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WE AIM TO DEEPEN OUR **RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. CONTINUE TO COMMIT TO OUR OWN CHANGE IN ORDER TO BECOME A MORE DIVERSE COMMUNITY, AND EXPAND OUR IDEAS ABOUT FAITHFULLY** UNITING PEOPLE TO LIVE AND **SERVE IN INTENTIONAL** COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT

Lutheran Volunteer Corps is grateful for your support. In FY2015, LVC received gifts from more than 1,000 congregations, synods, foundations, businesses, and individuals. Your gifts strengthen our programming and sustain our organization. As we strive to be better stewards of your gifts and the earth, we have listed donor names, supporting congregations and businesses, and placements *only* in the online version of this year's annual report. By posting this information exclusively online, we have saved 10,000 pages of paper and \$2,000 in printing and mailing expenses. Please scroll to page 12 for a complete list of FY15 donors.





Dear Friends,

Last year LVC, and its many service corps colleagues, experienced a drop in Volunteer participation in our programs, mostly as a result of the improving economy. Fortunately, one of the benefits of living sustainably as an organization, and going through an inclusive strategic planning process, is that our team banded together to make adjustments to remain present in all of our LVC cities while still leaning into our new direction.

One aspect of the new direction includes deepening our partnerships with Lutheran churches that are leaning into LVC's core practices of simple and sustainable living, intentional community, and serving for justice. We are excited that while accommodating lower Volunteer numbers, we have also become partners with three Milwaukee churches that are engaged in food justice efforts. This fall we will establish an LVC Food Justice House (see page 7) and program in the Milwaukee community.

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We are also re-committing to living a Lutheran theology that celebrates the fact that God's servants come from many faith traditions. We believe that we are more effective in creating peace with justice when we live and serve together

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as one body, and let our own community be transformed through this process.

Alumna Sarah Cledwyn has helped LVC and its Volunteers lean into this belief by implementing 'Journeys Conversations' as the central component of LVC's spirituality program. Each participant is encouraged to share their story about what calls them to serve and places the emphasis on curiosity and gaining shared meaning amongst participants. Nurturing this culture of mutuality is what invites amazing non-Christian Volunteers including Sitara Mahtani to serve in a Lutheran organization for a year of service (see page 8). Their presence enriches and changes us in wonderful ways.

While an annual report looks backward in time, you will have to forgive us the excitement for the road ahead at LVC. We aim to deepen our relationships with our community, commit to our own transformation in order to evolve into a more diverse community, and expand our ideas about faithfully uniting people to live and serve in intentional community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts.

Sam Collins

President, Lutheran Volunteer Corps

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Statement of Activities September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

Combined financial Statements for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps and the Lutheran Service Corps

	FY15	FY14
OPERATING REVENUE		
Program Fees	\$740,757	\$748,435
Housing	\$811,560	\$820,595
Contributions	\$341,441	\$378,865
Contributed Services	\$3,000	\$3,000
Other Revenue	\$15,629	\$62,323
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,912,387	\$2,013,218
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Program	\$1,533,375	\$1,737,778
G&A	\$98,518	\$89,684
Fundraising	\$147,045	\$157,545
Total Expense	\$1,778,938	\$1,985,007
TOTAL GAIN/(LOSS)	\$133,449	\$28,211
BALANCE SHEET		
Total Assests	\$940,144	\$1,055,005
Total Liabilities	\$550,615	\$775,619
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$389,529	\$279,386
Administration and	14%	12%

Fundraising Cost Percentage

^{*}FY14 numbers are final audited numbers. FY15 numbers are based upon auditor's draft statements to be approved by LVC Board in April 2016 meeting.

PLANNED GIVERS

The faithful support of planned giving donors is a crucial factor in preserving the LVC experience for future generations of Volunteers, and continuing our work for peace with justice. We recognize these generous benefactors and their long term commitment to sustaining LVC.

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ALUMNI GIVING

LVC relies upon the support of its Alumni to sustain its ability to place new Volunteers in placements each year. Overall, our three year goal is to have 25% of our alumni "pay it forward" for people who are following in their footsteps as a Volunteer in the LVC program. If you haven't given this year, please consider doing so. Thank you.

Percentages of alumni that gave in FY15 by city

Atlanta	12%
Baltimore	14%
Bay Area	1%
Chicago	14%
Jersey City	30%
Milwaukee	12%
Omaha	9%
Seattle	15%
Tacoma	13%
Twin Cities	14%
Washington, D.C.	17%
Wilmington	19%



It costs about \$18,000 to support a Volunteer in a one year position, which includes housing, health care, transportation, and program costs as well as a monthly stipend. LVC and its donors are subsidizing a portion of the placements' cost over three years to establish this project. To find out more about LVC's Food Justice Project, or how you can help support it, please contact Sam Collins, LVC President, at president@lutheranvolunteercorps.org or 206.463.6369.



FEATURE STORY

even years
ago, Lutheran
Volunteer Corps
merged with the
Lutheran Service
Corps (LSC) in
Omaha, Nebraska
in order to help LSC
serve more Omaha
nonprofits through
its Volunteer service



program. This year, nine talented Volunteers live together in Hillstrom House and serve the Omaha community.

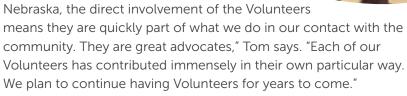
Sitara Mahtani, who serves at NAMI Nebraska, a mental health advocacy organization, first heard about LVC from a friend who served in Wilmington, DE. Though a bit hesitant to participate because she is not a Christian, Sitara ultimately decided to apply for LVC because of her friend's experience of openness and inclusion during her Volunteer year.

Sitara is interested in pursuing a career in the Public Health field, and her position as the Community Outreach Associate is allowing her to dive right into that work. She spreads awareness about mental health issues in the community through advocacy and sharing stories of individuals in recovery from mental illness. She also facilitates NAMI's first-ever online support group.

Sitara notes that she is grateful to her supervisor, Tom Adams, who has allowed her to explore exactly what she is passionate about within the Public Health field. "One of the benefits of LVC Volunteers is that they

are right out of school and have great questions and ideas about how things might be done.

For a small agency like NAMI



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One of the most important things that Sitara has learned in her LVC year is that she cannot help everyone that she talks to at NAMI. Many people call in to receive a referral, but she rarely knows if they actually get the help that they want or need; and that is a challenge for her. "I've learned that some social justice work is tangible, but most of it is not and that can be very difficult. I have had to learn how to celebrate the work that is being done even though we cannot always see it or experience it ourselves."

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Christ Church Harbor Apts.
Health Care for the
Homeless
Lutheran Immigration and
Refugee Service
Lutheran World Relief
NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore
(National Alliance on Mental
Illness)

Public Justice Center, Inc. St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center

St. Peter's Adult Learning Center, Inc. World Relief Baltimore Immigration Legal Clinic

BAY AREA, CA

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
East Bay Community Law Center
Eviction Defense
Collaborative
Justice & Diversity Center
Project Homeless Connect
Project Open Hand
Satellite Affordable Housing
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Treatment Center, Inc.
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CHICAGO, IL

AIDS Foundation of Chicago Chicago Community Loan Fund Chicago Jobs Council
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America
ELCA Churchwide
Organization
Faith in Place
Free Spirit Media
Girls in the Game
Howard Area Community
Center

Lincoln Park Community
Shelter

MILWAUKEE, WI

All Peoples Church
Bread of Healing Clinic
El Puente High School
Shalom High School-Transcenter
for Youth
Sojourner Family Peace
Center
Urban Ecology Center

OMAHA, NE

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