



Economic Woes

*JVC Responds To
The Challenges*

President's Letter



This is a graced time for JVC. Last fall, 317 recent college graduates followed their hearts and committed to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. For one or two years, they will work full-time in schools, agencies, and other organizations providing services, advocacy, and accompaniment to thousands of people on the margins of society. They will hear the stories of mothers and children, immigrants and addicts, and men and women—and those stories will become part of their own.

Last July, we finalized the consolidation of five Jesuit Volunteer organizations and, in doing so, increased our capacity to recruit, place, and support even more JVs in the years to come. This comes at a time when serious economic difficulties are adversely affecting more and more people around the world. Many of our placement agencies and schools are also feeling the pinch, with donations and grants coming in at lower levels than in years past. The demand for their services is increasing, precisely at the time their funding is being squeezed. Talented and motivated Jesuit Volunteers can help bridge the gap for many of them.

From my time as a Jesuit Volunteer, it is the children I met in the classroom and the people we brought into our community that have remained with me. For those not experiencing JVC alongside me, I told of my experiences through letters, as visits were rare and telephone calls almost as much so. For today's volunteer it is different. They are in constant communication through email, cell phones, blogs, Facebook, and Twitter. These are now the avenues through which the stories of a student, a community experience or a man struggling with addiction are told, and JVC is part of that. Visit <http://insidejvc.blogspot.com> for our own blog and list of JV blogs.

A priority of ours is to more effectively tell our stories. This magazine is one way we hope to share the mission of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps through the experiences of current and former Jesuit Volunteers, their coworkers, clients and students, and our many partners and friends. And we will supplement these stories through today's technology. I believe it is in these stories that we will be able to see how graced a time it is for JVC. For despite the very real challenges we face, we can often gain perspective on what is truly important.

We are all blessed, and it is a grace to be reminded of that fact.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin O'Brien
President

Organizational News

Four Key Goals Focus JVC's Future Work

JVC now has the ability to vision and dream as a national and international organization—and, of course, work as one to bring those visions and dreams to fruition.

In September 2009, the JVC Board of Directors and senior staff leadership began a strategic planning process that will frame our work into the future.

Four key goals will receive attention from staff and board members in coming months to develop the strategies that will move us closer to achieving a new vision of JVC.

1 FORMER JVS
Goal: Increase opportunities for Former Jesuit Volunteers.

2 PARTNERSHIPS
Goal: Develop key partnerships to strengthen and expand the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

3 IDENTITY
Goal: Refresh JVC identity definitions.

4 FUNDRAISING
Goal: Establish fundraising goals and approaches to meet aspirational needs.

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JVC MISSION STATEMENT

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers women and men an opportunity to work full-time for justice and peace. Jesuit volunteers are called to the mission of serving the poor directly, working for structural change in the United States, and accompanying people in developing countries.

The challenge to Jesuit volunteers is to integrate Christian faith by working and living among the poor and marginalized, by living simply and in community with other Jesuit Volunteers, and by examining the causes of social injustice.

Since 1956 the Jesuit Volunteer Corps has worked in collaboration with Jesuits, whose spirituality the volunteers incorporate in their work, community, and prayer life. The Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers the volunteers a year or more of experience that will open their minds and hearts to live always conscious of the poor, committed to the Church's mission of promoting justice in the service of faith.

From the Field

Photo Contest Finalists *JVs Share Their Work*



Courtney Bowen, Atlanta, Georgia, works with children who participate in programs at Emmaus House in Peoplesstown, an inner city neighborhood in downtown Atlanta.



Patrick Reynolds, Managua, Nicaragua, walks alongside one of his students from Colegio Roberto Clemente.



Chelsea Mulvey, Tacna, Peru, and her ballet students from Colegio Miguel Pro performed with the school's orchestra to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Jesuits' arrival in Tacna.



THE WINNER: Amie Lajoie
International Community School, Atlanta, Georgia

I work at a Title 1, public charter school with a student population of predominately immigrant and refugee children. On UN Day, the students dressed in the costumes of their native countries and paraded behind their nation's flag in front of ICS staff and their families. I walked with students from the Sudan and wore a hijab (head scarf, a gift from one of my students). It was a great day!



Megan Wolters, Managua, Nicaragua, shares a secret with one of her students at Pan y Amor.



Michael Marchesini, Managua, Nicaragua, is in his second JV year working with 30 bank women at Proyecto Generando Vida, a micro-finance project, in Barrio El Recreo.

A Prayer from the Jesuit Volunteers of Belize

This is an excerpt of a prayer written by all the JVs in Belize. Stanzas written by Patrick Cassidy, Allison Hogan, and Brian Peck can be found online.



- Jessica Baker *In our prayer,
Make us a young boy
Who sits in a classroom surrounded by the rich yet knowing he is poor,
That we may know the feeling of being an outsider due to our social status.*
- John Burke *In our prayer,
Makes us the oppressor, the victimizer,
That we may know the dehumanization
Of those taught to abuse power.*
- Patrick Flynn *In our prayer,
Make us a young boy who truly believes that resorting to guns is his only choice
That we may understand
What it feels like to be failed by the system.*
- Allana Hayes *In our prayer,
Make us a victim of abuse,
That we may know the feeling of being trapped
In a place of pain and guilt.*
- Polly Pillen *In our prayer,
Make us a young woman, pregnant with her second child at the age of 15,
That we may know the confusion
Of being defined and confined by our gender.*
- Kristen Schenk *In our prayer,
Make us young children orphaned by AIDS and left ourselves
With the ravaging disease of our deceased mothers of which we cannot be cured,
That we may understand what it is like
To sacrifice our well-being and to lose our childhood
Because of the injustices in healthcare, societal, and gender structures
Dictating the lives of those before us.*
- Emily Weiss *In our prayer,
Make us a 14-year-old student who eats lone tortillas and beans every day,
Who travels five hours by bus to get to and from school every day,
So that we may know what it feels like to sit with those hunger pains,
To truly know the sacrifice made for education,
And to fully appreciate the privilege it brings.*
- Matthew Wooters *In our prayer,
Make us a young man of Belize,
That we can feel the hurt of daily violence and the need to be tough
Instead of pursuing whatever it is that we are passionate about.
In praying this, we will be more apt to love tenderly and speak kindly.

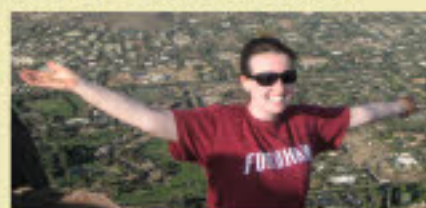
Amen*

The Values of JVC

A Bike Ride



Meg Hannigan, East Los Angeles shares her daily bike ride in this reflection. [Read the full text online.](#)



One of the highlights of my day starts as I bike to work. In the twenty minute, three-mile ride from my JVC house to my placement, I get a chance to really look around, take in and appreciate the community of East Los Angeles.

As part of simple living, riding my bike has been a very unifying and humbling experience for me. And not only do I see how much of a luxury a car is, but as I pass the bus stops, I see that even this bike is a luxury. During my ride I feel transported to Central America. The stores and billboards are all in Spanish and street vendors are selling *hortchatta* and *menudo*. Though there are other bikers on the road, I am the only non-Latina, but the people of the community are so warm and friendly that I am greeted with several "holas," or smiles that transcend any language barrier.

But what I like best about JVC is that I am not just an observer—as a JV, I am now part of this community, this is my home. My work involves my community. We work together to address issues and to celebrate this amazing community. 🌈

Economic Woes

JVC Responds To The Challenges

By L. Michael Bohigian, Seattle '99



The economic plunge that has ravaged the United States and the world for the better part of the past two

years has left seemingly nothing, or nobody, in its wake. And that includes the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

One positive trend for JVC amid these economic conditions, however, is increased interest among graduating college seniors—those who invariably compose the majority of the JV population. For the 2009-10 class of volunteers, JVC received 642 applications, a nearly 31 percent increase from

the previous year. While an obvious explanation for the increased interest is that the bleak job market has simply forced young people to consider alternatives, in essence postponing their job search for a year, many involved with JVC indicate otherwise. Angie Moloney, in her third year as the De-

troit program director, believes that the poor economy is one of several reasons why interest is up, however, it's far from the predominant reason.

"I believe there is an increased awareness among people for social justice causes recently, whether it's exposure to service programs because of media attention or the Obama administration's focus on service," noted Moloney.

Moloney, and her counterpart in Baltimore, David Bowles, list the current "hot" JV placements as those involved with health care, immigration, and the environment—all of which are issues driving much of the political discourse in Washington and in states across the country.

Nicholas Collura, a JV in San Antonio by way of Yale University and Middlebury College, was deciding between furthering his graduate studies and JVC. The economy played a minuscule role. "I can't say that the economy made much of a difference to me. My reasons, ultimately, for choosing JVC over graduate school were personal ones: to grow in love through service to others, and to escape the academic world of ideas and abstractions."

Collura, who works at the social services office of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, providing service to people who need help with food and rent, admits that the economic downturn allowed him to recommend JVC to friends as a means for them to secure good and meaningful work during tough times, although it wasn't his own prime motivation.

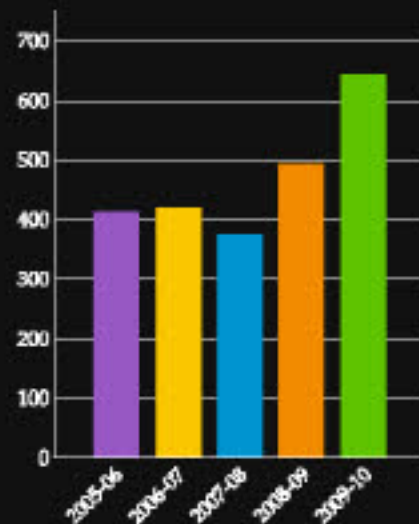
Other current JVs echo Collura's

sentiment, adding that their decision became more acceptable to others because of it. Beth Sculley, a JV in Boston and graduate of Le Moyne College, explained that JVC can feel like a foreign or countercultural concept to many people. "Like most seniors in college, last year I was asked the question countless times, 'What are you going to do next year?' And when I answered JVC, I would sometimes get a response like, 'Oh that's good given the bad economy.'" Sculley admits that these comments could be frustrating, since there were many other more important motives behind her decision.

Also in San Antonio, Meghan Butler explained, "While my parents would have been supportive of me either way, the tough economy and limited job prospects for a double major in psychology and theology made it easier for them to swallow that this was a great experience that would even help a resume later on."

Tom King, the assistant director of campus service at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, has a unique vantage point when it comes to JVC. A two-year volunteer in the late 1980s himself, King has for the past six years served as an advisor to students at this Jesuit university who are contemplating post-graduate service. King was proud to note that 10 LMU graduates this year entered JVC, and he doesn't believe that these students decided to become JVs in order to circumvent the poor economy or wait for a better job market. Of those 10 students, he noted, seven had wanted to become JVs since their sophomore year—at a time when the

JVC APPLICATIONS RECEIVED



Dow Jones was cruising along toward record highs and unemployment rates were remarkably low.

King, however, is quick to draw a distinction between service programs like Teach for America, and volunteer programs like JVC. In difficult economic times, he explains, JVC must compete with Teach for America and the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), which provide sizable remunerations or incentives to those enrolled, unlike JVC which has truly volunteer positions offering a very modest stipend. Although King has noticed more students gravitating toward programs that offer monetary benefits or incentives, he hasn't observed this with JVC. In other words, people join JVC simply because they want to be a Jesuit Volunteer.

Agencies throughout the country and world are thankful for this. One notable economic ramification for nonprofits and service providers where JVs work is they are being crushed at both ends—funding has plummeted, yet the needs for services among their populations has skyrocketed.

Nearly 10 agencies on the East Coast could not afford a JV this year, according to Bowles, who listed among them an organization that ad-

vocates the removal of juveniles from adult prison systems into separate juvenile jails, and an agency that helps low and moderate income residents to secure quality housing and build financial assets.

It costs agencies approximately \$12,000 to fund a JV in the U.S. for one year, and this includes health insurance, room and board, and other support and formation functions.

Other organizations, meanwhile, have come to rely on their JV's skills and talents even more as the needs of their clients rise and the populations they serve swell.

Fr. Marty Elsner, SJ, who supervises Collura at Our Lady of Guadalupe, estimates that the number of families coming to his parish for services has more than tripled over the past two years, from one hundred in 2007 to some 330 in 2009, and that Collura needs to distribute approximately 75 percent more food. Fr. Elsner recognizes the great service that Collura provides in this economic climate, and commented, "The presence of the JV in our parish always addresses an urgent need, but even more so now."

Likewise, Vicki Simon, the director of social ministry at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis, Missouri, relies heavily on her JV, Sean Kiely, the third the agency has had. An urban parish that serves as an outreach center and shelter, as well as an emergency services provider for the homeless, St. Francis has seen the number of people it serves climb from 4,000 in 2008 to 5,000 in 2009. According to Simon, Kiely is instrumental in scheduling and training the 37 regular vol-

unteers who help at the parish, as well as performing a wide range of duties to assist everyone on the reduced and thinly stretched eight-person staff. While the economy has hit the agency's budget hard, she foresees being a JV placement in the years to come.

"The JV is too vital a part of what we do here to not have one," Simon said. "We value the relationship we have with JVC and want to keep the continuity with them."


ORGANIZATIONS RELY HEAVILY ON THEIR JV'S SKILLS AS ECONOMIC NEEDS INCREASE.

Butler, the JV in San Antonio, has seen the economy, and corresponding misinformation, impact her clients—women who need health care, parenting services, or glasses and clothes for their children—in unexpected ways. "I have had clients tell me they have cashed out their bank accounts because they heard that the Obama administration was taking money directly from people's savings to pay for the stimulus," said Butler. "In that way, being on the margins with regard to education and understanding definitely puts my clients at a disadvantage." Butler also noted that some families did not put up Christmas trees in 2009 because they were not adopted by Christmas gift donors.

While the economic crisis has hit domestic agencies hard, it certainly hasn't spared the international com-

munity. Many of the international JV placements are in educational agencies, and the need for quality education in the most marginalized communities of the world is greater than ever, according to Meghan Romey, JVC's international program director. "Internationally, the families of the students of JVs are affected in a similar way as the poor are in the U.S.—high unemployment rates, increased social need," Romey said. "Other economies may be even slower to rebound."

She points out how Nicaragua, a country where JVs serve, has seen significant increases in the price of food across the board, forcing volunteers to grapple with the four JV values in new ways and raising many questions: What global systems are affecting this economic crisis? How are my JV experiences shaped? How does my experience in the U.S. relate to the economic struggles here? How is my commitment to simplicity and solidarity affected? "I have seen a real opportunity for personal and spiritual growth when JVs are open to engaging in these questions on their own and as a community," Romey expressed.

Moloney, meanwhile, is optimistic that the upsurge in interest in JVC will be sustained into the future, long after the economy rebounds: "Hopefully, people are seeing that JVC is such a good thing to do with their lives that we can create a culture of service. And the downturn in the economy somehow results in a positive contribution to this culture." 

L. Michael Bohigian, Seattle '99, is a graduate student in the Carroll School of Management at Boston College.

Each issue of JVC Magazine will highlight updates from FJVs, as space allows. This issue includes a sampling of those sent to individual program offices since the last newsletters and to our website. Visit www.jesuitvolunteers.org/fjvnews to read additional news. We want to hear from you! Send any news to updates@jesuitvolunteers.org.

Work

Jim Swanson (Worcester '86) was recognized as a 2008-09 Secondary Teacher of the Year in the Archdiocese of Omaha for his service at Creighton Prep.

Tina Neil (Bridgeport '01) started the Sonoran Center for Leadership Development in Tucson, Arizona, dedicated to develop the leadership capacities of all people.

Megan Gingrich (Milwaukee '03) works in the emergency room at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York and is working on her master's degree as a family nurse practitioner at Columbia University.

Marc Adams (Brooklyn '05) was promoted to associate producer at the BBC in Washington, D.C.

David Scholl (San Francisco '05) is doing a hospital chaplaincy residency in Louisville, Kentucky. He became a member of the Dominican Laity.

Family

Brian Lee (Belize City '85) serves as general counsel for a healthcare management company and lives with his wife and 3 year old twins, Devin and Flannery, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Andrew Bartolini (San Pedro '90) and his wife, Susan, have two kids— Benjamin (6) and Madeleine (3) in Massachusetts. He would love to help plan a reunion for his volunteer class.

Adam Martin-Schwarze (Des Moines '96) is married to Angie Martin-Schwarze (Des Moines '90). Their daughter Clare was born in December 2005.

Katie Costello Odell (Jersey City '96) is taking a break from teaching to be home with Chloe (4), Kieran (2) and Fiona (10 months), who keep her super busy. There's never a dull moment at their old farmhouse in the Hudson Valley with their yellow lab, Fred.

Colleen (Hughes) and Mike Feller (both Milwaukee '02) live in the Twin Cities with their daughter, Charlotte (1). Colleen works at an education non profit and Mike is a patent attorney.

Laura Prosham Mendoza (Boston '92) and Perry Mendoza are thrilled with the birth of Elizabeth Clare Mendoza, born July 13, 2009. Teresa, (2) is enjoying her new sister.

Continuing JVC Connections

Pat Kilcullen (Palau '95) bicycled solo from Boulder,

Colorado, to Chicago, Illinois (14 days—1,025 miles) this summer to raise money for the sister of Bill McMahon (Palau '93) and cancer research.

Nuptials

Alicia McHale (Mobile '93) married Nelson Schlater in Philadelphia on December 27, 2007 (photo and JV attendee information online). They have served as cooks and helpers in the kitchen for orientation in California.

Allyson (Tidgewell) Farnsworth (Bridgeport '93) married Steven Farnsworth on April 18, 2009 (photo and JV attendee information online).

Patrick (PJ) Mahoney (Milwaukee '04 and Camden '05) wed Anna with the majority of both of his communities present.

Rochelle Lucero Plywaczynski (Milwaukee '04) married Russ on May 2, 2009 with her whole JV Milwaukee community in attendance.

Colleen Bartholomew (Hartford '06) married Kevin Lee on May 30, 2009 in Mobile, Alabama. Colleen is finishing her masters of divinity at University of Notre Dame (photo and JV attendee information online).

News from FJVs



IN MEMORIAM: Former Jesuit Volunteer and Staff Member

Sr. Mary Medved, SNJM, lost her battle with ovarian cancer on July 5, 2009. Jesuit Volunteer Corps lost a friend, colleague and constant source of support and grace. She was 53.

Sister Mary began her relationship with JVC as a Jesuit Volunteer in Washington state after graduating from Georgetown University. From there she served as an area director and eventually executive director the JVC Northwest until 1991. During her official "time away" from JVC, Sister Mary entered the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, making her final vows in 1998. She continued to bring her passion for justice, peace, and dedication to service to a variety of local, diocesan and national positions.

Sister Mary was most instrumental in the decision to merge JVC domestic regions and Jesuit Volunteers International, initially as a member of the National Task Force and later as executive director of JVI.

In 2007, Sister Mary returned to Portland, Oregon, where she worked as president and member of the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services Board of Directors. She facilitated others' direct service, living out her deep belief that all people deserve loving and skillful help.

Sister Mary touched the lives of many Jesuit Volunteers, JVC staff and board members. Her spirit, dedication, and passion live on.

DEVELOPMENT Notes

John Mullman is a founding board member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and a former Jesuit Volunteer. Following a six-figure gift made in 2008 to assist with the JVC consolidation, he stepped forward again in early fall 2009 to fund a major new undertaking which will enable the development of more opportunities with former Jesuit Volunteers. A member of the JVC development staff spoke with John about his philanthropic interest.

"JVC has always been a philanthropic priority for me. Through my work as an investment advisor in New York, I have been blessed with material benefits, but I will be judged on my stewardship with those gifts—how I have contributed to the greater glory of God and the creation of the Kingdom here on earth. Although JVC is a relatively small organization, its size doesn't compare to the significant and profound impact that it has on the volunteers who can be literally transformed by the experience of full-time service, the organizations and schools they work in, and the marginalized people they serve."

John describes people at his alma mater, the College of the Holy Cross, as having a great influence on him and how he was to live his life—Fr. Dave

An Interview with John Mullman *Washington '82, Board Member, and Major Donor*



John, his wife, Susanne, (Providence '82) and their four children.

Hinchen, SJ, founder of JVC East; the legendary Fr. Joseph J. LaBran, SJ, known for his work with the *Spiritual Exercises*; and Tom Ryan, *Philadelphia '77-'78*. John also acknowledges the seminal experiences of short-term Appalachia service trips as "formative and putting me in the right frame of mind to consider something different when I graduated. I was uncommitted on any career options and felt it was a unique time to 'give back' to those less fortunate." He was ultimately placed with the Higher Achievement Program as a JV in Washington, D.C.

Today John's life in suburban northern New Jersey is very different from his JVC experiences, when he lived in community in a row house near Capitol Hill and tutored children "across the river" in Anacostia. He is devoted to his family—his wife Susanne Providence '82 (a Holy Cross classmate), and his four children, Lauren, Jen,

Matt, and Sean. John readily admits he has been "ruined for life." But John has not forgotten his volunteer experience, nor the fact that many poor and marginalized persons, though out of sight, deserve support.

John has made a huge impact on JVC with the time he has given as a board member and the material resources he has shared. Last year, he took his own time to visit the volunteers working in Belize City for a week to remind himself why he is so committed, and his family connects with the JVs in the New York area each year.

We are grateful that John Mullman walks with us in so many different ways at JVC and has been such an outstanding example of love of God and love of neighbor! 🙏

Note: Each issue of JVC Magazine will highlight a friend whose investment in JVC has moved the organization forward in a major and often transforming way.

IN MEMORIAM: JVC Supporters

John Kahl Figge (1938-2009) lived his dedication to faith and family through his service to others. In the 1990s, John served as a member of the Board of Directors of Jesuit Volunteers International. As someone who appreciated his own Jesuit education, he was

a strong ally and generous supporter of the efforts of Jesuit Volunteers. His son, Michael, served as a Jesuit Volunteer in Micronesia in 1995.



Richard A. Burke (1934-2008), founder of Trek Bicycle, gave much with his service on the JVC Midwest board of directors and significant donations to JVC's mission. He was strongly supportive of the national consolidation of the JVC organizations.

Thank you to all of our generous donors to the regional JVC organizations over the past years and the new consolidated organization since July 2009. Our annual listing of all donors to JVC is available online. Visit the JVC magazine web pages or www.jesuitvolunteers.org/donate.

DEVELOPMENT Notes

CELEBRATE JESUIT VOLUNTEERS

Come join us as we celebrate and support the work of the over 300 Jesuit Volunteers who are working in 31 cities and 7 countries. If you are interested in serving on the committee to plan any of these events, please contact Julie Richards at jrichards@jesuitvolunteers.org.

Help make the event a success! Visit www.jesuitvolunteers.org/celebrate for details or to register to attend.



Vice President Joe Biden with a few of the Washington JVs at the Washington, D.C., Celebrate Jesuit Volunteers event in December 2009. As the parent of a FJV, Vice President Biden reflected on JVC's impact on his son, Hunter Biden, who served in Portland, Oregon.



CELEBRATE JESUIT VOLUNTEERS

CALENDAR of EVENTS

LOS ANGELES.....	FEBRUARY 11, 2010
PHILADELPHIA.....	MARCH 23, 2010
HOUSTON.....	APRIL 14, 2010
SAN FRANCISCO...	APRIL 29, 2010
NEW YORK.....	MAY 2010
CHICAGO.....	JUNE 2010



Fundraising Isn't Just About Money

By Polly Pillen,
Jesuit Volunteer,
Belize City, Belize

JVC is nothing without the presence of its donors and the support they provide financially and otherwise. The process of fundraising was such an incredible opportunity for outreach and advocacy of JVC as an organization devoted to serving the poor in developing countries.

Fundraising creates an environment that speaks to a felt sense of community among people and an opportunity for donors to support and accompany volunteers while they serve. It builds incredible bridges between cultures and nations, lives and

realities. So fundraising isn't just fundraising! It's people coming together for a common purpose, onto the side of the poor.

My personal efforts consisted of letter writing to any and all friends and acquaintances. I adopted the attitude that the worst anyone could do was throw my letter away; if nothing else, he or she would read it and know something about JVC. I was incredibly surprised to find an almost 75% return rate, with nearly all checks accompanied by small notes or letters, and requests to be in correspondence throughout my two years of service.

I think it is such an incredible testament of people's desire to engage and invest as much as possible, even from afar—to be a part of something



bigger, and to take advantage of an opportunity to accompany someone and to learn from and with them. Yes, I've learned, solidarity can, indeed, take countless shapes and forms.

NOTE: All international Jesuit Volunteers are encouraged to raise \$3,000 before starting their term of service. Polly Pillen raised a total of \$9,305 for JVC before departing for 2 years in Belize! This money will help cover the travel costs, living expenses and health insurance of Polly and other volunteers serving overseas.



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Receive a monthly reflection from a current JV or an update about JVC—if JVC has your email address. We will alert you to new information available on the JVC website and offer you an easy way to be connected to JVC. We are committed to not overburdening you or your in-box.

Being connected electronically to JVC is the first step to make our communication with you more environmentally friendly.

If we do not yet have your email address, submit it through www.jesuitvolunteers.org/updates or email updates@jesuitvolunteers.org. You can unsubscribe to these updates at any time.

JVC Launches New Database

JVC is now using a new database that houses all of the information previously contained in five separate regional systems. We are working through the challenges of new software and apologize for any misspellings, omissions or multiple mailings. Please email John Stevens at jstevens@jesuitvolunteers.org if there are any errors with your record.

Regular Support

Consider a recurring gift to regularly support the work of JVC. Visit www.jesuitvolunteers.org/donate.



Kristen Schenk, Belize City, works on building a new home with a mother and her daughter.