

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

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## Partnering with Local Communities



- A. Sister YMCA in Valparaíso, Chile
- B. Confucius Institute
- C. Valparaiso International Center (VIC) – not-for-profit community org.



## YMCA – Valparaíso, Chile

Service learning opportunity

# Lessons Learned

- YMCA can reach out to community members in ways the University cannot
- Study abroad resources can prepare students
- Start small – focus on relationships





## Confucius Institute

International government-sponsored organization

## Lessons Learned

Music provided  
greatest opportunity  
for cultural  
exchange

Incorporated into  
University strategic  
planning

