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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 an \$8,000 grant from the Scranton Area Community Foundation. This 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 June 13, 2018, ten Ignatian Volunteers serve over 72 hours each week at local non-profit agencies.

IVC NEPA Program Goals:

- To serve people experiencing material poverty. IVC achieves this goal through establishing partnerships with agencies serving those living in poverty or organizing for social change. Generally, IVC’s partner agencies focus on physical and mental health care, emergency food and clothing, housing services, women’s shelters, education, job training, prison ministry, and immigration services;
- 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 NEPA Ignatian Volunteer Corps

The NEPA Ignatian Volunteer Corps (“IVC”) 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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