



Franciscan Community Volunteers

October 2012

Building Community

Shannon Hagerty and Lisa Yanzer

This year as Franciscan Community Volunteers we will have many opportunities to grow in relationship with one another, our greater community, and in our faith through service and the desire to continue to grow in relationship with each other through Christ. Recently we had the chance to build in a nonfigurative way through Habitat for Humanity of Morrison County. The six of us FCVs and our associate director worked with four other volunteers to build a home, benefitting a local family.

As each wall frame was pieced together we were challenged and guided to learn new skills, such as how to run a nail gun, measure, saw and hammer. One of the most enjoyable parts of the day was to see the progress we made. When we arrived on the site, it was merely a cement slab; when we were ready to leave, there stood the full frame of the house.

We used many tools that day to help in the building at the Habitat site, but we also received many useful tools to take back with us into community, such as receiving and giving constructive criticism, and a new found appreciation for the importance of working together. Communication skills were built and patience and love were used throughout that day. These tools are so important for us, because each time we use them we grow in community with one another which



will enable us to live our life of service and community this coming year.

Beyond the joys and challenges of building the frame of a house and working with one another to complete such a task in a day, it was great getting involved with the Habitat for Humanity site. It allowed us to reach beyond our service sites and to grasp more fully the needs of the community. We seek to learn about our greater community here in St. Cloud and the surrounding area. We are able to do so through our various service sites and sharing with one another around the dinner table. To be able to gather together and share the experience of building a house for a family in need was a great way to bring together our desire to get involved with the community and our commitment to service and justice.

National Day of Remembrance and Service for 9/11

By their work with Habitat for Humanity, Franciscan Community Volunteers joined many others in the National Day of Service & Remembrance in honor of September 11. Many AmeriCorps members and others associated with the Corporation for National & Community Service across the nation joined during the week of 9/11 to serve in their communities during this National Day effort.

6+5=11! We have grown!

There is lots of life, love and laughter as our six Franciscan Community Volunteers and the five Franciscan Sisters join hearts and prayer to form a new Franciscan Community this year!

You may well ask “what’s that mixture like?” Here is a short one-liner from each of us:

Corey Dossey: “Everyone brings something very special to this community. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to live and serve with these incredible people.” (AmeriCorps Support Services Assistant at Talahi Elementary School)

Shannon Hagerty: “God created us to live in community, giving and receiving support, which leads to generosity and gratitude; the 11 of us hope to do just that.” (AmeriCorps Clinical Support Assistant)

Sister Cordy Korkowski: “I can hear Saint Francis affirming us in our living of shared Gospel values—with support and love for each other.” (Pastoral Associate at St. Francis Parish, Sartell)

Philip Lomneth: “Living community has pushed me out of my comfort zone, forced me to let go of much of what I thought I knew in order to grow. This will be a challenging year, but one, I hope, with much growth.” (AmeriCorps Racial Equity & Youth Organizer at ISIAAH/GRIP)

Sister Michelle L’Allier: “As I transition into this vibrant community, I’m grateful for the opportunity to live in an intergenerational community for Gospel living and serving.” (our newest member, Young Adult Ministry)

Sister Ange Mayers: “Living in the FCV community means each is being Eucharist—being nurtured and nurturing in the spirit of Francis and Clare.” (Co-Vocation Director for the Franciscan Sisters)

Kristine Origone: “Living in a community attests to the truth that we are always a part of, and affecting, much beyond what we can see.” (AmeriCorps Immigrant and Refugee Services Assistant at La Cruz and Bel Clare Community Centers, St. Cloud Catholic Charities)

Sister Rose Mae Rausch: “It is indeed a privilege for me to grow in relationships with these very beautiful and outstandingly generous young people! May God be praised!” (our wisdom guru and recently returned missionary in our midst!)



Back: Maureen Reynolds, Kristine Origone, Lisa Yanzer, Philip Lomneth. Front: Shannon Hagerty and Corey Dossey



Sisters Ange Mayers, Clara Stang, Michelle L’Allier, Cordy Korkowski, and Rose Mae Rausch

Maureen Reynolds: “I’ve never lived with so many people! It’s definitely an adjustment, but it is already proving to be a wonderful experience.” (AmeriCorps Refugee Caseworker at Lutheran Social Service)

Sister Clara Stang: “A highlight is when all of us gather at one table! It’s a celebration of the giftedness of diversity within the bondedness of community.” (Director of FCV)

Lisa Yanzer: “It’s a great joy living in community with so many wonderful people. I am excited to continue growing in faith with this group.” (AmeriCorps Autism Resource Program Assistant at St. Cloud Public Schools)

Many adventures ahead for Anna Zaros!



Anna Zaros

It is with a sad heart that I say goodbye to my position as the associate director of Franciscan Community Volunteers. These past 15 months have been a deep experience of growth, relationship building and professional development for me. And I have been so grateful to be able to grow in the immensely supportive environment of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls. If I have

served the program even a fraction of how much the sisters and volunteers have taught me, I know I have made a difference. From web site development, to starting the Franciscan Service Network, to moments of laughter with the sisters in the kitchen, to being privileged to the stories of the Franciscan Community Volunteers, I have been deeply touched by this position. Thank you to everyone who helped make it so. I am so lucky to be able to pass on this role to

Kaitlin, who brings such wonderful energy and experience to the program!

If you aren't aware, I am leaving this position because my husband, David, and I have decided to take a year to travel. We've just celebrated our one-year anniversary and this seems like the right time to have a grand adventure together. We will first travel along the East Coast to visit friends and family, then we will camp, dance tango and eat delicious food in Argentina, then head to Bolivia to volunteer for six months. We will be volunteering as English teachers in Carmen Pampa, a university that serves the rural population in Bolivia and was founded by a Franciscan, Sister Mary Damon Nolan, MFIC. We don't have plans yet after that although we have several ideas: hiking Machu Picchu, volunteering in Colombia, visiting friends and family in Europe, and volunteering in Palestine. You can follow along with our adventures on our blog:

<http://davidandannatravel.blogspot.com>.

I hope our paths may cross again in the future!

A community celebration

The FCV community was invited to celebrate volunteer Philip Lomneth's birthday at the home of Tom and Cathy Rudolph, who are Phil's companions for the year. A great time was had by all; thank you for opening your home to our group!



Young at heart! The Volunteers relive the playground days in the backyard of Tom & Cathy Rudolph's home.



Save the date!

FCV Open House

Sunday, December 2, 2012 — 2-4PM

We invite you to come see our community, meet the sisters and volunteers, and enjoy this festive time and festive goodies! No RSVP needed. All are certainly welcome to join us!

The theme this year will be Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We invite you to bring your favorite Madonnas, Mary statues, or Mary pictures for us to display at the Open House by November 30th.

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1600 11th Ave South, St. Cloud



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October 28, 2012 • 8:30AM–noon

Elizabeth Seton School

1615 11th Ave. S, St. Cloud, MN

All-you-can-eat

Adults: \$7 • Children 4-12: \$3

Children under 4: Free

Visit with the volunteers,
sisters, your friends and
neighbors, and eat a
delicious breakfast.

Taste OF ST. CLOUD

We are thinking ahead and gearing up for the next Taste of St Cloud event—the biggest fundraiser we have for Franciscan Community Volunteers. The next Taste of St. Cloud will be Monday, **May 6, 2013**. Individuals or businesses can help us prepare by making a basket of items for the silent auction or bringing in items to add as part of a basket. (Extra empty baskets are welcome as well.) We always appreciate your support!

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