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## **NEPA Ignatian Volunteer Corps Receives Support from the Northeastern PA Health Care Foundation**

SCRANTON – The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Northeastern Pennsylvania (“IVC NEPA”) recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Northeastern PA Health Care 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 July 19, 2018, ten Ignatian Volunteers, including four nurses, 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 Northeastern PA Health Care Foundation**

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Care Foundation was established in 2011 following the sale of Mercy hospital in Scranton. Our mission is to function as a charitable foundation that supports the health care needs including, but not limited to, health education, community wellness, payment for medical care of the uninsured and underinsured, regardless of the facility of treatment, and to improve the complete physical, mental, and social well-being of the residents of Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming Counties.

### **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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