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2017 Annual Report

Celebrating
YEARS
of service

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Urban Servant Corps Friends and Supporters,

When we joined the board, we were each first drawn to the revealing Mission and Vision statements of Urban Servant Corps, and as we celebrate 30 years of service, USC continues to embody the spirit of our identity and purpose in this place and time.

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These statements hold in them a transformational identity and profound calling in the world we call home. Slowly read them again and imagine the impact that Urban Servant Corps has as it embodies and offers all that comes with these life-giving statements in downtown Denver. As you dive into this annual report, watch for the impact of the Urban Servant Corps as it lives out these statements of identity and purpose.

And now, we celebrate 30 year of service...30 years of service!!! That just sounds remarkable, doesn’t it? For 30 years, USC has welcomed volunteers from around the United States and the world. This diverse group of servants has given of themselves through shared triumphs and struggles as they serve some of the most vulnerable populations in Denver. Thank you, Nelson Bock and Bonita Bock for your vision of a world where ALL are valued and cherished!

While we enjoy looking back over the last 30 years, this year in particular had much to celebrate. We hosted a high school intern from New Legacy High School with hopes of planting seeds of our mission and vision in present and future leaders. Through our partnership with LIFE in Service we were able to build relationships with even more midwest and west coast area schools with potential future volunteers. In addition to the nine USC volunteers we hosted last year, we also built relationships with AmeriCorps VISTA, the National Hunger Fellowship program, and other partner non-profit organizations to offer affordable housing for their volunteers during their terms of service. Additionally, we continue to care for the buildings these amazing volunteers call home for a year. With your generous support, we were able to install a new roof, furnace, water heater, and carpet at the 5&9 home. THANK YOU!

Within these pages you will find that USC is alive and well and continues to build on our foundational statements to journey into the future -- healthy and eager to bless the world. Together, we will.

With Gratitude,
Amber Palmeri and Pastor Michael TeKrony
USC Board of Directors Co-Chairs
2016-2017 Financial report

Total Income
$230,320

- Individuals: 13
- Faith Communities: 5
- Foundations & Corporations: 9

Earned Income: 73

Total Expenses
$236,492

- Fundraising: 3
- Administrative: 10
- Program: 87

USC incurred some unanticipated property expense this year which accounts for the difference in income and expense. We are diligent in our budgeting process and will continue to steward funds in a mission-driven manner.

2016-2017 USC Board members

- Pastor Michael TeKrony - Co-Chair
- Amber Palmeri - Co-Chair
- Kristen Baluyot - Secretary
- Adam O’Rourke - Treasurer
- Nathan Blom
- Ann Franek
- Pastor Kim Gonia
- Zach Mountain
- Thaala Loper
- Carolyne Schultz
- Anell Ewing
- Krista Kilgus celebrates 8 years of serving as the Executive Director of Urban Servant Corps this year! 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!
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Gabbi - mentored youth who had left or been kicked out of their homes.

Provides a work program for people who are homeless and low-income to learn skills and create Earth-friendly products that sustain people and the planet.

Emily - built community with participants who earned income by creating earth-friendly products and learned new gardening skills.

Provides a place of transformation for people who are homeless.

Matt - welcomed 700+ guests a day to the day time shelter where individuals could have a shower, receive their mail, or store their belongings.

A charter school for pregnant and parenting teens and their children with specially-tailored options.

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Inspires hope as an advocate and trusted provider of needed services.

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Aims to empower communities, support personal transformations, and create self-sustaining lifestyles for those who are most vulnerable by equipping clients with the skills and resources they need to break the cycle of poverty.

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Provides efficient delivery of cost-effective energy assistance, emergency furnace repair, energy conservation and energy education for low-income households to maintain their well-being and encourage self-sufficiency.

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Sarah Adam entered her second year of serving as the Community Life Coordinator. She finds energy in sharing about Urban Servant Corps in a variety of communities – recruiting on college campuses, attending ELCA events, or with a new-to-USC friend over dinner. Sarah’s enthusiasm is contagious and she carries a spirit of gratitude wherever she goes!

Grace is from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. During her year of service, she served at New Legacy Charter School (a charter school for pregnant and parenting teens), where Grace is now employed. She also serves part-time as an intern for the office of the Urban Servant Corps. Grace read this poem that she wrote during the faith story sharing at Orientation Week.

I thought I needed to qualify myself.
With badges, diplomas, styles and effortlessnes.

I thought I needed to be MORE than myself, that myself wasn’t enough.
Damaged, broken, ill, and displaced.

And then it came to me, a trickling light of love
Small at first, now still small, but sure to grow.

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It came through a window through energy and voices, and it came from the strangers turned friends, and it’s growing now, I feel it hugging me close.

The affirmation of myself as WHOLE. Damaged yet worthy, broken yet sustained ill, yet full displaced yet loved exactly here

my whole self embraced with vigor, loved without end.
Support Urban Servant Corps

- **Community Shares of Colorado:** Work place giving - [www.cshares.com](http://www.cshares.com)
- **Amazon Smile:** Donate .5% of the price of your Amazon purchases to USC - [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
- **Recurring Donation:** [www.urbanservantcorps.org/support](http://www.urbanservantcorps.org/support)
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** As a member, you can designate funds to USC at - [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com)

In 2016-2017, Urban Servant Corps hosted 9 volunteers from 6 states (including California, Alabama, Colorado, Minnesota, Iowa, and New York) and 2 countries (including China and the 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? The majority of USC volunteers were offered employment in some capacity at their placement organizations at the end of the year of service! Others are now serving abroad through Young Adults in Global Mission or attending graduate school.

Since 1987, Urban Servant Corps’ full time volunteers have contributed nearly 800,000 hours of service at more than 75 non-profit partner organizations in central Denver.

Urban Servant Corps is a Reconciling in Christ organization of the ELCA that publicly affirms and welcomes the LGTBQ community.
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