

# CORPS Connector

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## Mary McGinnity Chosen as New IVC Executive Director

By a unanimous vote the IVC Board of Directors has selected **Mary McGinnity** as the next Executive Director for IVC replacing Suzanne Geaney. Mary will begin her service January 11, 2010. She has served the No. Va./ Metro DC Regions for five years as a spiritual reflector and as a Regional Council member. Most recently she has served IVC as a member of the National Board. Mary brings over twenty five years experience in faith-based non-profit social service executive leadership. She served as Executive Director and founder of several social-service non-profit organizations, including Welcome Home. She brings a strong business background integrated with a deep Catholic social mission perspective. For the past seven years Mary has served as Executive Director, Department of Charity and Justice, Archdiocese of Washington. This last year she worked closely with the IVC staff and National Board to develop a vision, plan and strategy that addresses the challenges facing IVC. Under her strong leadership IVC faces a bright future in service to others in the Ignatian spiritual tradition.



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## Fr. Jim Hug, S.J., to Facilitate Day of Reflection in January

**Fr. Jim Hug will facilitate our upcoming Day of Reflection on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at Washington Retreat House in Washington, DC. Please mark your Calendar. The theme for this year's Day of Reflection is *Ignatian Spirituality in the Context of Benedict's Call for Social Justice*.**

Fr. Jim brings a depth of insight to this theme from his work as Director/President of the Center of Concern in Washington. He has recently completed a précis on Benedict XVI's latest encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* and will share the spiritual riches of this encyclical with us in January and demonstrate its connection with Ignatian spirituality. Fr. Jim has an M.A. in Philosophy from Springhill College, an M.A. in Christian Spirituality from St. Louis University

and a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from the University of Chicago.

Fr. Jim has written three small books on economic justice: *Scripture Sharing on the Bishop's Economic Pastoral*; *Christian Faith and the U.S. Economy* and *For All the People* (the official summary of the U. S. Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter on the economy). Currently he serves on the board of the International Jesuit Network for Development.

## Ignatian Volunteers Now Serve Eight New Service Agencies in Northern Virginia and Washington, DC/Metro MD

### The Fairfax County Adult Day Health Care Centers



Braddock Glen Center.

The Fairfax County Adult Day Health Care Centers are designed to provide a safe, fun and therapeutic environment for frail elderly or for adults who need supervision during the day due to changes in their cognitive and or functional abilities. Participants can choose from a variety of daily activities designed to improve their functional status and to offer opportunities for socialization. A nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack are offered daily. Care is provided by a multidisciplinary team of highly trained and qualified staff who have experience working with the elderly and adults with disabilities. **Emilie Gillanders** serves as IVC Volunteer at the



### Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN).



stable income and housing. Funded primarily by HUD, the program provides street outreach, case management, and employment services including job training and placement. Opportunity Place programs are designed to assist clients in addressing their personal barriers to self-sufficiency with the support of

The hub of operations at A-SPAN is Opportunity Place where homeless people receive a wide spectrum of services focused on assisting them to achieve

staff and volunteers. Counseling, clothing, hygiene items, showers, washer & dryer, free local phone calls, voice mail answering service, assistance obtaining personal identification, mail drop, and other services are available to homeless individuals during walk-in hours.



**Art Baltrym** has been serving A-SPAN as an IVC Volunteer since Fall 2009.

### OAR of Fairfax County, Inc.



**OAR of Fairfax County, Inc.** stands for Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources. OAR begins by keeping first time and misdemeanor offenders out of jail by working with the court system to operate alternative sentencing programs that require community service at shelters, food banks, and nursing homes. For those who do enter prison, a "restorative justice" program teaches inmates to take responsibility for their crimes and "restore the harm" they have caused through:

- Community service projects like: Anti-crime posters designed by inmates and displayed on metro buses; Life skills classes on topics like workplace behavior, responsible fatherhood, and

**OAR of Fairfax (Cont.)**

- budgeting, all help offenders learn about and look forward to a sustainable, crime-free life;
- One-on-one mentoring by staff and a growing body of volunteers helps too, providing supportive listening, guidance in decision-making and, most importantly, individual goal-setting for re-entry into the community.
- Post-release planning is also critical: emergency assistance with food, rent, utilities;
- employment readiness and job referrals; family support and programs for children; self-sufficiency case management—all are designed to keep offenders out of jail and help their families recover. The goal here is to break the cycle and rebuild lives.



IVC Volunteer **John Enzmann** is Services Coordinator

**Langley Residential Support Services**



**Langley Residential Support Services** operates group homes for mentally handicapped adults, who often are making a transition from their parents' homes into the community. Langley Residential Support Services offers supervised environments for residents to acquire skills necessary for

independent living, along with less structured homes where residents can try out their newly learned skills. Langley Residential Support Services homes are located in established communities throughout Fairfax County.

**A day in the life of individuals** at Langley is much the same as anyone else's. Many people have

jobs, enjoy hobbies and other activities, complete daily chores, and strive to be a positive influence in their communities. They enjoy participating in the Special Olympics throughout the year including sports such as basketball, bowling, skiing, and more. Literacy Club, run by the Junior League of Washington, is also a popular activity. During Literacy Club, everyone works on reading and life skills while having the chance to socialize with one another. Most recently, a Drama Club was formed where people get a chance to show off their acting skills.

**Mary Frances Moriarity** is receptionist at Langley Residential Support Services.



## Corpus Christi School

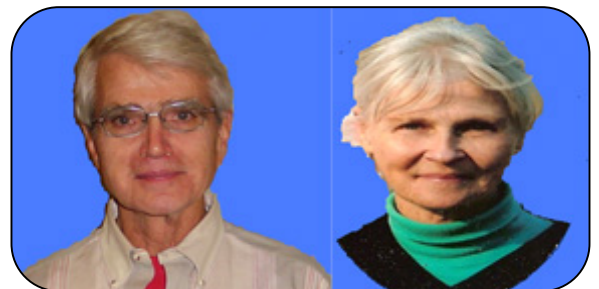


**Corpus Christi School** offers a preschool, daycare, and a kindergarten through eighth-grade program. The school is made up of two campuses, Early Childhood Center (Pre-3—K) and Elementary Campus (Grades 1-8). Services offered include: Before and after school care for K-8, year round daycare, all day kindergarten, and a shuttle bus. Corpus Christi School provides the highest quality of academic instruction through Christ-centered teachings and progressive, challenging programs of study. It is a school that is blessed with the richness and diversity of many different cultures. Its advanced academic curriculum allows many of the students to be placed in honor and AP courses in high school.

Some highlights of Corpus Christi School:

- Certified teachers with an average of 13 years of experience
- Advanced middle school Math program (Algebra/Algebra II)
- Part- and full-time preschool programs
- Year-round daycare; All day kindergarten
- Before and after school care (K-8)
- Standardized test scores in the top 10%
- Summer, Christmas and Easter Camps
- All Faiths Welcome

Ignatian Volunteers **Marie Fanning & Clyde Miller** tutor at Corpus Christ School



## Covenant House Washington DC

### “Helping Homeless Kids in Washington DC”



Each day, more than 150 youth benefit from **Covenant House Washington’s** educational programs, vocational training, and community outreach services. Covenant House operates with an open intake process, no youth in crisis is ever turned away; it offers an array of programs to ensure that youth are given the chance to live productive and happy lives. Covenant House is one of nine partners in the Town Hall Education Arts & Recreation Campus operating in southeast

Washington. THEARC is a major community revitalization effort that provides much-needed and much-desired services to children and adults in an attractive, community-friendly environment.



**Linda Stone** serves Covenant House as an Ignatian Volunteer.

Bethesda Cares, Inc.

Bethesda Cares, Inc. serves Montgomery County's homeless and working poor. In its drop-in center on Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda Cares provides eviction prevention, an outreach social worker and a job-search center. Computers are available for use by clients for resume writing and one-on-one job search training, a fax machine, telephone, and photocopy machine. Bethesda Cares serves as a mailing address for its clients to receive mail.

One of Bethesda Cares' highest priorities is keeping people from becoming homeless in the first place. It offers eviction prevention grants and

assistance with utilities to those who are on the verge of homelessness.

Bethesda Cares' outreach social worker offers counseling, referrals, information, stabilization, and immediate remedial services.



Bethesda Cares, through its network, coordinates with local churches and other community groups to provide lunch every day of the week and dinner every Sunday evening.

Bethesda Cares provides a Clothing Center at St. John's Episcopal Church where clients can select clothes after obtaining a voucher from the Bethesda Cares Drop-in Center.

The Mobile Medical Van visits the lunch program each Monday. Volunteer doctors and nurses provide routine examinations and treatment for those who need medical attention. Bethesda Cares provides limited assistance with prescription.

Jane Dealy serves Bethesda Cares as IVC Volunteer.



Georgetown Ministry Center



Freddy's death in an icy phone booth in the winter of 1984 moved the residents of Georgetown to search for an appropriate community response. In 1987 the Georgetown Ministry Center, was founded and has grown to include a successful winter shelter that offers a safe haven from the streets to our most withdrawn and vulnerable homeless neighbors. The shelter has given Georgetown Ministry Center staff an opportunity to work successfully with people who have avoided services for years. Georgetown Ministry Center's unique presence in Georgetown makes it an essential part of the "net" of services cast to the city's homeless population.

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**A Success Story**

Georgetown Ministry Center staff first met Bill in 2004. He was clean, well dressed, polite, and articulate. At first we mistook him for a neighbor wanting more information about us. The caseworker discovered that beneath the groomed exteriors was a man in need. Bill had graduated Magna cum laude from an Ivy League university and was a graduate student when he experienced a psychiatric breakdown. He hid his illness by taking low paying, temporary employment. Eventually he ended up on the street, unable to work.

Bill entered our shelter program and began to work with our consulting psychiatrist while caseworkers helped him apply for Social Security Disability Benefits. Bill took advantage of Georgetown Ministry Center’s modest clothing inventory and kept clean using our shower and laundry program. Shortly after he started receiving benefits, Bill was able to move into his own apartment. He is now connected to the Green Door, an agency that provides long term care for people with mental illnesses. We continue to enjoy visits from Bill from time to time as his recovery progresses.



Joan Kelly is Georgetown Ministry Center IVC volunteer.

## Calendar of Events

### City Groups

#### Washington, DC/Metro MD

#### Northern Virginia

<p><b>Josephite Seminary</b> 1200 Varnum St., NE <b>Washington, DC</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—11:00-1:00</b></p> <p>Feb. 9, 2010 Mar. 9, 2010 Apr. 13, 2010 May 11, 2010</p>	<p><b>Bartholomew House</b> 6904 River Road <b>Bethesda, MD</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thurs.—11:00-1:00</b></p> <p>Feb. 4, 2010 Mar. 4, 2010 Apr. 1, 2010 May 6, 2010</p>	<p><b>St. Joseph’s</b> 701 Columbus Street <b>Alexandria, VA 22314</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b> <b>10:00-12:00 am</b></p> <p>Feb. 17, 2010 Mar. 17, 2010 Apr. 21, 2010 May 19, 2010</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony’s</b> 3305 Glen Carlyn Rd <b>Falls Church, VA</b> <b>22041</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday</b> <b>9:30-11:30 am &amp;</b> <b>12:30-2:30 pm</b></p> <p>Feb. 11, 2010 Mar. 11, 2010 Apr. 8, 2010 May 13, 2010</p>	<p><b>St. John Neumann’s</b> 11900 Lawyers Road <b>Reston VA 20191</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</b> <b>10:00-12:00 am</b></p> <p>Feb 16, 2010 Mar. 16, 2010 Apr. 20, 2010 May 18, 2010</p>
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## June 2010 Retreat

June 15-16, 2010  
Facilitator: Fr. Frank Kaminski, S.J.  
Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD