

# LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



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### THE LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (LVC) IS SEEKING YOUR HELP

in purchasing its Volunteer house in Milwaukee, WI, the Dorothy Day House. It is fitting that LVC's Milwaukee house honors the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement—a pacifist organization that continues to combine direct aid for the poor and homeless with nonviolent direct action on their behalf.



2015 LVC  
Chicago/Milwaukee  
Volunteers

Each year, LVC Volunteers live together in the Dorothy Day House and serve in Milwaukee non-profits that provide food to the poor, education for youth, health care to the uninsured, and reclaim public green spaces for public use in the city.

**“WE HAVE ALL KNOWN THE LONG LONELINESS  
AND WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE ONLY  
SOLUTION IS LOVE AND THAT LOVE COMES WITH  
COMMUNITY.”**

*—Dorothy Day*

LVC is a community of faith that unites people to work for peace with justice. In Milwaukee, LVC has placed 150 Volunteers in organizations including Bread of Healing Clinic, Shalom High School, Urban Ecology Center, and Sojourner Family Reconciliation Center. Close to forty of these alumni have made Milwaukee their home and continue to serve there, providing about 70,000 hours of social justice work there.

Wendell Hruska, is one such alum who served for two years at Project Return, a faith based ministry, providing prison after care support, and is now its Executive Director.

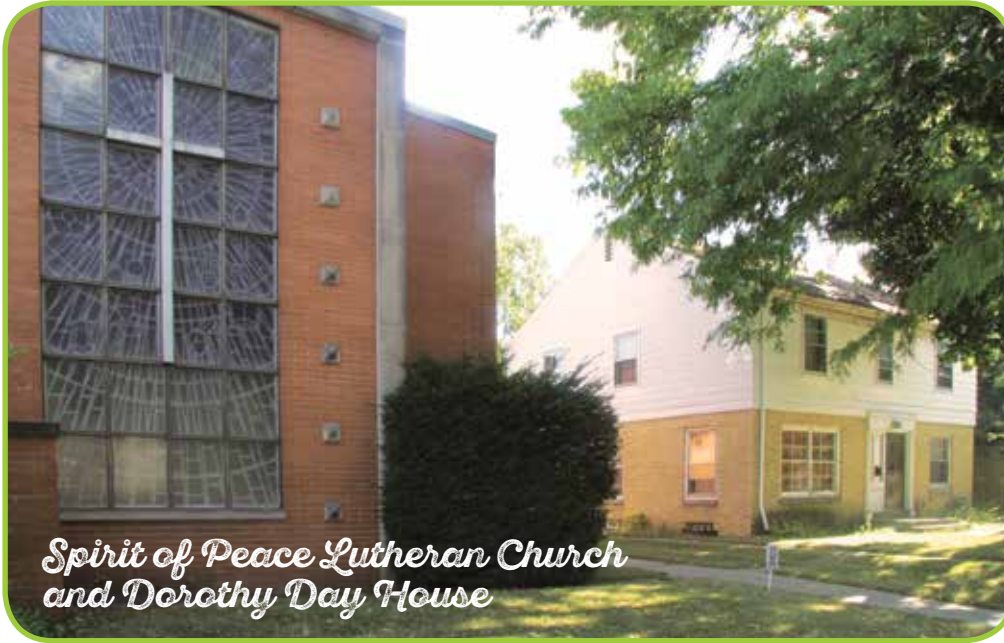
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Spirit of Peace  
Lutheran  
Church







*Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church  
and Dorothy Day House*

## A ONE-TIME CAPITAL INVESTMENT WITH AN ANNUAL RETURN.

An investment in the purchase of the Dorothy Day House in Milwaukee will help LVC sustain its program in Milwaukee and enable it to serve organizations like Project Return for years to come. At a time when there are less resources available to nonprofits, the assured continuity of LVC Volunteers serving with our placement partners is essential.

LVC's second largest expense is rental housing for its Volunteers. This expense, which is paid for by LVC's placement partners, is currently passed through to third party landlords. By owning its own housing, LVC can utilize the rent payments to sustain its own program and stabilize, or even lower, the overall cost of the program for LVC's placement agency partners. In this way, your gift to the purchase of the Dorothy Day House will create income for LVC and benefit our placement agency partners for years to come.

The Dorothy Day House is owned by Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church—a community striving to create an urban retreat center to raise awareness of urban poverty for those living outside of the city. Proceeds from the sale of the Dorothy Day House to LVC would enable Spirit of Peace to complete needed capital improvements to support this mission—yet one more way in which your donation will be put to work for years to come.



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**THE BEST THING TO DO  
WITH THE BEST  
THINGS IN LIFE  
IS TO GIVE THEM UP."**

*—Dorothy Day*

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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capital campaign, please contact:*

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## WHY MILWAUKEE?

LVC has partnerships approaching two decades with several of its placement organizations in Milwaukee. We are committed to sustaining our relationships with these important mission partners. In addition, housing values in Milwaukee make this a practical place to purchase housing.

## WHY SHOULD LVC BUY A HOUSE?

For each house that LVC owns, it will be able to generate income through the payment of Volunteer rents that is currently going to third parties. Generally speaking, LVC will use the income generated in three ways.

- Sustaining LVC's program. LVC will use a portion of the funds as an ongoing source of sustainable revenue for its program.
- Lowering placement agency costs. LVC will provide placement fee reductions to its host congregation and/or local placement agencies.
- Property Management. LVC will identify a property manager from the community to protect its investment and support local employment.

## HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS WILL WORK?

LVC owns its Volunteer housing in Omaha and is therefore able to operate a region sustainably despite hosting 40% fewer Volunteers than other LVC regions. It is LVC's most affordable region for placement organizations as a result of owning our own housing.

## WHAT ABOUT MAINTENANCE FOR THE HOUSES?

LVC will raise funds for a capital reserve as part of the capital campaign to purchase housing. This reserve will be used for major repairs for the house.

## WHY NOT TAKE MORTGAGES TO BUY HOUSES?


Through a mortgage, LVC would be shifting its housing costs to a different third party which would not allow for the model for community support described above.

*More information?*

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*"If you desire peace,*

# CULTIVATE JUSTICE,

*but at the same time cultivate  
the fields to produce more  
bread; otherwise there  
will be no peace."*

—NORMAN BORLAUG

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# FOOD JUSTICE

*in Milwaukee*





## A YEAR OF SERVICE, A LIFETIME OF COMMITMENT.

### FOOD JUSTICE IN MILWAUKEE

The LVC Food Justice Program is an opportunity for Volunteers and local organizations to increase local, affordable, and healthy food to people living in the Harambee and Lindsay Heights neighborhoods in Milwaukee.

*Live simply so that others may simply live.*

LVC Volunteers have been serving at All Peoples Church in its youth programs and urban garden for over two decades. LVC is excited to join with All Peoples to expand the reach of its “Fresh Harambee” project by collaborating with other food justice organizations striving to bring fresh food to these two Milwaukee communities.



## FAQ

### WHICH ORGANIZATIONS ARE PARTICIPATING?

At this point, four organizations have committed to the project.

- All Peoples Church
- Urban Ecology Center
- The Victory Garden Initiative
- Walnut Way Conservation Corps

*LVC will add two more organizations by December 2015.*

### HOW WILL MY DONATION BE USED?

For the first three years of the project, LVC will cover a portion of the cost to place a Volunteer in their sites. Your donation will help LVC find, train, and support the Volunteers throughout the year.

## YOU CAN HELP!

Beginning in September 2016, LVC will place full-time Volunteers in five Milwaukee urban agriculture projects to increase the communities’ capacity to produce and distribute fresh produce. The Volunteers will also help the organizations seek ongoing support for their collective efforts from local funding sources that share their mission for food justice.

Your donation will help five food justice organizations expand the production of, and accessibility to, fresh food for the Harambee and Lindsay Heights Neighborhoods. It will also help Volunteers explore a vocation in working for food justice.

### WILL THIS PROGRAM REPLACE LVC’S OTHER PLACEMENTS?

No! We will be adding a second house in Milwaukee and continue to match Volunteers with our existing placement partners.

### HOW MUCH DOES SUPPORTING AN LVC VOLUNTEER COST?

It costs about \$18,000 to support a Volunteer in a one year position. This includes housing, health care, transportation, and program costs as well as a monthly stipend. Typically, placement partners pay 80% of this cost. Within this project, LVC is asking placements to pay 50% year one to seed the project.

*More information?*

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