

Alum, Wife Sponsor DOCARE Trip for Three KCUMB Students

What's the value of KCUMB's annual medical mission to Guatemala with DOCARE International? Dan Walsh, D.O. (COM '82), and his wife, Audrey, an R.N., know that's a trick question: The real answer is that the trip's value in educating future physicians is immeasurable.

Consider not only the educational experiences the trip provides for KCUMB's osteopathic medical students, but also the immediate assistance provided to patients, the number of people served, the effect receiving care has on their families and the desire to serve others that giving fosters. The domino effect of giving to others is remarkable.

Dr. Walsh and his wife not only went on KCUMB's 2013 DOCARE trip as volunteers, but paid to sponsor three osteopathic medical students' journeys. The Walshes helped with treating patients and shared their knowledge with the students working alongside them.

"I enjoyed proctoring the students, particularly with their diagnostic abilities and their write-ups," Dr. Walsh said.

The Walshes are mindful givers, and hope to live out their tenet that, "Those who are fortunate owe it back to those with less." Their participation in the DOCARE trip enabled them to not only help those with less, but to instill that same philosophy in future generations of physicians.

(Look for more about their efforts in the May issue of Alumni Connections, KCUMB's e-newsletter for alumni and friends of the University.)



While in Guatemala, Dan Walsh, D.O. (COM '82), and his wife, Audrey, an R.N., at right, pose for a picture with the fourth-year osteopathic medical students that they sponsored – Amy Rice, Shahrzad Rahbar and Mary Anne Estacio.