating Advocates for Children with Disabilities, now Noah's Ark School for Children with Disabilities.

In addition, we've also been helping to improve access to healthcare and basic needs through:

- Professional development sessions for the Maternal and Child Wellness program
- Providing health clinics in five schools, as well as in 3 communities.
- Distributing adaptive equipment including walkers and braces for children with physical disabilities.
- Consulting with healthcare providers to establish a pharmacy and clinic in Oukut.
- Repairing wells and ensuring residents have access to clean water.
- Addressing nutritional needs by purchasing fruit trees for schools, creating accessible raised garden beds, and providing gardening curriculum and materials.



Devoted to building stronger communities in Jamaica.

From 2022-24, students have donated their time to health clinics, soup kitchens, community outreach programs, health checks for shut-ins and psychiatric patients, and volunteering in special education schools where they taught hygiene, nutrition, and exercise.



Devoted to helping children and communities thrive in Belize.

In 2019, students designed and taught lessons on social skills in two schools. They cleaned up trash in mangroves to help support eco-tourism. Finally, they volunteered in soup kitchens, raising funds for food, cooking, and entertaining children.



Devoted to uplifting communities in Nicaragua.

In 2017 & 2018, students taught lessons on hygiene and nutrition and taught residents how to make solar ovens using only a pizza box. In addition, they distributed toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss, repaired wells in 2 schools, built raised garden beds and staffed a new clinic and assessed children with disabilities.