

LONGWOOD, FL, September 25, 2013 /**24-7PressRelease**/ -- As an avid philanthropist, [Richard Zahn](#)

is well aware of just how many causes there are in the world that are in need of the support of volunteers. Additionally, he has witnessed how the power of volunteer work has transformed lives and helped individuals develop both personally and professionally. As such, Zahn naturally encourages people to engage in volunteer efforts on a regular basis.

For graduating high school seniors, one of the most important considerations that they will make is whether or not to take a gap year and, if they opt for this untraditional year off, what they will do with it. According to an [article](#) published by the Huffington Post, many gap year participants engage in volunteer efforts while traveling around the globe. Zahn believes that this is a wonderful option, but he agrees with the article that it is important that individuals ensure that they are booking volunteer-based travel that is reliable and meaningful, rather than what the article terms as "poverty tourism."

"A gap year is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to discover more about the world and about themselves," Richard Zahn asserts. "I strongly advocate for volunteer work, and I believe that a gap year is a great time for individuals to give back to the world and, really, find their place within it. The sad truth of the matter, though, is that many companies that offer volunteer-based travel are not as dedicated to the volunteer side as they should be, and it can be difficult for travelers to know the difference when choosing an organization to work with. I agree with the article that using recommendations, real reviews, and research can help young adults to find the best volunteer options for their gap year experience."

Zahn goes on to explain that, before booking a trip, it is important for young adults to determine what cause they want to support as they navigate their way through the world. It is crucial that they are passionate about the work they are doing, as they are certainly spending time and money investing in the cause they have chosen. From there, Zahn details, individuals can pick a travel plan that offers the best experience for their needs and expectations.

For young adults who prefer a DIY approach, Zahn suggests working with local organizations, including non-profits and religious affiliations, as they travel in order to ensure that they are making the maximum impact possible. This will also allow travelers to better experience new cultures and learn from their exploration of the world.

A gap year is not right for every student, as some know that they want to dive right into their collegiate experience. However, for students who are interested in the gap year, it is important that they spend their time wisely. Richard Zahn believes that volunteer work is the best possible

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way in which they can do so.

ABOUT:

A noted professional, Richard Zahn has excelled in multiple fields, including healthcare, law enforcement, and real estate development. Furthermore, he has dedicated a great deal of time and energy to philanthropic endeavors that have allowed him to contribute positively to his community. Aside from work and volunteer efforts, Zahn is interested in fishing, biking, and racing. Additionally, he enjoys spending time with his family in Florida, where they reside.