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**NEPA Ignatian Volunteer Corps Receives Support  
from the Scranton Area Community Foundation**

SCRANTON – The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Northeastern Pennsylvania (“IVC NEPA”) recently received a \$6,000 grant from the Scranton Area Community Foundation in 2018. This multi-year grant award allows IVC NEPA to enhance its presence in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Specifically, in December 2016, IVC’s national office hired Attorney Teddy Michel as the director for our Northeastern Pennsylvania presence. On April 3, 2017, Attorney Michel started with IVC of Northeastern Pennsylvania, working in collaboration with the local regional advisory council and IVC’s national office to develop a simple, yet effective, method for spreading IVC of Northeastern Pennsylvania’s good news. As of April 30, 2019, sixteen Ignatian Volunteers, serve over 102 hours each week at local non-profit agencies.

**IVC NEPA Program Goals:**

- Together with our partner agencies, our primary goal is to help people in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. IVC **is not** a new program providing direct services to the underserved. Rather, IVC seeks to enhance our non-profit partners’ capacity to further their missions. Specifically, IVC matches retired professionals to serve at staff level capacities, 8 to 16 hours per week. These retired professionals are consistent, competent, and able to work collaboratively to accomplish the agency’s mission. Moreover, an Ignatian Volunteer’s service is a special kind of service. Ignatian Volunteers feel called to journey with and accompany our underserved neighbors and friends. This calling, or vocation, aligns the volunteer’s and partner agency’s interests, which furthers the agency’s mission. In short, IVC works collaboratively with our non-profit partners to further their missions.
- To recruit, train, and offer ongoing support to men and women who want to “give something back” to their communities; and
- To empower mature people through a program of meaningful volunteer service, supporting them through lay formation and spiritual reflection.

**About the Scranton Area Community Foundation**

The Scranton Area Community Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for all people in Lackawanna County through the development of organized philanthropy. Our purpose is to meet a wide variety of educational, cultural, human service and other charitable needs throughout Lackawanna County. We carry out this purpose through the distribution of income from endowment funds established by donors. Stated differently, the Scranton Area Community Foundation is Lackawanna County’s permanent savings account to help fund the needs of our changing community over the years to come.

**About Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Northeastern Pennsylvania**

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Northeastern Pennsylvania is a unique non-profit organization providing men and women age 50 and better with meaningful opportunities to serve others. IVC also provides membership in a faith-sharing community united by a desire for spiritual development in the tradition of Ignatius Loyola. Inspired to give back and partner with nonprofit agencies working with the poor and disenfranchised, Ignatian Volunteers utilize their inherent gifts and acquired skills to provide hope and stability to individuals and families marginalized by the economic, educational and political realities impacting their lives.

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