

AIG: 100 Years of Making a Better World

A passion to serve people has been part of AIG since its start and 100 years later, that same passion still fuels the organization. Since its earliest days, AIG has been committed to making a difference - not just for its clients, but for the communities in which it operates.

It's a passion that began with Cornelius Vander Starr, the founder of American Asiatic Underwriters, the company to which AIG traces its roots to. Let's travel back to 1951 when while visiting Japan, he met Chiharu Igaya, a competitive skier who had recently qualified for the 1952 Olympics. Starr not only paid for Igaya and his teammates to travel and train in Helsinki, but also supported Igaya's college education after the Olympics. Igaya would go on to join Starr's organization in Japan, and he stayed with the company for almost 50 years.

AIG continues to foster and nurture young talent around the world.

In 1987, AIG introduced the High School Diplomats Program in Japan, which allows students from both Japan and the U.S. to experience each other's countries through cultural exchanges and homestays, language classes, tours and visits to AIG offices. More than 2,000 students have graduated from the program. Fast forward to 2014, AIG teamed up with Junior Achievement to bring financial literacy and entrepreneurship programming into classrooms. This partnership is still going strong and in 2018 alone, the program reached over 18,000 students in 24 cities, preparing them to succeed in the global economy.

That generosity of spirit lives on beyond education.

When a catastrophic flood struck The Netherlands in 1953, Cornelius Vander Starr and one of Starr's organizations, American



AIG volunteers "Rise Against Hunger" helping pack more than one million meals since 2014.



An AIG volunteer teaching computer literacy skills to a disabled student in India.



An AIG volunteer helps deliver experiential programs on the topics of financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship to students with Junior Achievement in Nairobi, Kenya.



AIG volunteers in the Philippines collecting trash littering their coastline. A group of almost 100 employees combed the beach, removing plastic bottles and caps, cans, cigarette butts and much more.

International Underwriters, donated critical funds to disaster relief efforts.

Offices in a dozen cities across the globe have helped package over one million nutritious meals with [Rise Against Hunger](#) since 2014.

AIG celebrates Global Volunteer Month every April, providing employees everywhere the opportunity to support the causes that matter most to them. In April 2019, more than 4,000 employees donated over 14,000 volunteer hours to serve those in need.

AIG's programs enable employees to give back to their communities by offering 16 hours volunteer time off per year and the Matching Grants Program, which matches employee donations 2:1.

Whether it's taking part in autism awareness walks in Tokyo or Montreal, classroom volunteering in São Paulo, or caring for the elderly in Bangalore, tens of thousands of AIG employees give their time, energy and passion to their local communities, just as the company and its employees have always done.