We are grateful for our church community supporters, alumni and friends! You make the work of the Urban Servant Corps possible!

Many thanks to our 2009-2010 agency partners:
Urban Servant Corps Program Year 2009-2010
A year to celebrate!

“The fruit of silence is prayer.  The fruit of prayer is faith.  The fruit of faith is love.  The fruit of love is service.  The fruit of service is peace.”

– Mother Teresa

Indeed, as intentional community, we celebrated the fruits of prayer, faith, love, service, and peace! Urban Servant Corps volunteers arrived to Denver the last week of August 2009 to begin community-building, orientation to the city, and embark on a radically transformational year of service. I joyfully met this stellar group of volunteers in mid-September when I began my work as the Executive Director of Urban Servant Corps. I am grateful for the ways that the Board of Directors and staff graciously moved through the process of welcoming me and allowing for this smooth transition.

Highlights of this year include:

- New fundraising events — Advent Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Bjornberg and Earth Day Auction at Hope Communities
- A partnership with Iliff School of Theology and Intern, JP Richardson
- Participation in the Colorado Resource Center Leadership Development Training Program
- Paying off credit card and Thrivent line of credit debt
- Fostering new relationships with partner agencies
- Building board structure and policies during the Board retreat
- Re-establishing connections with church communities and alumni

The new events and positive energy of this year have truly embodied the celebration of prayer, faith, love, service, and peace. I am thrilled that we walk this journey together. Thank you for your support of the amazing work of the Urban Servant Corps!

Krista Ullestad, Executive Director

Life in Service

Energy Outreach Colorado and Kat Mojzak
Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC) provides energy assistance to low-income families in addition to their growing capacity to support local non-profits with the Non-profit Energy Assistance Program (NEEP). NEEP conducts audits to determine how an organization's facility could become more energy-efficient. The overall goal of NEEP is to allow non-profits to reduce utility spending, creating more available funds to fulfill the mission of each particular organization. Both Urban Servant Corps properties have received the benefit of this incredible grant program.

Kat's volunteer experience allowed her to present educational courses about energy-efficiency to the cooperating agencies. Over the course of a year, an organization will partake in six educational sessions. We are EXTREMELY GRATEFUL for grant money and the follow-up work that Energy Outreach Colorado gifted to USC! To learn more about EOC visit: www.energyoutreach.org.

St. Francis Center and Joel Niemann
Joel's work at the St. Francis Center proved to be an incredible experience as he recognized the need of basic care in the Denver community. St. Francis Center is a refuge for men and women who are homeless in the metro Denver area, providing services that enable people to meet their basic needs for daily survival and to transition out of homelessness. Those services include the use of a mailing address to receive mail, storage spaces, showers, and hygiene items. Additionally, there is access to social workers, nurses, mental health counselors, employment specialists, and other outside social service organizations. The Urban Servant Corps is proud to engage in a long-lasting partnership with the St. Francis Center! To learn more about St. Francis Center visit: http://www.sfcdenver.org

The Empowerment Program and Heidi Sjoberg
The Empowerment Program aims to enable women to empower themselves and provides support to women who are disadvantaged due to incarceration and involvement in the criminal justice system, poverty, homelessness, or HIV/AIDS infection. Their services include one-on-one therapy sessions, drug and alcohol support groups, and employment services. Using her passion for social justice and desire to serve and help others, Heidi worked as a case manager and also coordinated an alternative-to-jail program for women involved in the Denver Court system. Following her Urban Servant Corps year of service, Heidi continued her desire to serve through the Young Adults in Global Mission, an ELCA full-time abroad volunteer program. For more information about The Empowerment Program, visit: www.empowermentprogram.org.
2009-2010 Year in Review

The All Saint’s Day Open House welcomed friends, neighbors, agency partners and church community members to celebrate the saints who have made significant contributions in our lives. Urban Servant Corps volunteers displayed information about agencies and shared stories and experiences. A brief annual meeting was held to discuss the 2008-2009 Annual Report. This was a very festive and celebratory event!

In December, Urban Servant Corps hosted an Advent Prayer Breakfast at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Bishop Bjornberg joined with community members to offer prayers of hope, joy, love, and peace for USC volunteers and the clients they serve during the holiday season.

The season of Lent gathered current volunteers and alumni to discuss a variety of books in the 1st Annual Lenten Book Club. Small groups gathered to share and reflect on the topics of spiritual practices, food sustainability, faith, simplicity, and worldly exploration. This was a powerful connecting point for those who participated and new light was shed on transformational insights.

Hope Communities offered the use of their space for the Earth Day Auction in April. This fundraising event offered local, sustainable, and earth-friendly items for competitive bidding! Additionally, a live auction and paddle raiser portion of the evening raised funds to renovate the first floor of the Ogden House in August. A total of $5,000 was contributed to Urban Servant Corps from this event!

The month of May brought 16 USC volunteers and supporters through the finish line of the Colfax Marathon with a huge sense of accomplishment!

Community Engagement and Collaboration

Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) Urban Education and Urban Servant Corps Urban Plunge Program has combined the two separate ministries into one fabulous experience called the Urban Plunge! An Urban Servant Corps volunteer remains involved with the planning and implementing the program. This collaboration has been a great way of extending the USC partnership with DenUM.

A HUGE thanks to Energy Outreach Colorado for the Non-Profit Energy Efficiency Program (NEEP) grant and the amazing amount work that was accomplished at the Ogden House! Over $40,000 of energy-efficient remodeling was completed this summer. This sustainable upgrade to the property allows for a significant amount of financial savings on energy bills.

Lutheran World Relief stores quilts, school kits, and health kits at the Ogden House until they are distributed appropriately to third world countries.

Grant Family Farms is a community supported agriculture (CSA) program that grows local and organic food for the Colorado community! The Ogden House serves as a drop-off/pick-up site which allows for neighbors to obtain their share of fresh produce once a week. Urban Servant Corps is glad to support local farmers and community members who take advantage of this delicious food!

2009-2010 USC Programming Highlights

One of the ways Urban Servant Corps volunteers live out values of intentional community, service, social justice, simplicity, and spirituality is by meeting every Monday night and the second Friday of each month for programming and community-building.

In 2009-2010, the community days included:

- A work day at Messiah Mountain Retreat Center in Indian Hills, CO
- A holiday gift distribution for seniors at Health SET
- A discussion of immigration issues and a visit to El Centro Humitario
- A march in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Marade
- A legislative day visiting the Capitol and participating in an interactive role-play of how a bill becomes law
- A food sustainability day with visits to GrowHaus in North Denver and Denver Urban Homesteading (Denver’s only year-round indoor farmers market)
- A work day at Our Savior’s Lutheran in Anton, CO with the chance to speak with residents in the area and contrast the differences between urban & rural life.

Volunteers had several evening gatherings dedicated to a particular topic that focused on influential women, power and privilege, sexuality in the Church, interfaith dialogue with members of the Mosaic Foundation, grief and loss, a visit to FLUID Coffee Bar (a sustainable business and fair trade product shop), a vigil at the Aurora Detention Center for detained immigrants without proper documentation, and a discussion around the paternalism of volunteering after reading Ivan Illich’s To Hell With Good Intentions. We also had three retreats during the year in Granby, Santa Fe (with the Border Servant Corps), and Messiah Mountain. Additionally, USC volunteers were pleased to welcome Pastors Ron Glusenkamp, Anne Dunlap, Nancy Rosas, Michael Fick, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Barbara Martens, Nelson and Bonita Bock, Emily Cardin, and Lynne Butler into our space and have them lead us in worship and conversation.

It was a powerful year full of many new lessons and experiences for all!

Linnea Anderson Myers, Associate Director
Board of Director’s Report

On behalf of the Urban Servant Corps Board of Directors, I would like to express my gratitude for your support. Many people have contributed their time, talents, and resources to make 2009-2010 a year filled with unexpected blessings.

The 2009-2010 program year embraced many changes for the Urban Servant Corps. In June 2009, we expressed our gratitude to Laura Folkwein for her passion, dedication, and five years of service to the USC. Linnea Anderson Myers assumed the role of Interim Executive Director for the remainder of the program year and was invaluable as she welcomed new volunteers and coordinated program activities during the transition. In September 2009, Krista Ullestad began serving as the USC Executive Director. Her gifts in leadership and organization are helping to build a strong future for the Urban Servant Corps.

The Board would also like to recognize and thank outgoing Board members Jay McDivitt and Jolene Goerend for their years of leadership. Jay has recently moved to Milwaukee with his growing family for a new and exciting call at Grace Lutheran. Jolene is still involved with USC as time allows and has taken a new position as Board Chair of the Colorado Adult Education Professional Association.

We would like to welcome new Board members, Richard Russeth (Vice-Chair), Kathleen Matthews (Treasurer), Amy Hanson, and Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry. Additionally, after a wonderful two years, I relinquish the Board Chair position to Amanda Baker. She has already shared a great deal of expertise with the USC community and the organization will continue to thrive with her leadership. Thank you again for your support and prayer; the up-coming year is on schedule to be one of the best yet!

Michael Burson
Board of Directors Chair

Income Statement and Balance Sheet

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