

Love in Deeds of Service

IVC Leads with Experience and Service

Almost every media outlet these days talks about the Baby Boomer generation and how they have and/or will change the world. Older Americans are healthier, living longer, and are ready to give back to others and their communities. They have changed the way we as a society think about work and retirement, civic engagement and volunteering. This may be news to some, but IVC and the communities we serve have known about ‘Boomer power’ for quite some time!

On September 12, 2008, the ServiceNation Summit was held in New York City to celebrate community service and discuss ways to expand community and national service to address our most pressing societal issues. The resulting policy agenda, *Strategies for Becoming a Nation of Service*, included proposals for:

Providing millions of Americans age 50 and older opportunities to use their lifetime of learning and skills to help address America’s challenges

We are proud to say that Ignatian Volunteers—men and women age 50 and better—are already responding. Ignatian Volunteers are experienced, vital, and engaged. They have been changing lives and making a difference in their communities for more than thirteen years.

Each Ignatian Volunteer serves between 2 and 1,300 people per month—that’s an average of 120 individuals helped by each Volunteer every month. The Independent Sector, a Washington, D.C.-based coalition of nonprofits and foundations, estimates the value of a volunteer hour for 2007 at \$19.51. So, nationwide, Ignatian Volunteers provided \$3,174,304 of service to community organizations last year alone.

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“...we all have a responsibility to remain active in retirement, to keep ourselves well informed, to cooperate with responsible public and private agencies concerned with programs and activities that will make our nation strong morally, spiritually and materially for the benefit of all Americans.”

Ethel Percy Andrus,
Founder of AARP

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John O'Hagen at St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center in Baltimore

IVC Mission

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a national community service organization of volunteers and for volunteers, and is affiliated with the Society of Jesus. IVC works to meet the most urgent needs of people who are poor through the experienced service of mature men and women – Ignatian Volunteers.

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From the Executive Director

My mother used to be able to tell whom I had been playing with by my mood the rest of the day. The year 2008 has seen me whistling many a happy tune working with the talented people who have joined IVC's ranks as Regional Directors.



In January 2008 IVC officially opened its Omaha Region, under the leadership of **Jerry Heinrichs**, an Ignatian Associate and now IVC Omaha's Regional Director. Jerry has extensive commercial real estate experience, as well as a commitment to Habitat for Humanity of Omaha. Jerry and his wife, Pat, are now two of the eight Ignatian Volunteers in Omaha.

This summer another Ignatian Associate, **Steve Melloy**, responded to the search for Regional Director in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Steve is now applying his business expertise and volunteer experience at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in the Twin Cities to IVC. There are 19 Ignatian Volunteers in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

The IVC program in Washington DC/Northern Virginia has grown to more than 50 Volunteers, well beyond the capacity of one Regional Director. Out of the ranks of the local group stepped **Joe Jones**, a man who relished IVC experience at DC Central Kitchen, but who was drawn to the new Regional Director position for Washington DC and surrounding Maryland counties. Joe comes with an extensive management background in nonprofits and a law degree. DC/Metro Maryland currently has 23 Ignatian Volunteers.

From that same DC search process, we also found a Regional Director for IVC Baltimore. We hired **Jane Vichi**, most recently Program Director for EPS - Education for Parish Service. Jane has also worked in marketing and sales. Baltimore has 21 Ignatian Volunteers.

I'm looking forward to yet another Regional Director coming aboard soon as we launch a new IVC region in New England. Soon, nonprofits in the cities of Boston, Providence and Worcester will have Ignatian Volunteers to help them meet the greatest social needs in their communities.

Let the whistling continue!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Suzanne

Volunteers Honored In The Nation's Capital

Ignatian Volunteers Neota Hall (Northern Virginia) and Julia Albrecht (Washington, D.C./Metro Maryland) were recently honored for their community service.

Neota Hall was named a 2008 Community Hero for her work with refugees through the Reception and Placement program of the Office of Migration and Refugee Resettlement, through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.



Neota Hall

“Refugees have often been through horrific circumstances—Neota provides a friendly, welcoming and compassionate face for the new families, and gives them her utmost attention to ensure that they are well-cared-for in those first critical days after arrival,” said Adrienne Tygenhoff of the Arlington Diocese.

Did You Know...

93% of Ignatian Volunteers feel they are spending retirement in a fulfilling way.

(Data from an IVC survey funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA))

Despite financial limitations of the program, “Neota has secured housing for each and every individual that she’s worked with,” Tygenhoff said. “Her conviction comes through, and she has impacted the community for the good...” (*Arlington Sun Gazette*, May 1, 2008).

The Prison Outreach Ministry Welcome Home Reentry Program (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.) assists persons returning home following incarceration. Volunteers from local parishes and organizations provide guidance and direction to support the positive transition of men and women returning from jail and prison.

Ignatian Volunteer **Julia Albrecht’s** service with Welcome Home was recognized by the Montgomery County (Maryland) Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Julia is known as “the resume lady” throughout the program.

“Ms. Albrecht is a quiet but powerful resource for residents... making her an integral part of the residents’ reentry team,” says the special certificate presented to Julia. “Her respectful nature, competence, and ability to identify positive attributes in everyone have helped residents develop a more positive self image and a dynamite resume.”



Julia Albrecht (l); Bob Tenney, another Welcome Home volunteer; Sr. Mary Mulholland, RSM, Coordinator

Cincinnati Hispanic Community Recognizes Volunteer

Su Casa Hispanic Ministry Center was founded in 1997 to serve immigrants arriving in Cincinnati from Mexico and the rest of Latin America. Su Casa was the first organization in the Cincinnati region to focus on the Latino Community and the influx of immigrants to the area.

At a gala evening in April, Su Casa recognized individuals and agencies that have made a significant contribution to the Greater Cincinnati Hispanic and Latino communities. Ignatian Volunteer **Bob Cloud** received the 2008 Su Casa Volunteer Award.

Bob Cloud works two days a week

at Su Casa Hispanic Ministry Center, providing legal information



Bob Cloud accepts 2008 Su Casa Volunteer Award

and support. “It’s important to distinguish what I do from providing legal representation,” he explained. “I meet with individuals

to help them understand our laws and answer questions such as where the courts are located, what an arrest warrant means, how to obtain a lawyer, how to protect their rights and receive just compensation for what they do” (June 7, 2007, *The Catholic Telegraph*).

“Bob goes about his volunteering in a very quiet way,” explains Sam Schloemer, IVC Cincinnati Regional Director. “His dedication to Hispanic community goes back almost 40 years, when he was Jesuit Volunteer in Peru. His concern for the poor and marginalized has remained close to him as he follows the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.”



You Can Make a Difference in the Future of IVC

Estate gifts and bequests are investments in the future, helping to continue the work of IVC today and for generations to come. Like any other investment, an estate gift is an important decision that can give great personal satisfaction. We would be happy to talk with you or your financial planner about opportunities to make a lifetime gift to IVC, through a bequest, life insurance, retirement funds, or other assets, that best serves your interests.

Contact Tamara Zavislan, IVC Director of Development, 888.831.4686 or tzavislan@ivcusa.org, for more information.



Second Annual Markoe Award Given In IVC Minneapolis/St. Paul

Even though the April day was gloomy, everyone enjoyed the Second Annual Volunteer Recognition event at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights, Minnesota. Ignatian Volunteers **Ed LeClair** and **Joan Budd**, both in their third year with IVC Minneapolis/St. Paul, received the Markoe Award, named after two brothers from St. Paul, Minnesota who became Jesuits and dedicated themselves to working for justice for those who are poor.



Ed LeClair

Ed LeClair volunteers for AMICUS, an organization committed to helping inmates and ex-offenders make successful transitions from prison into the community. AMICUS nominated Ed for the Markoe Award because of his “conscientious, steadfast and generous” commitment to the program. “The empathy, concern and interest Ed exhibits,” says AMICUS, “continues to develop and extend itself to the staff, and has taught us the genuine meaning of sincerity and service to others.”

The Partnership Academy, a charter school sponsored by Project for Pride in Living, is proud to have Joan Budd

as an Ignatian Volunteer. Joan gives 110% to the Academy students and staff. Says the Academy: “For each hour she (Joan) spends at the school interacting with students, she spends at least two hours composing lesson plans and devising methods and tools to better serve the needs of the students.”

Fr. John Estrem, CEO of Catholic Charities, was the guest speaker. He gave an inspiring talk about human dignity and our potential for solving the issues of injustice and poverty. He recalled that when he first started the job, a reporter asked him about his goals. Fr. Estrem replied that his goal was to work himself out of a job by eliminating poverty—a challenge for us all.



Joan Budd prepares to receive her award



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, (L) and George Sullivan, IVC Chicago Regional Director (R)

George Sullivan received a 2008 Catechetical Ministries' Recognition Award from the Archdiocese of Chicago for his work with the Ignatian Volunteer Corps

But the value of an Ignatian Volunteer is so much more than individuals served or money saved.

In northern Virginia, one Ignatian Volunteer provided tutoring for school children. “When the children were reassessed in the spring after being taught by Mary Ann, 12 of the 15 had made significant progress. All the children have benefitted from her knowledge and devotion.” (ALIVE!)

A recent informal survey of IVC’s community partners found that Ignatian Volunteers contribute significantly to the mission and effectiveness of the agencies they serve. Consider the Mercy Center (IVC New York): “Nancy has helped us grow from small to mid-sized organization by providing the supports to professionalize our social services, while maintaining a community-based, welcoming approach.” Agencies and programs with Ignatian Volunteers are able to serve more people and stretch staff time to expand programming.

IVC’s community partners value the dedication, responsibility, and competence of Ignatian Volunteers. “The IVC volunteer lifts up the gifts of our clients,” says L’Arche (IVC Washington, D.C./Metro Maryland). “She envelops and includes our vast diversity of culture. She values the core principles of our community. We love the support that [IVC] gives to the volunteer. It makes our job easier as you support the volunteer and we enjoy the fruits of their labor!”

IVC stands ready to accept the ServiceNation challenge—to connect communities and people in need with the experience and commitment of mature adults looking to change the world.

IVC Launches Electronic Newsletter

Get wired in to IVC—sign up today to receive IVC’s e-note, *From the National Office*, sent directly to your in-box each month. It’s easy to subscribe, and it’s free! Surf over to www.ivcusa.org and click the ‘Sign Up Now’ button at the bottom of the left-hand column. Get connected today!



Did You Know...

Ignatian Volunteers, unlike most senior volunteer programs, have about equal numbers of men and women.

Combined Federal Campaign

Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps - #19644

IVC is pleased to announce that we are participating as a local agency in the **Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign** this fall.



Please consider making your annual contribution to IVC through the convenience of payroll deduction as part of the local CFC in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Cecil, Carroll,

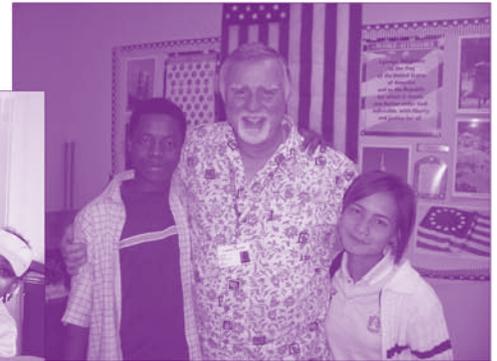
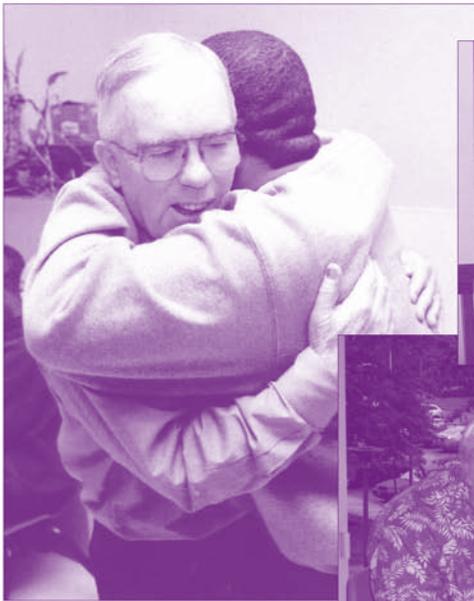
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Did You Know...

Ignatian Volunteers will provide 175,000 hours of community service to over 200 community organizations this year.



Dedicated to connecting the experience and talents of retired men and women with the real and many needs of people who are materially poor



We all — each of us without exception — have so much to give...
- Lama Surya Das

Did You Know...

Ignatian Volunteers range in age from 50 to 84, with an average age of 68.



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