

Dear Friends of Franciscan Community Volunteers,

It is a rare opportunity to be able to walk with young adults as they embrace the Franciscan way of life and live the three pillars of the FCV program: Service, Spirituality and Community. These past nine months of watching each of the volunteers grow personally, professionally and spiritually has been inspiring.

As the new FCV director and a layperson, the spiritual growth component is happening, not only with the volunteers, but me as well. Walking into work each day I am renewed and in awe by the Franciscan Sisters and their support and dedication to sharing their faith. Truly we are blessed and this program would not be happening without that support.

Words cannot express the changes I have seen throughout this year. It is through your continuous support that this amazing program has given 34,000 hours to the St. Cloud community through the work of 26 young adults. The lives of the volunteers have been forever changed because of this experience.

I feel confident the FCV program is teaching a new way of life—for the volunteers, for the staff and for all those we encounter. We are learning the Franciscan way which will continue to grow and be nurtured throughout time. God's words to Francis—"Rebuild my Church"—are challenging. What a blessing to see the Franciscan Community Volunteers embrace this challenge.

Peace and Blessings,
Pat Schlauderaff, *director of FCV*



2013-14 Volunteer Kristen working with youth at her service site.



Prayer and supper with Bishop Don Kettler



Sister Ange Mayers, Michael Servis,
Sister Cordy Korkowski

From Sister Cordy Korkowski:

As you can see, our Franciscan Community Volunteers make us happy! These goal-centered young adults are paving paths of companionship with many persons who need support, care and compassion in the St. Cloud area through their 11-month ministry.

Join us in supporting them at the Taste of St. Cloud on May 5. Help us continue this noble and vibrant program for the Franciscan Sisters and the volunteers. Join us for a fun three-hour event where you'll meet friends while enjoying delicious cuisine and fine beverages! Learn more about the FCV program and the Franciscan Sisters at the Taste of St. Cloud. The date needs to land on your calendars today! Excitement is building.

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Financial Partnership to Franciscan Community Volunteers

Plan now to gift us with a tax-deductible donation.

- FCV Star: \$100 per month FCV Sustainer: \$50 per month
 FCV Supporter: \$25 per month FCV Friend: \$10 per month

I would like to make a one-time donation. Enclosed is a check for \$_____.

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Your support helps to:

- Buy a \$45 bus pass for one volunteer for a month.
- Pay for a \$100 monthly stipend for one volunteer.
- Pay \$165 for one month health insurance for one volunteer.

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Thank you for your generosity. Your gift will be multiplied by the services of these young adults.

From Sister Clara Stang:

The anticipation of spring gets us all excited for new life, renewed energy and vibrancy. I liken Franciscan Community Volunteers to springtime in our midst! Our three young men and three young women have been in our midst since August bringing new life, lots of energy, commitment and vibrancy to youth, immigrants, refugees and senior citizens. They work full time in a variety of nonprofit social service agencies here in St. Cloud. They live together in community sharing friendship, prayer and household responsibilities (lots of snow shoveling!) with three Franciscans (Sisters Rose Mae Rausch, Ange Mayers and Michelle L'Allier). The three pillars of the program are intentional community living, full-time service and Franciscan spirituality.

Come celebrate with us and support this fantastic ministry of the Franciscan Sisters. Your support helps us keep the Franciscan Community Volunteers program here in St. Cloud. Together let's make spring happen! Come celebrate these committed young adults who generously plant seeds of hope, compassion and love all year long.



Sister Clara (left) with her sisters at the Taste of St. Cloud

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You're invited

to support FCV at the 5th annual Taste of St. Cloud!

Taste

OF ST. CLOUD



Join us

Monday, May 5 ♦ 4:30–7:30pm

Coyote Moon Grille, St. Cloud, Minn.

This year's Taste includes live entertainment and a silent auction with many beautiful and unique items. Be assured—the featured restaurants and the food will be fantastic! Besides having a great evening, your participation will support Franciscan Community Volunteers. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating to our annual fundraising event.

More information enclosed.