

Raise a Hand and Join In!

A revitalized structure allows members flexibility to support Valparaiso University students in a way that fits modern volunteers' busy lifestyles.

Opportunities to get involved will be presented throughout the year. Members are welcome to use their creativity and connections to host fund-raising, service and social functions that promote Valpo in local communities. In addition to being ambassadors for Valparaiso University, members also pray for the University, her students and the Guild.

Members contribute to the Guild Endowment Fund which supports the Guild's on-campus philanthropy. A strong endowment will provide long-term support for Valpo students without cost to the University.

"The Guild is a wonderful way to have friends with a love for Valpo in common, regardless of when they graduated or their affiliation."



The Guild provided a \$5,000 grant for Valpo students to attend a Spring Break Habitat for Humanity trip.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who are Guild members?

The organization consists of **alumni, parents, employees, and friends** who seek an opportunity to support Valpo students in direct, meaningful ways. Each member offers time, talent, and treasure in a way that meets his or her lifestyle and interests.

"I see the VU Guild as an association that helps students in their pursuit of academic excellence by rewarding their hard work with scholarships, places to study, and helping in funding for a variety of opportunities."

What are examples of how the Guild benefits Valpo?

The outcome of the Guild's effort is seen in the form of Guild-Memorial Hall, the Guild Lobby in the Center for the Arts, and the Guild study lounge in the Union. The Valpo Prayerbook and undergraduate research grants also have a significant impact on shaping the lives of students. The Guild has funded nearly \$75,000 in grants since 2004 and awards over \$50,000 in undergraduate scholarships annually.

Enhancing the student experience while exemplifying the University's ideals of scholarship, freedom, and faith



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How the Guild Influences Valpo

Soon after Valparaiso University became a Lutheran university, Guild members began fulfilling the University's needs by funding furnishings, equipment, and campus spaces.

Today Valparaiso University seeks Guild support in the form of:

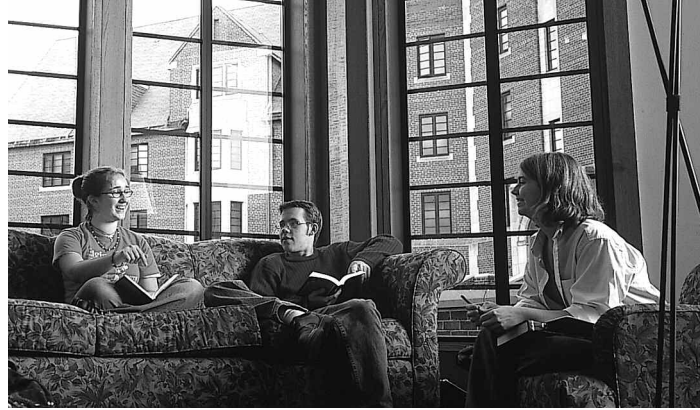
- > **Guild Campus Gift grants** that benefit campus departments and student organizations,
- > More than \$50,000 annually in **student scholarships**, and
- > Thousands of hours of **service** donated by the Guild's national network of volunteers.



Guild members care about students' well-being.

For the brief time while these students are enrolled at Valparaiso University, the Guild provides a variety of resources so students can begin to contribute to the world in dynamic ways.

The Guild adds extra tender loving care to help students feel at home at Valpo. Guild projects, such as providing cakes and care packages, have become a campus tradition. Members serve because they believe that students will graduate from Valpo to become leaders and contributors in church and society.



Students studying in a Guild-Memorial Hall lounge.

Reap the Benefits

Members:

- > receive Guild communications including the quarterly Guild Bulletin, monthly e-mail updates, and invitations to special events.
- > share the responsibility to select the Guild Campus Gift grants.
- > elect the Guild Board of Directors through a vote-by-mail ballot.
- > participate in an annual meeting and may attend the Guild's biennial Christian Women's Conference, local meetings, and online presentations.
- > recommend the Guild scholarships to relatives planning to attend Valparaiso University.

The greatest benefit Guild members have is to impact students as they grow into a lifestyle of service that exemplifies the University's mission.

3 Easy Ways to Join

Please accept this invitation to become part of the Guild by responding in one of the following ways:

- > **MAIL** your Annual Commitment Plan
- > **ON-LINE** at valpo.edu/oia/egiving/ designating "VU Guild" in the description of pledge memo line
- > **PHONE** 800-748-4538 or locally 219-464-5315

ANNUAL COMMITMENT PLAN

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

- Yes, I want to receive e-mail updates.
 I agree that my name may be shared for Guild purposes.

Annual Service Commitment (Check all that apply.)

I seek to connect with other members

- locally nationally electronically
for the purpose/s of
 fundraising service social/educational

Annual Financial Contribution

My contribution to the Guild Endowment Fund is:

- \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50* other: \$ _____

Payment Options

- Check payable to VU Guild
 Charge Visa/MasterCard/Discover Card

Account Number _____

Expiration Date _____ "V" Code _____

I affirm the mission of the VU Guild and commit myself to join with other dedicated members to carry out this task in Christian love for the benefit of the students of Valparaiso University.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: Valparaiso University Guild
c/o Office of Institutional Advancement
1100 Campus Drive South
Valparaiso, IN 46383

** An Annual Financial Contribution of at least \$50 qualifies an individual for membership.*