We are called to create
an even better and more just world.

This is our response.
In 2003, in 95 countries and on seven continents, Creighton people were helping to create an even better and more just world.

As we celebrate this anniversary year of education and service, we want to reflect upon the generosity of our donors, the leadership of the Jesuits, and the fruits of all our colleagues’ labor. We would like to say a collective “thank you” to the Creighton men and women who have educated and served throughout the world community in partnership with so many others.

Since our founding in 1878, Creighton has been characterized as a private university in the public service. Our commitment to service now is as deep as it was then. We continue to reflect the motives and actions of our generous founders, Mary Lucretia and Edward Creighton and Sarah Emily and John Creighton.

Today, Creighton University and the Creighton University Medical Center (CUMC) are dedicated to higher education, health care, the community at large, and the underserved of the world. Although this brochure speaks to Creighton’s service during 2003, every year we evaluate how we can better live our mission and how we can help inspire men and women to lead and serve in their communities.

Like the Creightons, we are called to use our energy and resources to create an even better and more just world – beginning in Omaha, and stretching to the ends of the earth.

John P. Schlegel, S.J.
President
How we serve

In 2003, Creighton University Medical Center and University of Nebraska Medical Center both received the prestigious Outstanding Community Service Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Last year, Creighton faculty, staff, and students volunteered in 60 agencies in the greater Omaha area, serving in more than 100 programs supported by the University and Medical Center.
In 2003, Creighton volunteers trained teachers to use new classroom technology, provided free tax assistance, even helped recently released inmates find jobs and restart their lives. In return for service, Creighton students got some invaluable experience. As for the rest of us, we were simply privileged to be a part of such a dynamic community.

in partnership with organizations throughout the greater Omaha area.
OneWorld serving 35 counties.

More than 30 years ago, Creighton faculty partnered with a local church to open a free clinic for Omaha’s Native American and Latino populations. That small-scale operation is now “OneWorld,” a full-service primary health care facility that’s been a saving grace for immigrants all around the Omaha area.

In 2003, OneWorld saw 8,700 patients from 35 counties (speaking 17 languages), in 35,000 visits. Apparently, it’s a magnet for Creighton folks, as well – one doctor, the entire social work team, and all but one nurse are Creighton graduates.

Justice. For all.

At Creighton’s Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic, the mission is clear: give a strong legal voice to people who wouldn’t otherwise be heard. The clinic, which offers free legal assistance to low-income Omaha residents, is staffed primarily by Creighton law students under the supervision of the clinic director, Creighton professor Catherine Mahern.

In 2003, the clinic took on over 200 cases, and gave brief service, advice, and referrals to over 1,000 people. For students, it was an opportunity to get hands-on experience. For clients, it was a chance to hope.
El Dentista Loco.

When Creighton grad Ranni Shinnawie started opening dental clinics in the poorest part of South Omaha, everyone said he was crazy. The residents in and around his 24th Street location were primarily Hispanic – few spoke English, and most were living below the poverty line. All were desperate for dental care.

Despite the challenges – keeping prices low, and hiring only bilingual staff – the clinics have been a resounding success. As Ranni’s mentor, Creighton professor Dr. Terry Lanphier, has said, “It was something anybody could do, but no one had done.”

Bridging the digital divide.

Not everyone can afford a computer. Unfortunately, almost everyone needs to be computer-savvy to function in today’s workplace. Creighton, in partnership with the Applied Information Management Institute, has been working to bridge that divide at the Creighton@Bryant Community Technology Center.

With an army of volunteers, including Creighton students and faculty, the Technology Center teaches computer basics, Internet access, word processing, and other applications. Thanks to the Center, roughly 1,400 underserved residents learn to travel into cyberspace every year. At Creighton, we believe in life, liberty – and the pursuit of computer literacy.
In 2003, the *Princeton Review* listed Creighton among the nation's top 20 schools in areas of “faith, civic, and community service.”

Where we go

Spring Break service trips send Creighton students to fifteen locations nationwide.

- Chicago, Illinois
  - Br. David Darst Center for Peace and Justice
- Chicago, Illinois
  - Podler Center
- Cleveland, Ohio
  - Whitman House
- Denver, Colorado
  - Colorado Vincentian Volunteer Program
- Evansville, Indiana
  - Daughters of Charity Ministries
- Grand Couteau
  - Theronst Center of St. Charles Church
- Indianapolis, Indiana
  - Daughters of Charity Ministries
- Mankato, Minnesota
  - The Pastoral Center of St. Peter and Paul Church

Last year, Creighton people were making a difference from Arizona to West Virginia – and virtually every state in between.
to serve those with needs greater than our own.

In 2003, more than 100 undergraduate students dedicated their spring break to service – repairing homes, serving meals, and tutoring children at 15 sites from Arizona to Wisconsin. For the Creighton Alumni National Day of Service, graduates gathered in 21 cities nationwide to carry out service projects. Our law students even spent the summer clerking in public interest offices around the country. For Creighton people, serving nationally is as natural as helping out in their own backyards.
The Creighton spirit at work.

Every spring, Creighton alumni from around the country convene for a national day of service. The tradition, which takes place in roughly 20 cities nationwide, engages hundreds of people. Creighton alums have done everything from cleaning and gardening at Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo, to coloring Easter eggs with school children in Milwaukee, to serving meals to the homeless in San Francisco. Whatever the task, the purpose remains the same: to remind us that the Creighton spirit – that of being men and women for and with others – continues long after graduation.

Helping kids make healthy decisions.

A child with an interest in neuroscience – and a basic understanding of his or her own brain – is much less likely to abuse drugs. That’s the premise of “Brains Rule!” an educational project funded by an award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and run by Creighton from 1999 through 2003.

In Brains Rule! workshops across the country (everywhere from Michigan to Maryland), grade-schoolers build brains from Play-Doh, play a brainiac version of “Twister,” even make “neuron” cookies.

“We want to make sure the educational objectives are met,” says Andrea Zardetto-Smith, assistant professor of pharmacy sciences at Creighton. “But I hope what they will really remember is that science is fun.”
Summers spent in the public interest.

Summers for Creighton Law students aren’t particularly relaxing, but they are deeply rewarding. Through the Creighton Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (CFCPI), the Law School sends students around the country to clerk in public interest law offices. Public defenders’ offices and other firms that can’t afford clerks get some much-needed help, and students get valuable firsthand experience. In 2003, 17 Creighton law students were placed in jobs from California to Wisconsin.

Helping preserve the past.

Service takes many forms; for Creighton’s Ray Bucko, S.J., it was a scholarly endeavor. During a sabbatical at the Rosebud Reservation in St. Frances, South Dakota, Fr. Bucko created a virtual database of artifacts for the Buechel Memorial Lakota Museum.

The database is not only an invaluable resource for scholars studying the history, language, and customs of the Lakota, but also an essential tool for Native Americans interested in preserving their culture. Plus, it’s a powerful presence – some pieces in the collection are too sacred to be viewed.
During 2003, members of the Creighton community served people in 95 countries and on seven continents.
In Ecuador, Creighton students and faculty helped break down the barriers isolating a geriatric center from the surrounding community. In the Dominican Republic, we built a playground for the children of Cienfuegos ("One Hundred Fires"), an infamous shantytown. In Iraq, Creighton nurses were healing soldiers and helping civilians. Around the world, we were seeking out the most disadvantaged places and people – and doing our best to make a difference.

to reach out beyond boundaries and differences.

Last year, Creighton faculty, staff, and students served in the following countries:

- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Bahamas
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Czech Republic
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- England
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- India
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Jordan
- Korea
- Liechtenstein
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Portugal
- Scotland
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Thailand
Lending a hand in Latin America.

For 30 years, Creighton’s Institute for Latin American Concern has provided assistance, health care, and education for the people of the Dominican Republic, while giving our students a unique opportunity for service and reflection. During ILAC’s Summer Program, students live and work in remote mountain villages. During the Occupational and Physical Therapy programs, students work at sites in the city of Santiago, places where residents have historically had little or no access to therapy. Despite near constant challenges – the lack of running water being one of the more obvious – most students wouldn’t trade this experience for the world. “It pushes all your limits,” said a recent graduate. “But it was a great way to grow spiritually and personally.”

Living simply in Nepal.

In association with organizations like the Jesuit Volunteers International, Creighton students travel to the far ends of the earth to teach and serve. Kerri McCallister, B.A. ’99, found her calling in Nepal. McCallister taught at the Jesuit-run St. Xavier, which instructs some 630 students in grades one through seven. The hardest thing? Take your pick.

“I didn’t speak the language, I didn’t know how to cook the food, and I was trained for secondary education, not elementary,” laughs McCallister. “But I really felt that God was leading me here.”
Bringing modern medicine to developing countries.

Founded in 1964, the Luke Society is a worldwide interdenominational organization of Christian health and business professionals whose purpose is to spread the Gospel and introduce modern medical techniques in third world countries.

Currently the Luke Society is headed by Creighton’s own Wrede Vogel, M.D., an Iowa native and 1983 graduate of Creighton’s School of Medicine. Vogel’s interest in the Luke Society started when he was at Creighton, with a life-changing trip to Honduras. Vogel credits Creighton for showing him the way. “Not all medical schools are open to that kind of work, or even interested in it. But Creighton supports it wholeheartedly.”

Shedding some light.

In the Caribbean paradise of St. Lucia, an insidious, degenerative disease is lurking: glaucoma. On St. Lucia, over eight percent of the adult population suffers from glaucoma, compared to around two percent in the general U.S. population. Two Creighton physicians, Drs. Sade Kosoko-Lasaki and M. Roy Wilson, decided to do something about it. The doctors organized a mission, eventually performing surgery on eight of the island’s most afflicted. “Despite the help we gave these people,” says Greg Stroup, who assisted during the procedures, “I feel like we were the ones who benefitted. Our patients exhibited a true compassion and generosity.”
Creighton in the Community
Summary of Service in 2003

Locally Creighton students, faculty, and staff volunteered in 60 agencies and offered more than 100 institutionally supported programs in greater Omaha and rural Nebraska and Iowa, including:

- 350,000 patient visits to medical clinics
- 60,000 patient visits to the Creighton Dental Clinic
- 31,500 patient visits to Physical Therapy sites
- 15,000 patient visits to Occupational Therapy sites
- 5,500 patient visits to Creighton pharmacies
- 1,200 low-income individuals and families were helped at Creighton Law Clinics
- Hundreds of patients at 50 clinical sites received health care from School of Nursing students and faculty

Nationally Creighton students, faculty, staff, and alumni were involved in service activities in 22 states across the nation.

Internationally Creighton students, faculty, staff, and alumni provided service in 95 countries around the world.

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A brief history.

The story of Creighton University begins when two brothers, Edward and John Creighton, married two sisters, Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Wareham. Edward and John began earning their fortune when they built the transcontinental telegraph that linked pioneer America in 1861. From 1861 on, the brothers enjoyed great success and continued to be outstanding leaders in their church and civic communities.

Upon the death of Edward, Mary Lucretia Creighton, carrying out her husband's wishes, left money and directions for establishing a college in his memory — Creighton College. Mary was considered an "angel of mercy" in Omaha and distributed $25 a day (probably about $500 in today's dollars) to the poor. When Mary Lucretia died, John Creighton became the chief beneficiary and executor of her will.

John Creighton funneled his considerable fortune into charitable works. His partner and inspiration in all benefactions of the Creighton family fortune was his wife, Sarah Emily, who was just as generous as her sister, Mary Lucretia.

Sarah Emily died in 1888 but the memory of her charity only inspired her husband, John, to greater giving. Sarah Emily and John were generous benefactors of health care, especially for the poor. The "Creighton Memorial Hospital," which later became known as St. Joseph Hospital, is now part of the Creighton University Medical Center. John also gave more money to the University and financially supported the law, pharmacy, dental, and medical schools.

Today, Creighton University and the Creighton University Medical Center carry on the Creightrons' commitment to higher education, healthcare, and service to the community.

Creighton's online faith-development outreach.

At Creighton, all of our service flows from our educational mission and Jesuit Inspiration. The Society of Jesus — the Jesuits — was founded by Ignatius Loyola in 1540. As a Jesuit, Catholic institution of higher education, Creighton University is one of the 28 private, co-educational Jesuit colleges/universities in the United States.

The Collaborative Ministry Office, a direct expression of a Jesuit institution, offers a unique outreach program for adults who want to grow in their own faith development. The program is designed to provide spiritual formation opportunities that strengthen personal and communal growth, both for Creighton's faculty and staff and for the worldwide community.

Programs are offered online and include: Daily Reflections; Audio Retreat; Stations of the Cross: Practical Spirituality; Praying Advent; Praying Lent.

In 2003, the countries of the world that most visited the Collaborative Ministry online programs were the following: Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Fiji, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad/Tobago, and the United Kingdom.