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PROFILES IN GIVING

Inspiring Kids With Science

Young adults, struggling with student loans and small salaries, often can't afford to write checks to their favorite causes. And many who can aren't satisfied just making a financial contribution. Here and on the following pages, we offer a closer look at some young adults who are giving back to their communities by donating time, often their most valuable asset. You can also read additional profiles online, at WSJ.com/Reports.

Jason Dare spends his days with children. And cockroaches, fish and snakes.

The 34-year-old San Franciscan is the founder and owner of Pace Learning Center, a for-profit after-school tutoring program in the metro area. When not running that business, Mr. Dare volunteers at the California Academy of Sciences, a museum and research center boasting an aquarium and indoor rain forest.

There, Mr. Dare does everything from the glamorous—running presentations about the local ecosystem while scuba diving in the Philippine coral reef

tank—to the mundane—cleaning algae from said tank. Mr. Dare also speaks to school groups and teaches other docents how to handle reptiles and amphibians.

It seemed a perfect fit from the start, says Mr. Dare, who grew up two blocks from the museum. An avid marine hobbyist who has been scuba-certified for five years, he jumped at the chance to volunteer when the museum advertised that it was looking for help last year. To become a scuba volunteer, he had to study for certification as a rescue diver, and he now devotes at least eight hours



each week to the academy.

Mr. Dare, who makes around \$60,000 a year running Pace, doesn't support the sciences academy financially, saying he is more able to give time than money. He does donate \$50 a year to the Oceanic Society, a conservation, research and education organization.

"I really wanted to volunteer. And I wanted to teach. I wanted to inspire kids to want to learn," says

Mr. Dare, who didn't much enjoy school as a child. "If you can inspire someone while they're young, that organically grows, and they teach someone else...and I think that's the only way this world can really change."

Seeing kids excited about learning makes the time commitment worth it, Mr. Dare says. "I like seeing their eyes widen when they're outside the tank."

—Melissa Korn