ANNUAL REPORT

2016
Serving Christ Through Action For Better Community
Dear Community Partners, Alumni, and Friends of Urban Servant Corps,

Fall is my favorite time of the year. There is so much anticipation throughout the Fall season—crisp air, vibrant foliage, pumpkins, and at Urban Servant Corps, the anticipation of new beginnings and adventures. Each year, the staff and Board of Directors plan, prepare, and clean for a new group of full-time volunteers who are eager and excited to help make Denver and the world a better place.

2016 has been a great year. In July, we welcomed Sarah Adam as the full-time Community Life Coordinator. Making the move to a full-time position means that Urban Servant Corps can continue to invest in expanding our reach while making our already great programs better. In the new year, we will continue to invest in our properties, build relationships with new organizations, and think creatively about why simplicity, spirituality, service and intentional community are essential tenets that shape so many young (and not-so-young) folks in our world and communities. As we move forward we will be thinking creatively about new strategies and opportunities for growth.

As a 2007-2008 alumni of Urban Servant Corps I know the impact of this organization. Not only did I serve at wonderful community non-profit, Denver Urban Matters (DenUM), I learned valuable professional skills that helped to kick-start a non-profit career. I am also blessed with lifelong friendships and a community of support. Most importantly, I learned what it meant to step outside my comfort zone, take risks, and be present. My volunteer experience also led me to where I am today, employed in my community, giving back to organizations I care about, and serving as the outgoing chair of the USC Board of Directors.

I am so grateful for the support Urban Servant Corps receives through generous donors like yours! By giving to USC you are not only investing in the lives of our volunteers, but also in all the lives they touch through service in our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carolyne Schultz,
USC Board Chair
2015-2016 Financial Report

2015-2016 Income
Total Income $212,082

2015-2016 Expenses
Total Expenses $195,594
NOTE: Expenses in this graph are prior to depreciation adjustment.

2015-2016 USC BOARD MEMBERS
Carolyne Schultz, Chair
Zach Mountin, Vice-Chair
Pastor Kim Gonia, Secretary
Adam O'Rourke, Treasurer
Kristen Baluyot
Anell Ewing
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USC Volunteers served 40 hours per week at these North Denver locations:

**Lutheran Family Services**
Promoting refugee and asylee success through services that heal, strengthen, and provide hope.

**Warren Village**
Helps low-income single parent families achieve personal and economic self-sufficiency — and to sustain it.

**New Legacy Charter School**
A small school for pregnant and parenting teens and their children with specially tailored options.

**The Gathering Place**
Offers a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choices, and essential resources transform lives.

**St. Francis Center**
Provides a place of transformation for people who are homeless.

**Denver Urban Matters**
Inspires hope as an advocate and trusted provider of needed services.

**ECDC’s ACC**
Helping refugees rebuild safe, sustainable lives in Denver.
Non-Profit Partner Agencies

Changes women’s lives by providing stepping stones for self-sufficiency through social enterprise.

Helps homeless and at-risk youth overcome real life challenges by providing essential services and a safe community, empowering them to become self-sufficient adults.
Krista Kilgus, Executive Director
Krista Kilgus entered into her 7th year of serving as the Executive Director of Urban Servant Corps. She appreciates the unique dynamic of each community year and the gifts each individual offers the USC community. She is continually inspired by the impact that volunteers have on the Denver community after they depart from Urban Servant Corps – often times becoming site supervisors and leaders in the community!

Sarah Adam, Community Life Coordinator
Sarah Adam began as Community Life Coordinator in July of this year. Originally from St. Paul, MN, Sarah attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and graduated with Communication Studies. After college she completed a volunteer year with Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) where she spent a year teaching English and Music and lead a Zumba class in Madagascar. After recruiting for YAGM and working at a non-profit, she yearned to bring what she learned from her YAGM year to living in the US and that’s when she joined Urban Servant Corps for the 2014-2015 year of service and continued to work at Urban Peak after her term of service.

Alumni Story, Nicole Schmitt
On a rainy day, I walk outside my warm office to sit on a street corner with a sobbing client. A cup of coffee steams between us. Eventually she realizes I’m in no hurry to leave her crying in the rain. She sips the coffee and begins to share. Words spill out that give shape to her experiences: fighting with her boyfriend, losing her child, sleeping on the streets, childhood trauma. Then, we talk about aliens. What if there are funny-looking creatures peering down at us from space right now, laughing at the mess that has been made of this place? We laugh. For me, this is a sacred moment. Urban Peak opened the floodgates to heart-wrenching and traumatic situations. Injustice is everywhere: in our city, the systems where we work, and the personal stories of trauma clients. In the chaos and pain of working with those who sleep on the street, beauty and hope are infrequent yet welcome friends. These most random moments. The slow, the particular, and the peculiar: it seems these are God’s chosen vessels for renewal. It is consistently the random, comical moments in which beauty and hope reveal their resilience. Such moments are welcome reminders that good things happen, and joy that is ours.
Urban Servant Corps Impact
In 2015-2016, the Urban Servant Corps hosted 15 volunteers from 8 states and 5 countries (including Bosnia, Cambodia, Swaziland, France and United States). These young adults offered a year of service and accompaniment with those who are most in need in the Denver community, while living in intentional community.

Where are they now? 8 USC volunteers were offered full-time jobs at their placement organizations at the end of the year of service. 5 accepted those positions and are currently living in Denver; the others returned home to seek employment closer to their families. Other Urban Servant Corps volunteers sought out graduate school opportunities and/or returned to their countries of origin.

Since 1987, Urban Servant Corps’ full time volunteers have contributed more than 781,200 hours of service at more than 45 non-profit partner organizations in central Denver.

Support Urban Servant Corps!
30th Anniversary Celebration(tbd): Urban Servant Corps is eager to celebrate the 30th Anniversary in 2017 and hope you’ll join us for this gathering! Supporters, stay tuned for event details! Alumni, stay tuned for reunion details!
www.urbanservantcorps.org

Community Shares of Colorado: Work place giving — www.cshares.com

Amazon Smile: Donate .5% of the price of your eligible Amazon purchases to USC at: www.smile.amazon.com

Recurring Donation:
www.urbanservantcorps.org/support

Thrvient Choice Dollars: As a member, you can designate funds to USC at: www.thrvient.com

*Your generosity is a blessing.
Every gift makes a difference.*
Mission Statement
Urban Servant Corps is a faith-based, intentional community of full-time volunteers who seek to live simply while serving and accompanying those most in need through non-profit partner agencies in the heart of Denver.

Vision Statement
Acting for peace with justice, advocating for and with the oppressed, and sharing our abundance as we respond to Christ’s call to love.