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URBAN SERVANT CORPS

SIMPLICITY
SPIRITUALITY
SERVICE
INTENTIONAL
COMMUNITY

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 .

2014 Annual Report

To our Treasured Friends, Alumni, and Partners,

To quote an ancient Greek philosopher, *"the only thing constant in life is change."* This seems a most appropriate descriptor of Urban Servant Corps for 2014, as it has been a year of evolutionary and meaningful change, while still honoring the rich history of our 1987 humble beginnings. As seen on the cover, along with refreshing the logo design, our Vision and Mission language has also evolved. This process also drew our attention to the need to update the by-laws to best serve the governance of Urban Servant Corps – and so we did!

We are sincerely grateful for the board members who completed their term during this fiscal year and excitedly welcome the passion, skills and commitment of newly joining board members. With this new energy, we look forward to attaining goals that have been outlined in our Strategic Plan. Some of those key actions include: expanding community engagement to better tell the story of USC; maintaining focus on intentional board member recruitment; increasing fiduciary growth, stewardship, and education to ensure longevity of USC; continuing to pursue standards of non-profit excellence; and pursuing pride, practicality, and livability while honoring simplicity at volunteer houses.

In the midst of this progress, however, we intentionally pause to appreciate the *constant* ... our dedicated volunteers, who continue to serve tens of thousands of hours at their placement sites and seek to fulfill the mission of each partner agency through service and accompaniment. They assist people of all ages in need of basic services, provide case management, and at times just offer listening and caring. Also consistent is the ideal that our volunteers are richly blessed throughout the year with their own deep personal, spiritual, and career development. We remain proud of the work they do day-in and day-out.

Finally, we are filled with gratitude for YOU and the support you share. We invite your most welcomed prayers and consideration of a financial contribution. With your gift to USC, you are investing in the sustainment of this unique organization, that 28 years later, continues to transform lives as we respond to Christ's call to love.

With deep gratitude,

Anell Ewing, Board Chair
Krista Kilgus, Executive Director



Life in Service — Alumni Perspective

Alex and I both came to Urban Servant Corps in 2003 for many of the same reasons that others join: we were looking for adventure, seeking a change, and hoping to do some good in the world. I lived at the 5 & 9 and worked two blocks away at the Women's Bean Project. Alex lived at the Country Club/Caddy Shack community and worked for Urban Peak Outreach. We weren't necessarily expecting to add to that list, "meeting amazing people," and "finding a spouse," but that's what we wound up doing! Since our USC days, we have continued to serve our communities and our world in a variety of ways. We worked with youth in Ukraine for two years as Peace Corps Volunteers. I then obtained a Public Health degree and worked with a number of non-profit and governmental service organizations. Now that we live in Denver again, we are active in our church community. We have also enjoyed participating in occasional USC events and being inspired by the current volunteers, young and not-so-young adults, that we know will continue serving and giving of themselves to others throughout the rest of their lives. We have decided to give financially to Urban Servant Corps in order to welcome, support, and grow these servants and leaders in our community. We set up a system with our bank so that a check is automatically sent to USC once a month; this way, we don't have to worry about the logistics, but we know that we are supporting an amazing organization. Won't you join us by investing in Urban Servant Corps as well?



Emma, Alex, and baby Oliver

Support Urban Servant Corps!

Colorado Gives Day (12.9.14): the annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving! You can set up a one-time or re-occurring donation at: www.coloradogives.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

Thrivent Choice Dollars: as a member, you can designate funds to USC at: www.thrivent.com



Welcome Patty Siclari, Community Life Coordinator!

Patty joined the Urban Servant Corps team in July. She is a Denver native and mother of three and grandmother of six. Heading back to college in 1996 she obtained her BA in Human Services at age 50. Full of passion for justice and serving others, USC matches her gifts and energy!

Urban Servant Corps Impact Statement

Since 1987, Urban Servant Corps' full time volunteers have contributed more than 720,000 hours of service for more than 45 non-profit partner agencies in central Denver. Urban Servant Corps prepares tomorrow's leaders through professional development, faith formation, household management, and environment stewardship. Program volunteers contributed immediate and direct service to people experiencing homelessness or in need of basic human services. Additionally, volunteers advocate for and with others for lasting solutions and long-term social change during their transformational year-long experience.

In 2013-2014, 15 volunteers from 10 states, 2 countries (Cambodia & Nepal), and 14 colleges spent a year in service and accompaniment with people of Denver. They served an estimated 3,690 clients who are most in need in the community.

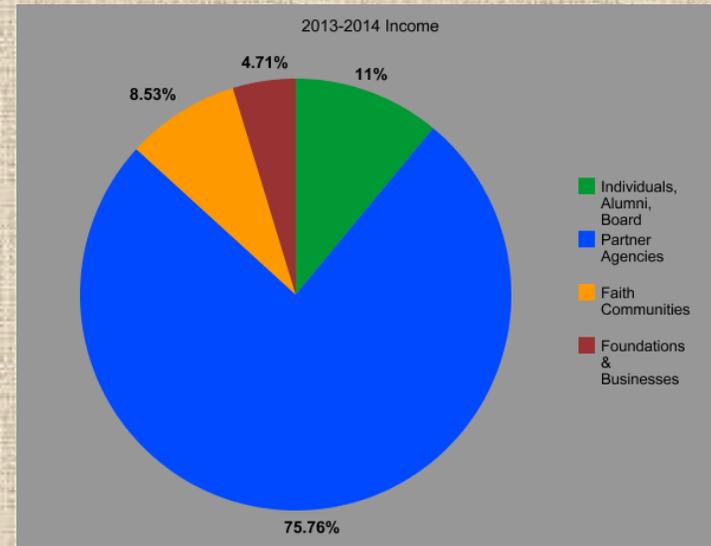


Back row: Erin Quinn, Matt Olson, Riley Van Ess,
Anna Gabriel, Troy Wixon, Matt Christensen

Middle row: Katie Hansen, Mandy McDorman, Reksmey So,
Lacey Joseph, Deepa Singh

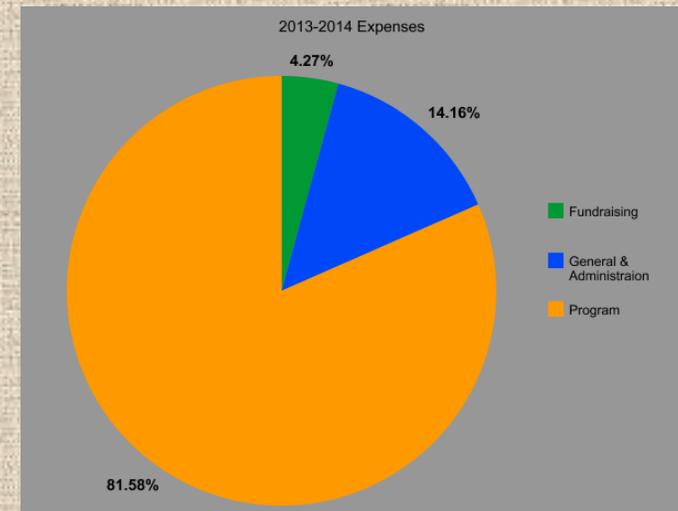
Front row: Laura Konkol, Amelia Eckles, Olivia Mannino, Susan Harlor

2013-2014 Financial Report



Total Income: \$211,713

Total Expense: 221,013



NOTE: Urban Servant Corps has received the AmeriCorps Education Award funding for several years. Unfortunately, there were two service positions that did not qualify for the grant this fiscal year, leaving those volunteers without access to this \$5500 in loan forgiveness. In the spirit of equity among all USC volunteers, the Board of Directors voted to offer the equivalent AmeriCorps funding to those two volunteers. The overage in expenses this fiscal year is related to this unexpected budget item.

USC Volunteers served 40 hours per week at these Non-Profit Partner Agencies



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.



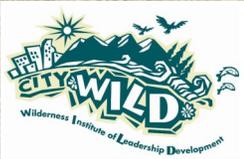
Empowers families with skills, knowledge, and confidence to prepare healthy affordable meals.



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



Works to solve the high school drop out crisis in Colorado.



Supports a bold effort to bring the typically exclusive world of outdoor experiential education to a broad non-traditional audience: low-income youth of color



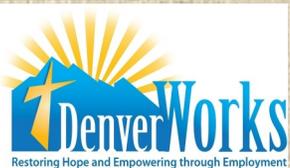
Provides education, employment assistance, housing referrals, and health services to women who are in disadvantaged positions due to incarceration, poverty, homelessness, HIV/AIDS infection or involvement in the criminal justice system.



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



Refugee and Asylee Program: Promotes refugee and asylee success through services that heal, strengthen and provide hope.



Empowers the unemployed and those with barriers to employment to be come self-supporting through job preparation and placement.



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



Provides a place of transformation for people who are homeless.



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