

# The Aylus Experience

**Aylus encompasses a two-directional benefit. As Aylus grows larger, those in need are availed. The members also gain: when they volunteer, they feel, they learn, they realize the true nature of aiding others. Here, 4 particular Alumni reflect upon the time they invested in being a part of Aylus.**

Throughout human history, disasters have always been with us. But every time, we went through and overcame difficulties. By what? Yes, it is love! Because there is love, there is courage, hope, and a future. In volunteering, every time I saw the smiles and happiness on the faces of the seniors, I knew that we had spread our love to them. I now understand that we can use love to help others and to create future life so is a harmonious society. In this way, we will make a harmonious society, a safe environment, and far away from disasters and diseases.

–Peter Song (Northeastern University)



Volunteering with Aylus has been a great experience. Volunteering has helped me grow my capacity for compassion and understanding. Volunteering for Aylus is not one of those things that I feel like are useful or rewarding only after the fact; I thoroughly enjoyed every event and moment I spent volunteering and helping others. Through helping others, I also felt personally rewarded, which has only pushed me to further continue volunteering through college.

–Aidan Li (Washington University in St. Louis)

In volunteering for Aylus, there was one man in particular that made me realize the importance of the work I was doing. During my time in the Dublin, Ohio branch, we often hosted musical performances at the local retirement home.



One of the residents there would always attend every performance and always made an effort to talk to me. He always said that I played great and that he missed playing the piano. He had learned in his youth but no longer had a keyboard.

Through him, I realized the true importance of volunteering and community service.

–Mark Wang (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)



In my time at Aylus, I remember there being a particular senior who constantly pestered the nurses. However, often to the nurses' relief, whenever I started playing the piano she would listen attentively and start a meaningful conversation about music with me. Having had family members who suffered from Alzheimer disease, this felt so meaningful to me. The positive experience at the senior living home inspired me to share my music with cancer patients, so I currently volunteer at Seidman Cancer Center under the Cleveland Medical Center. I realize now that I can do small things with great love, and as a college student I continue to do community service to reach out to the last, the lost and the least in my local community.

–Grace Koh (Case Western Reserve University)