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MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

This is a maxim that seems like a self-evident truth. Yet, in our society we tend to reject it in practice. Don't these two statements sound more relevant in America today? *"If you want something done right, do it yourself,"* or, *"it will take more time to teach someone to do it than it will take me to do it myself."*

Yes, America has a very strong myth around "self-made" success and individualism. However, it seems to me that at its very core, LVC must reject this notion. If we truly want to be a "community of faith united to work for peace with justice" then "many hands make light work" is our approach to achieve this.

Consider this statement from Hustin Smith's book *The World's Religions*:

"[Yogi's] are not broken by discouragements, for winning is not what motivates them; they want only to be on the right side. They know that if history changes it will not be human beings that change it, but its Author — when human hearts are ready."

While describing a principle of Hinduism, this passage also speaks directly to LVC's belief about our call to service in God's name. We are in the business of cultivating enough 'human hearts' to manifest God's will. While Gandhi, Dorothy Day, and Martin Luther King were all great leaders, their accomplishments were achieved through their inspiration of millions of 'human hearts,' not a heroic act of the action hero defeating foes with superhuman abilities.

So, while the 225,000+ hours of service completed by our Volunteers each year in their placements is impressive, it is only a part of our efforts. LVC's sustainable impact lies within the community of people, nonprofit organizations, and congregations that it connects in our collective pursuit of justice. We simply cannot accomplish this goal alone.

"Many hands make light work."

In the pages of the *2012 LVC Annual Report*, we show some of the many hands of the LVC community who help us to pursue our mission. We hope that you enjoy their stories and are inspired by them.



Thank you for your contributions to our ministry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sam Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sam Collins
President, Lutheran Volunteer Corps



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Gleaners
Spirit of Hope

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Church
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Voices for Children in NE

Working as a Team at Bread for the City

Biva Rajbhandari and Wendy Guyton at Bread for the City provide four of the many hands that comprise LVC. Bread for the City and LVC's partnership dates back to their shared origins at Luther Place Memorial Church and Bread for the City has been an LVC Placement Organization for years.

Wendy is Biva's supervisor. They work as a team in the Case Management department. Both were drawn to Bread for the City because of its mission and model of providing comprehensive services "under one roof." "Bread for the City offers lots of resources — a food pantry, clothing, medical, legal, social services — and serves a large, diverse population. We strive to live up to our values of dignity, respect, service, and justice as we work with our clients," shares Biva.

"Wendy is very approachable and has lots of experience. She makes sure to check in and see how I'm doing," says Biva.

Wendy adds, "I trust Biva to ask questions if she needs additional support or direction."

Biva appreciates her Volunteer experience. "I eventually want to work in the realm of global poverty. Serving at Bread for the City has equipped me with skills to go on to do this. I am given lots of responsibility and treated like a member of the staff."

Wendy understands the long term impact of her role with LVC. "As a placement supervisor, one of the biggest impacts for change I am making in my position is through working with Volunteers. I teach, practice, and model the ideals of Bread for the City for Volunteers and empower them to go on and create lifetimes of social change. I work with many clients on a daily basis, but the work I do with Volunteers has exponential value as they go on to serve their communities."

PORT HURON, MI

Mid City Nutrition
St. Clair County Community
Services
St. Martin Lutheran Church

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Disability Rights Education and Defense
Fund (DREDF)
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WILMINGTON, DE

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of New Castle County
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LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



A Community of Faith That Unites People To Work for Peace with Justice

Our primary means to accomplish this is to engage communities in the process of matching Volunteers with nonprofit social justice organizations in a year of full-time service. In this process we hope to help nonprofits in today's struggle for social justice while nurturing the movement's future leaders.

LVC is an expression of the Lutheran faith and our work is based upon three core practices :

- 1) intentional community
- 2) peace with justice
- 3) living simply and sustainably

LVC is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and is a member of Lutheran Services in America and Catholic Volunteer Network.



2013 Program Year Participants

Climbing for Peace with Justice



Sarah Ervin

One of LVC's core practices is intentional community. This takes many forms, most notably in the shape of the 24 Volunteer houses across the United States. Sharing resources, chores, spiritual journeys, and fellowship during the program year creates bonds that last a lifetime.

For Sarah Ervin and Maria Krebs, the bond of practicing intentional community as Volunteers in Seattle led them to live together after their program year.

"The community is what inspires me most about LVC, and I'm happy to be part of it," shares Maria. "My favorite part of living in community was our spirituality discussions — we were all across the spectrum, so we had cool conversations."

This August, Sarah and Maria will join another LVC community as part of the nine-person Climb for Peace with Justice Team.

Eight LVC alumni and one current Volunteer will ascend the slopes of Mt. Rainier in Washington. Each climber has committed to raising at least \$3,800 for LVC and training for a grueling, two-day climb to summit the highest glaciated peak in the lower 48 states. Each will engage their extended communities to support LVC and will build their own community as members of the climb team.

As for why Sarah and Maria decided to take on the dual challenges of fundraising and climbing a mountain, "I really believe in what LVC does," shares Maria. "It's a nonprofit that's making a real difference in the world." For Sarah, participating in the Climb for Peace with Justice "will be an adventure. I'm really excited about taking on a physical challenge and supporting an organization for which I have a lot of gratitude."

Both agree that they're most excited to get to know more of the LVC community through the climb, and to train together! In Sarah's words, "I'm looking forward to meeting the other climbers and having an adventure."



Maria Krebs



Phillip Otterness
 Missoula, MT
 Baltimore 2005-2007
 Mental Health Case Manager at
 Three Rivers Mental Health Solutions
 2013 Climb for Peace with Justice
 Participant



Brit Barkholtz
 Twin Cities, MN
 Volunteer
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 ReconcilingWorks
 Participates in Volunteers
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 Members of Wilmington LSC



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 Omaha, NE
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 Lifelong member
 of Augustana (Zion)
 Lutheran Church
 in Omaha, NE



Ballard First Lutheran
 Seattle, WA
 Supporting Congregation
 Supports Ubuntu House
 Has been donating to LVC
 for eight years



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 Volunteer
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 Sustainable Economy
 (EBASE)



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 Grinnell, IA
 LVC Board Member
 Director of Social
 Commitment,
 Grinnell College
 Working to connect LVC/
 Grinnell alumni to lives
 of social engagement



Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church
 Racine, WI
 Supporting Congregation
 Has been donating to LVC for 19 years



Grace Park
 Washington, DC
 Second-Year Volunteer
 Residential Support
 Services Program
 Assistant, N Street
 Village



Genicia Fobbs
 Hampton, GA
 Twin Cities 2010-2011
 Working as a Transitional
 Housing Case Manager in
 Hampton, GA
 Alumni Recruiter who is sharing
 her LVC experience with college
 and university students in
 Atlanta and beyond



Trey Fouché
 Greenville, SC
 Baltimore 1995-1996
 Outward Bound
 instructor at North
 Greenville University
 in Tigerville, SC
 2013 Climb for
 Peace with Justice
 Participant

MANY HANDS ACROSS AMERICA

LVC PROGRAM YEAR 2012

105

Number of
Placement
Organizations

133

Number of
Volunteers
matched with
placements

96%

Percent of
Placement
Organizations
that returned
in FY13

225,000 +

Number of
hours contrib-
uted by LVC
Volunteers

2,063

Number of
LVC Alumni

16

Number of
LVC Cities

FY 2012 Financial Statement

(Sept 1, 2011 - Aug 31, 2012)

OPERATING REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 360,404
Fundraising Events.....	\$ 28,713
Placement Fees	\$ 716,723
Volunteer Housing, Health and Travel	\$ 834,630
Other Revenue	\$ 20,725
Investment Income	\$ 4,941
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,966,136

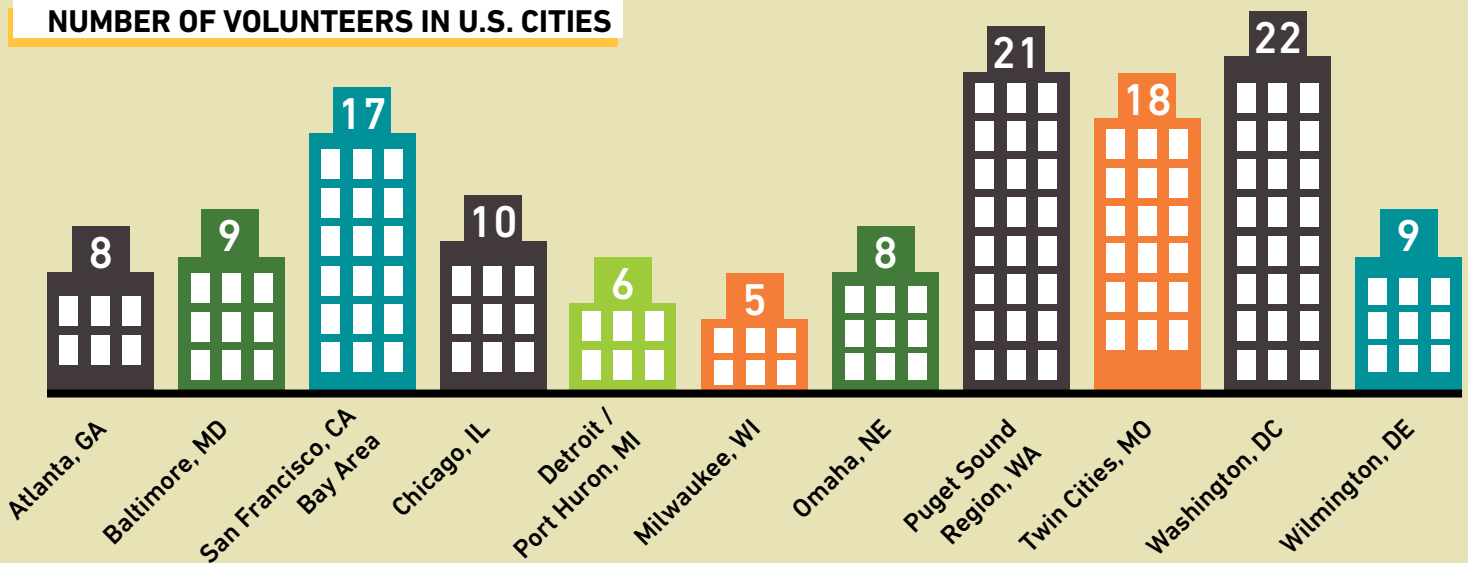
OPERATING EXPENSES

Program services	\$ 1,846,507
Management and general expenses	\$ 122,505
Fundraising	\$ 120,073
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,089,085

OPERATING RESULTS

Total Revenue	\$ 1,966,136
Total Expenses	\$ 2,089,085
NET LOSS	(\$ 122,949)

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN U.S. CITIES



Planned Giving

One of LVC's core practices is sustainability. The most direct way we "live into" this value is through matching Volunteers with nonprofit organizations. This helps the nonprofits pursue their justice related missions today while providing a start to the movement's future leaders.

LVC supporters can help sustain this important mission through a planned gift. Often, a planned gift can be mutually beneficial — providing savings on your income, estate, and capital gains taxes, while directing your resources toward the future you most believe in.



Planned giving makes sense to me because I want to be sure that the missions I support during life will continue to be supported with a gift from my estate. I know that nonprofits often use these gifts to fund special projects or rainy day reserves, giving them long-term viability that is so important.

~ JULIE HAMRE

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In Celebration of the Life of Shauna Malone LVC 1994-1995

Shauna Malone, 42, entered eternal life suddenly from complications of pneumonia on January 30, 2013.

Shauna was an amazing person of great joy, compassion, faithfulness and energy. She spent her LVC year in Baltimore working at Alternative Directions, helping incarcerated women with legal issues involving domestic violence and child custody. She continued living in community with former Lutheran Volunteers and friends in Baltimore for several years before moving back to her native California where she worked as a social worker and was active in support of LVC in the Bay Area.

Shauna and her husband Andreas were faithful members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San Francisco. She is survived by her dear husband Andreas Kemp, daughters Mara, 4 ½, and Carly, 2 ½, parents Tom and Mary, and sister Molly. She will be greatly missed by many, far and near.

Shauna's family has designated LVC as a recipient of memorial gifts.

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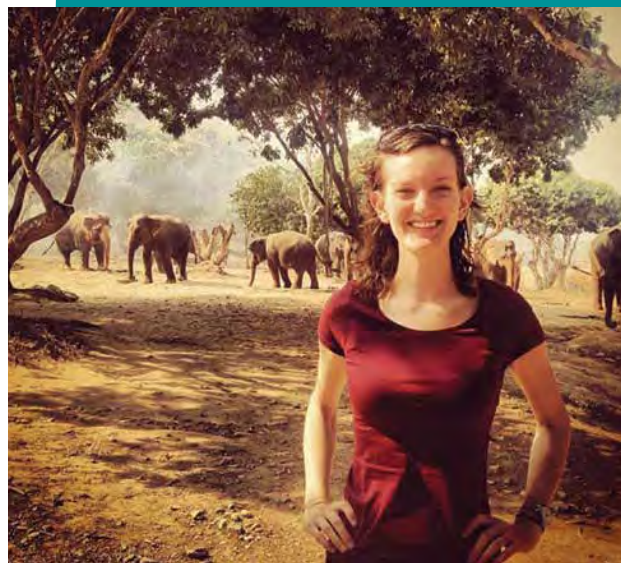
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1982-83	7	\$3,155
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1984-85	7	\$1,120
1985-86	5	\$1,230
1986-87	4	\$1,590
1987-88	8	\$660
1988-89	12	\$3,605
1989-90	6	\$3,950
1990-91	7	\$2,605
1991-92	9	\$1,335
1992-93	11	\$2,455
1993-94	8	\$2,415
1994-95	9	\$3,475
1995-96	6	\$1,336
1996-97	11	\$2,420
1997-98	11	\$2,633
1998-99	11	\$3,246
1999-00	6	\$1,070
2000-01	11	\$1,990
2001-02	11	\$3,691
2002-03	9	\$3,332
2003-04	18	\$2,125
2004-05	7	\$495
2005-06	3	\$1,016
2006-07	10	\$1,255
2007-08	8	\$415
2008-09	13	\$709
2009-10	7	\$498
2010-11	11	\$1,475
2011-12	3	\$135

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Working with alumni recruiters serves as a way for LVC to re-connect with alumni while offering them a meaningful way to contribute to LVC's mission.

To date, alumni have made 60 recruiting visits, collected 500 names, and helped to yield a significant increase in completed applications this year compared to last.

"The experiences I was afforded through LVC shaped my current path, both in my career and personally, and I appreciate being able to promote that opportunity to others," shares Sophie Gardner (Seattle, 10-11), who recruited for LVC at her alma mater, Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. "I enjoy getting to learn about the journeys of others and share my own in the process."



Sophie Gardner, an alum who's lending a hand.



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