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OUR ONLY SURE REWARD,  
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JUDGE OF OUR DEEDS,



LET US GO FORTH TO LEAD



THE LAND WE LOVE,  
ASKING HIS BLESSING

## Former Jesuit Volunteers in Public Service

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AND HIS HELP, BUT KNOWING

THAT HERE ON EARTH

GOD'S WORK MUST

TRULY BE OUR OWN.



PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

# President's Letter



## Chris Lowney on The Examen and Leadership

Excerpted from *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-year-old Company that Changed the World* (Loyola Press 2003)

**M**y friend Susan Collins (*Brownsville '90*), legislative director for Congressman Luis Gutierrez of Illinois, brings her Jesuit Volunteer experience to Capitol Hill every day. For the past nine years, she's worked with him on homeland security, intelligence, immigration, and judiciary issues. She remembers the people from her volunteer year while working with the congressman.

Volunteering through JVC is neither a way to give back for all one has received, nor a way to "pay it forward," though both are worthy motivations. Full-time service isn't a detour on the road to a career, rather it's a guide that may help set a career trajectory. For many, JVC is the place where leadership is honed for Wall Street or Main Street, the courtroom or the operating room.

Jesuit Volunteers come to better know themselves as their gifts and skills come into sharper focus. In his book *Heroic Leadership*, author Chris Lowney names the primary characteristic of leadership as self-awareness, defined as "understanding one's strengths, weaknesses, values, and world view."

Once immersed in their placements, JVs find that most of their formal education is of little practical help. Their titles may be teacher, case worker, or counselor but they really are accompaniers, advocates, and problem solvers. Their greatest assets—self-awareness, an open heart, and a good conscience—though intangible, will affect all of their personal and professional relationships through life.

Self-reflection and introspection, as well as communal reflection on experience, are central to Ignatian spirituality and JVC. Therefore, it is no surprise to me that so many Former JVs, like my friend Susan, commit their lives to benefit the greater community.

This issue of *JVC Magazine* highlights FJVs who carry their experiences into a life of public service: a state Supreme Court justice, a state health insurance commissioner, and a State Department director working to combat AIDS. Their jobs are unique because they advocate for all sides and mediate between competing interests. In that lies the possibility to effect lasting change.

We could fill a tome with the names of the FJVs in the public sector working in law, education, health, and housing, just to name a few. From the national to the local level, they bring a common experience of working alongside and identifying with those easily forgotten on the margins. This gives them a deeper, more nuanced understanding of how their decisions affect the people they serve. The quality of their public service is one of the lasting contributions of JVC to our country and the wider world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin O'Brien".

Kevin O'Brien  
President

Jesuits—like anyone else—risk slipping away from their goals and values when faced with the pressures, distraction, and competing demands of everyday life.

Loyola anticipated this and made sure that the [Spiritual] Exercises could also be used as a daily follow-up tool to maintain focus on newly embraced values. The Exercises were specifically designed for those immersed in a busy lifestyle in an ever-changing world...

Few people are willing to set aside even one day a year for self-reflection, but anyone can carve out five minutes three times each day.

**Self-awareness**, the first of the four Jesuit leadership pillars, is the foundation of the others. **Ingenuity**—confident, optimistic innovation—hinges on indifference, the freedom to read and respond to a changing world. **Love**, engaging others positively and supportively, flows from the world-view established through the Contemplation to Attain Love. And **heroism** evolves out of the spirit of magis, a reflexive response that keeps one motivated through ambitious personal goals.

The self-awareness accomplished during the Exercises is a prelude to action.

**Errata** In last quarter's issue, we introduced this year's JVs. Of our 340 volunteers, we missed one



photo. Our apologies to **Charles Mansour** (*Micronesia '09*).

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**COVER** *The close of President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address on January 20, 1961.*

*In November, JVC was well represented at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., organized by the Ignatian Solidarity Network.*



### 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

## South Dakota *A Sacred Lakota Practice*

As a response to a request by the Jesuits at St. Francis Mission in South Dakota, JVC sent four volunteers to work at the Rosebud Reservation among the Lakota. They are the first JVs to work in South Dakota through JVC.



(L TO R) Mike O'Sullivan, Neil Conlisk, Maggie Mello, and Monica Benitez.

BELOW: Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

### A Cleansing Sweat

By Maggie Mello, *St. Francis Mission, South Dakota*



I was genuinely humbled and honored when invited to join a sweat, one of the sacred practices of the Lakota people here on the Rosebud Reservation. To pray in such a distinctly different way was incredibly exciting. The opportunity to develop stronger relationships with my Native American neighbors—make a friend outside of my fellow JVs—also beckoned.

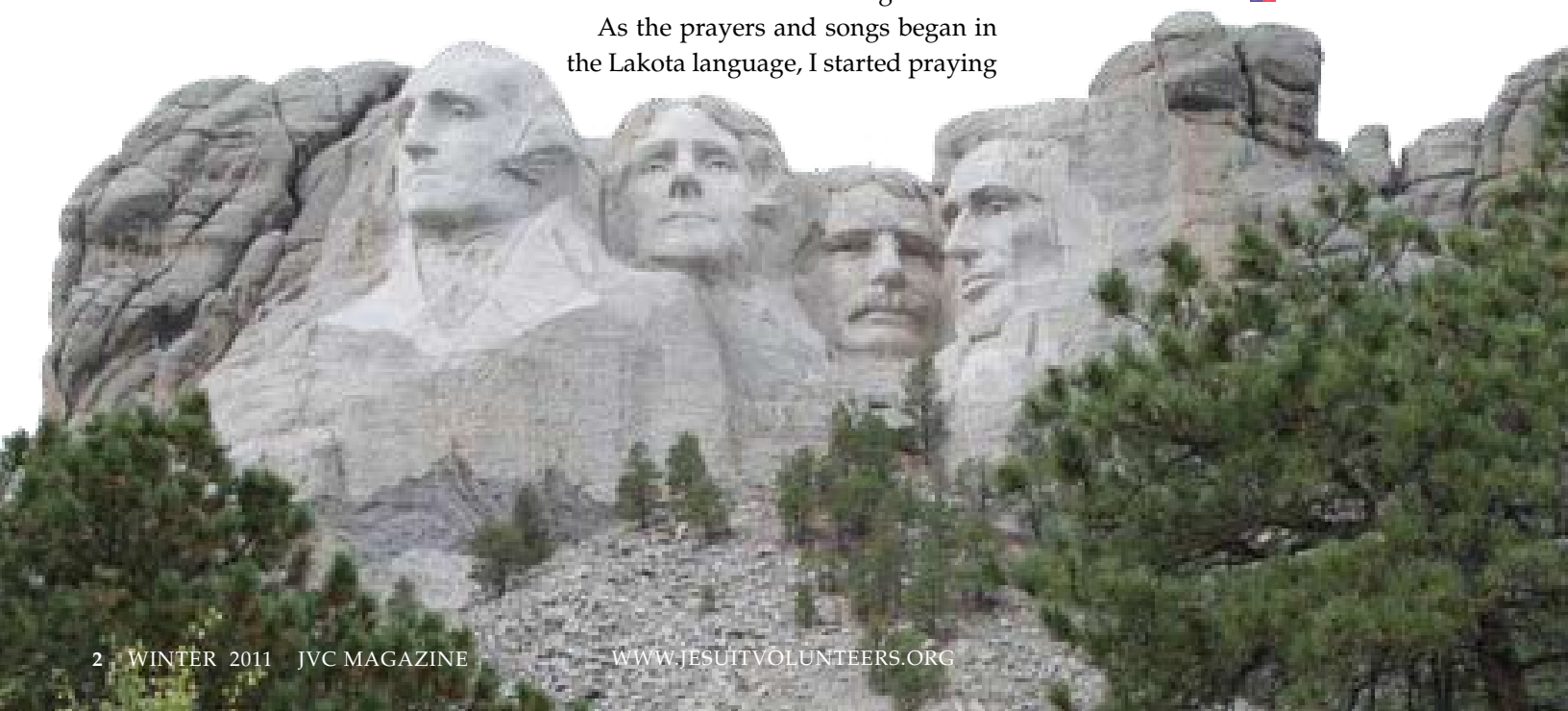
That Sunday evening, I watched with awe as the leaders assembled in the sweat lodge. They filled the sacred pipe with tobacco and placed four rocks, glowing red from the fire, into a pit in the dirt floor. Exhilaration overwhelmed my apprehension about the heat and the cramped surroundings. My giddiness and nervousness continued as additional rocks raised the temperature and the flap over the entrance closed, pitching us into total darkness. The sweat had begun.

As the prayers and songs began in the Lakota language, I started praying

the rosary—the most sincere way I've ever meditated. In the midst of the ashy steam that hissed from the stones each time the leader poured water over them, I listened to the prayers for those in pain and suffering throughout the world. While I prayed, I was shaking with the fervor of the moment of grace and prayer. The thick moist heat caused sweat to cover my entire body, continuously dripping.

After the sweat ended, I dried myself and changed, feeling clean and fresh, despite that I had just been very sweaty. The rite purifies the body, forcing adulterations out through the sweat, the pores, and the skin. I felt more than physically clean—I felt positive and energized, but also calm, peaceful, and directed.

Living here has had its unique challenges. I miss craft beer, fresh produce, and crowds of people, to name some trivialities. My sweat experience has made the past months worth every moment, and I anticipate greater encounters to come. 🙏



# Tanzania *Shime*

# From the Field

## Shime: A Kiswahili Noun

By Gretchen Geerts, *Gonzaga Primary School, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania*



I've recently joined our parish's youth group, *Vivawa*. Every Saturday and Sunday, you can now find me smiling, dancing, laughing, and singing with this group of wonderful young people. We are working on a song and dance routine using the word *shime*. Having fallen in love with saying this word and having no idea what it means, I came home one day and consulted our Kiswahili-English dictionary and I found:

*Shime (SHEE-meh): A Kiswahili noun. Used as a call or appeal urging on to further efforts.*

My love for this word has only grown after finding out its meaning, for I believe that this word just may be the perfect one to describe my experiences as a volunteer thus far. There have been times of struggle in the workplace and in community. There have been times when I've failed to understand a single word in a Kiswahili conversation. There have been times of great homesickness, and consequently, there have been times when I've wanted to throw in the towel.

Then, just when I need it the most, a Tanzanian enters the picture and calls

me to further effort, calls me to look at the larger picture and to see that I am making progress and am part of the community here.

A note appears on my desk from a student telling me how much she loves me. A sweet is secretly put in my hand. Someone teaches me a new word, or tells me I now know Kiswahili. A friend tells me that his day has been bad because he hasn't seen me.

I am renewed. The struggles are still there, but they're not as hopeless anymore because I have my very own cheerleaders—my friends and my neighbors—who are telling me in their own way, "*Shime, shime.*" 🇰🇪 🇹🇿

## Dodoma, Tanzania A New Community

This November, JVC sent two Jesuit Volunteers to a new school in Dodoma, Tanzania. Fr. Marty Connell, SJ, guided JVC staff and other visitors through the construction site of the new St. Peter Claver High School. 🇰🇪 🇹🇿



*From their unique vantage points across the country, three Former Jesuit Volunteers bring the spirit of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps with them each day to work.*

# Leading the Land We Love

FJVs in  
public  
service

By Kara Spak, Santa Clara '96



**Monica Marquez**

*Colorado Supreme Court Justice*



STEPHANIE ALVAREZ EWENS

**Chris Koller**

*Rhode Island Health Insurance  
Commissioner*



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**British Robinson**

*Director of Private Sector  
Engagement, U.S. Department  
of State*

*Every day they walk through the corridors of power as government leaders. But their first immersion service experience was on some of America's humblest street corners, in neighborhoods too often neglected, in under-resourced classrooms or food pantries. Their Jesuit Volunteer Corps jobs were dramatically different, and so are their public sector jobs, but their desire to serve is the same.*

**A** lot of us are drawn into the Jesuit Volunteer Corps to help make the world a better place, to understand about injustice, to experience what it means to commit yourself to it," Chris Koller said. "In some ways if you work in public service you are still en-

gaged in those questions, not necessarily doing it as an advocate where you can root for one side all the time. But sometimes serving the public good is adjudicating between competing interests and balancing these."



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## Monica Marquez

Camden '91, Philadelphia '92

Sworn in as a Colorado Supreme Court Justice in December 2010

As a freshman at Stanford University, Monica Marquez heard about the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at a campus Mass.

As a senior, she thought about the Peace Corps, but wanted to learn more about domestic social issues. She planned to go to Alaska through JVC Northwest, but having grown up in the Colorado mountains, wanted to try something different. She interviewed for a teaching job at a New York City boys' school, only to be told they were looking for a man.

With graduation a day away, she asked JVC what jobs were left. They had one in Camden, New Jersey, a city of about 80,000 across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, which an online reference site described as "best known for its struggles with urban

dysfunction."

"It was one of those experiences that after the fact I knew that this is where God wanted me to be," she said.

Marquez eventually journeyed from Camden back to Colorado, with stops in Philadelphia for a second JV year teaching and then Yale Law School. She clerked for several judges, and then worked as a commercial litigator for two and a half years in Denver.

**YOU ARE "RUINED FOR LIFE" IN THE SENSE THAT IT HAS HELPED ME TO BE A BETTER LAWYER...TO RELATE.**

MONICA MARQUEZ

A Yale classmate she ran into in Denver told her about an opening at the attorney general's office. She got the job in 2002, started out in the criminal appellate division, and, eventually ended up as the lead counsel on

a massive congressional redistricting case, one she called a "career changer."

She was promoted to deputy attorney general, where she managed 50 employees working on education, public utilities, Medicaid, public assistance, and organized labor issues.

It's not just her sterling education or work experience she brings to the job.

"You are 'ruined for life' in the sense that it has helped me to be a better lawyer," she said. "Having spent time on the streets of Camden and Philadelphia helps me relate to everyday reality of people whose lives are going to be affected by what I oversee."

In September 2010, after a grueling application process, Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., announced that Marquez was appointed to replace the state's retiring chief justice.

Ritter hailed Marquez's "wealth of personal and professional experiences, and a deep reverence for the role our legal system plays in the everyday lives of Coloradoans, and in the inter-relationship between our courts and public police."

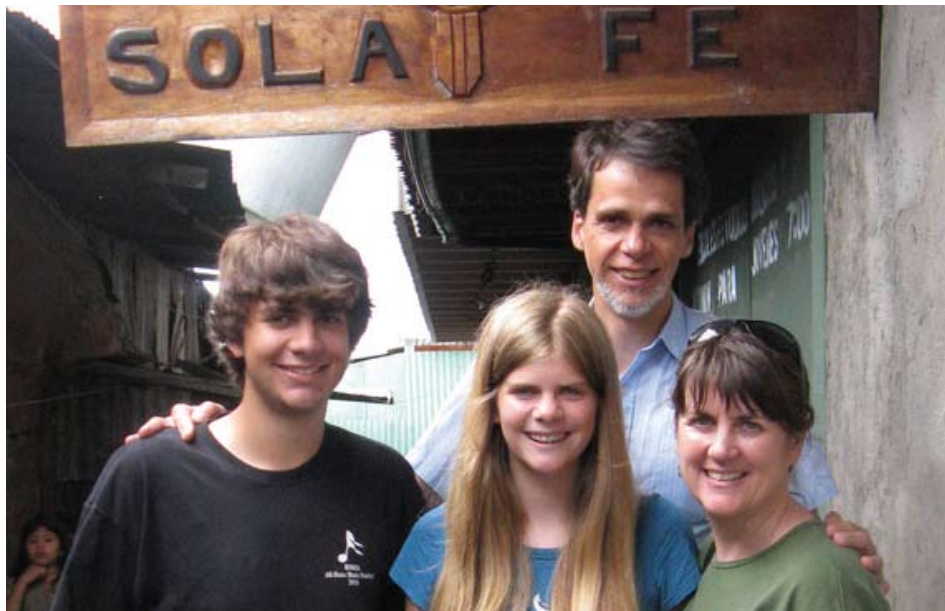
Marquez made history as the court's first gay and first Latina member. Several of her JV community members from Camden joined her at her swearing-in ceremony in December. She hopes that after settling in to the new job, she will be able to head back into the classroom and work on an urban student debate league.

"Courts exist to serve and to resolve disputes in the community," she said. "If I can be the face of the court as a 41 year old gay Latina and go to schools in the community—to a little Latino kid, how fabulous is that?"

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*Chris Koller, his children Ben and Rachel, and wife, Colette Cook (Washington '84), went on a mission trip through Sola Fe Lutheran Church in Costa Rica.*

*RIGHT: British Robinson at the Business Civic Leadership Center Global Corporate Citizenship Conference.*



## Chris Koller

*Washington, D.C. '83*

### Rhode Island Health Insurance Commissioner

Chris Koller's JVC placement at Bread for the City, an emergency food, clothing, and advocacy organization, was eight blocks from the White House, in the shadow of the most influential residence in the country.

While no longer working near 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, he has found a government job that is influential on one of America's most divisive and pressing issues.

He called health care a natural fit for him.

"I couldn't find anything as interesting and important," he said.

After JVC, he worked in health policy before graduate school, and then worked in management for a Buffalo, New York, health maintenance organization. From 1996 to 2005, he was the CEO of the Neighborhood Health

Plan in Rhode Island, which works with Medicaid recipients.

"In my prior job, I used my management and leadership skills as an advocate," he said. "When in public service, especially at a senior level, you are an advocate but also a judge adjudicating against competing needs."

As commissioner, Koller pushed for requirements on health insurers to spend a greater portion of their premium on primary care.

"Not to simplify it in any way, but I think the value of the JVC experience changes as you grow," he said. "The world is a complex place. What parts do you accept and what parts do you put your foot down and say no?"

Koller said his job with health care challenges everyone to ask tough questions. That's why he likes the field.

There are questions of personal responsibility – how much are people responsible for their own choices about food and exercise? There are questions of dying with dignity, questions of

## IN STATE SERVICE, YOU FIND IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT, VERY CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT, LIKE JVC.

CHRIS KOLLER

mercy and compassion. What does the preferential option for the poor mean in health care?

His answers might not always be popular with the diverse groups in his state, but he has some experience working in a situation that not everyone completely understands.

"When you get into state service you find it's a very difficult, very challenging environment, like JVC," he said. "It's that swimming against the tide feeling you get when you're a volunteer. You need to find like-minded voices alive in a way that allows you to take advantage of the opportunity, pray over it, and reflect over it."

## British Robinson

*Mobile '92*

**Director of Private Sector Engagement, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Department of State. Currently on loan as the Director for Private Sector Engagement for the Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State**

British Robinson was 25 years old when she left a successful banking career to volunteer in Mobile, Alabama.

Her bank supervisors figured she was burned out. She knew that while she enjoyed the challenges of her job,



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## FJVs IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Former Jesuit Volunteers work in a wide variety of public sector positions across the country. Here are just a few of them:

**Michael Amabile**  
Baltimore '99

City of New York  
Department of Transportation

**Mary Bohan**

Washington '83  
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

**Elise (Olson) Bernice**  
Mobile '05

Finance and CityStat  
Department, City of Springfield, Massachusetts

**Robert P. Casey, Jr.**

Philadelphia '82  
U.S. Senate

**John Concannon**

Los Angeles '03  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Brian Considine**

McAllen, TX '00,  
Yakima '01  
Washington State Attorney General's Office

**Jenny Deines**

Raleigh '99  
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

**K.C. Donovan**

Los Angeles '03  
Office of the Public Defender, Contra Costa County, California

**Sarah Henry**

Anchorage '04  
Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy

**Brendan Hurson**

San Francisco '00  
Maryland Office of the Public Defender

**Anne Johnson**

San Mateo '85  
San Francisco VA Medical Center

**Tricia Kakalec**

Seattle '88  
New York Attorney General's Office, Labor Bureau

**Michelle Kaucic**  
Brooklyn '02

City of New York  
Department of Transportation

**Will Lavy**

Los Angeles '05  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Kate Leahy**

Boston '02  
U.S. Department of State, Foreign Services to Brazil

**Meghan (Morse)**

**Muller**  
Sacramento '05  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

**Andrée Patrón**

San Jose '94  
Placement Support Services Bureau, County of Santa Clara

**John Petrilla**

Pontiac '04  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

**Sherman Powell**

Washington, D.C. '05  
Division of Alaska State Troopers

**Katherine Kaminski**

**Pyron**  
Mobile '06  
City of St. Louis, Department of Human Services

**Mike Rudmann**

Houston '96  
Department of the Navy

**Chris Serb**

Atlanta '92  
Chicago Fire Department

**Stefanie Whorton**

Philadelphia '06  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Catherine (Cavanaugh) Wolfgang**

Philadelphia '95  
Mayor's Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteer Service, City of Philadelphia

there was something more out there for her.

"I loved working in the private sector," she said. "I really felt like I was called to do something else for life."

She worked as a social worker at Catholic Charities during her volunteer year.

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BRITISH ROBINSON

"I was laser-focused when I got to JVC," she said. "I knew it was part of the path, part of the journey."

Though Catholic Charities asked her to stay, she realized she wanted to affect change on a structural level.

Her volunteer year led to graduate school and a 10-year career with the Society of Jesus as the national director of social and international ministries for the Jesuit Conference and Jesuit Refugee Service/USA. In 2006, her life journey took a different turn when she was offered the State Department job, a melding of her skills in the private and public sector.


Robinson now is a key leader in what she described as a Marshall Plan for HIV and AIDS in the U.S. Department of State, bringing together private sector businesses and their resources to focus on the global epidemic.

Launched in 2003 by President George W. Bush, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is the largest effort by one nation to combat a single disease.

Robinson said that engaging the business community is a critical piece of service to the world's most vulnerable people.

"The private sector is made up of people," she said. "We can bridge these two worlds together."

She has been brought to the Office of Global Women's Issues in the U.S. Department of State to forge similar public-private partnerships.

"JVC solidified for me that I am the beloved," she said. "Once you are the beloved, you do what you have to do." 

*Kara Spak was a rape crisis counselor at the YWCA of Santa Clara County during her JV year. She now works as a metro reporter at the Chicago Sun-Times.*

Read reflections from FJVs on how their JV experiences have influenced their career paths at [www.jesuitvolunteers.org/themagazine](http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/themagazine).

# DEVELOPMENT Notes

## An Interview with Paul Freeman *Graduate Student, Former Volunteer, and Donor*

Graduate student Paul Freeman (Hartford '07) of Milwaukee has only recently finished his year of service, but he is one of JVC's most generous donors. His monthly contributions, though seemingly small, add up to a weighty sum by the year's end and demonstrate the cumulative power of micro donations.

**JVC: What first brought you to JVC?**

PAUL: I heard about JVC as an undergrad at Gonzaga, which made me think about committing to something different after graduation. My advisor encouraged me, saying that my experiences in JVC would be worth more than just entering the workforce, so I went for it. The values and the support drew me to JVC.

**JVC: What motivated you to first donate to JVC?**

PAUL: As a JV, we received a tremendous amount of assistance from our support people, coworkers, FJVs, and others. They were so generous and provided us with things that our stipends didn't allow. When I finished JVC, I wanted to give back. I got my first paycheck and it was much more than I made in JVC. It was easy.

**JVC: Often people make donations in even amounts like \$25 or \$150. You**

**once donated \$81.77 and regularly contribute irregular amounts. How do you decide on your totals?**

PAUL: With each paycheck, I immediately set aside a percentage for charity, usually 10 percent. Then I send it to an organization after reflecting on where I feel drawn to give.

**JVC: Why is it important that you regularly give?**

PAUL: It's easy to donate, but committing to an organization means regularly donating, even if it's in smaller amounts. By making donating a habit, I feel more committed to the cause.

**JVC: What's the value of donating to JVC?**

PAUL: My donations have an impact on future and current JVs, helping give them the opportunity to have an experience like mine. It's a real privilege to volunteer, go on retreats, and have all the support we got as JVs.

**JVC: In what other ways do you stay connected to JVC?**

PAUL: I just moved to Milwaukee for graduate school and didn't know




anyone, so I connected with FJVs and the current JVs. I try to keep in touch with FJVs I know around the country, especially online. It's great that I now know people in different areas.

**JVC: Do you have any thoughts for other young professionals on the importance of philanthropy?**

PAUL: The amount doesn't matter as much as the act of giving itself. Think of what you can give up and make it a habit. Giving allows other people to become JVs. As a professional, I get paid more than enough, so it's easy to live more simply in order to support a cause I believe in.

**JVC: Your final thoughts?**

PAUL: If it weren't for JVC, I wouldn't be working on a PhD in nursing. Thanks to my experience as a JV at the "Mac" (Immaculate Conception Shelter and Housing Corporation) in Hartford, I want to study health and homelessness in a way that integrates JVC's values into this calling. 

This fall, featured FJV speakers and special guests attended Celebrate Jesuit Volunteers events across the country. In October, Elise Henricks (Brooklyn '90), a family physician at Upham's Corner Health Center in Dorchester, Massachusetts, joined us in Boston. In November, AnnMaura Connolly (San Jose '86), Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President of City Year, spoke in Washington, D.C. In December, Fred Ali (St. Mary's, Alaska '72, '73), President of the Weingart Foundation, was the featured speaker in Los Angeles.

If you haven't attended a special event yet, we hope to see you in 2011. Visit [www.jesuitvolunteercorps.org/celebrate](http://www.jesuitvolunteercorps.org/celebrate) for a list of events around the U.S.



FJVs at the Los Angeles event in December 2010.

Each issue of JVC Magazine highlights news and announcements from FJVs. To submit content to this section, write to [updates@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:updates@jesuitvolunteers.org). For additional news, visit [www.jesuitvolunteers.org/fjvnews](http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/fjvnews).

# News from FJVs

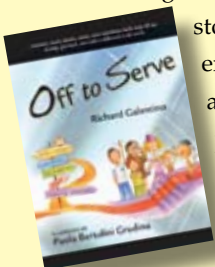
## Work & Life

**Lesly D'Ambola, D.O.** (*San Jose '82*) received the Rev. Joseph S. Hogan S.J. Award from the Saint Joseph's University Alumni Association for exemplifying Christian principles and outstanding loyal service to the university. She is medical director at St. Luke's Catholic Medical Services in Camden, New Jersey, and a placement administrator for the volunteer currently serving there.



**Lesly D'Ambola, D.O.** with her father, **Dr. Samuel D'Ambola**, at the award ceremony.

**Richard Galentino** (*Tanzania '96*) published *Off to Serve*, a light-hearted



storybook to encourage and inspire people who are thinking about full-time

volunteer service. Keep an eye out for the character wearing a "Ruined for Life" shirt.

## Nuptials

**Liz Wilson** (*Brooklyn '03*) married **Chris Morello** on May 28, 2010.



Attending the ceremony were (left to right) **Anne Hake** (*Newark '03*), **Sarah Davison** (*Camden '02, Bronx '03*), **Linda Imonode** (*Brooklyn '03*), **Jenna Schrader** (*Brooklyn '03*), and **Sheila Gainer** (*Brooklyn '03*).

## Family

**Beth (Lager) Hammerstrand** (*Milwaukee '99*) and husband, **Paul**, are proud parents of identical twin boys, **Owen Lager** and **Cal Randall**, born on February 12, 2010.



**Christine (Bielski) Batora** (*Nepal '98*) and her husband welcomed their first son, **Joseph Leonard**, into their lives. They reside in DeWitt, Michigan. She is teaching third and fourth grade at a Montessori school and they have a business, **B-Squared Instruments**.



**Stephen** (*Camden '92*) and **Ann (Gillette) Dypiangco** (*Raleigh '92*) were blessed with baby **Miriam** on October 1, 2010.

## IN MEMORIAM

We remember **Josh Lynn** (*Nicaragua '00*), who recently passed on December 1, 2010. Originally from Carson City, Nevada, Josh majored in forestry and had a love of outdoor sports. As a JV, he worked with Fabretto Children's Foundation and also served with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. We offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

## Living the JVC Values on the Cleveland City Council

Every day for **Joe Cimperman** (*Portland, Maine '93, Baltimore '94*) means city council meetings, committee meetings, meetings with other officials, and meetings with neighborhood groups. He's busy working to enact policies for the people of Cleveland. In his 13th year as a city council member for the 3rd Ward, Joe is still haunted, entertained, and amazed by his time as a Jesuit Volunteer.

"I was given an incredible gift and I can honestly say I would not be the same person without it," he said.

Joe never saw himself running for office. As he accompanied those dying from AIDS at the Don Miller Home in Baltimore, that changed. He saw people suffer after mainstream society had tossed them aside.

"I could not lose that many friends to something that seemed avoidable. I needed to do something with my diplomatic energy, my rage."

He found his voice when he ran for city council for the first time. He read a library book, *How to Win a Local Election*, and made its title a reality.

Joe is the chair of the health and human services committee and sits on three other committees, including community and economic development. He regularly draws on his JV experiences.

"Politics is a hurricane with winds—on good and bad days—exceeding 100 mph," he said. "JVC is the invisible, unbreakable rope that I hold on to to keep me grounded."



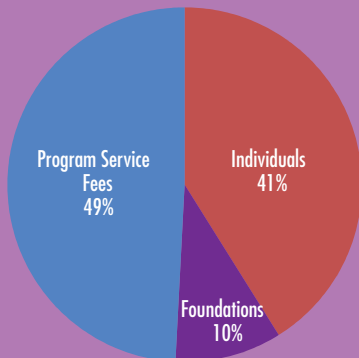
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## JVC At A Glance

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

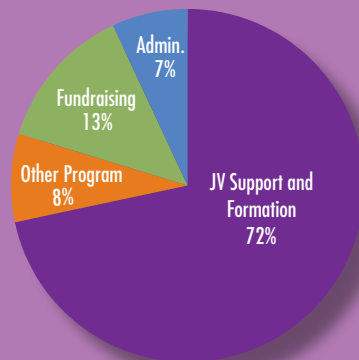
### REVENUE

**Program Service Fees** include contributions by placement organizations toward JV-related expenses and fees for administering the AmeriCorps program.



### EXPENSES

**JV Support & Formation** includes JV health insurance, formation retreats, some living costs, and support by program staff. **Other Program** includes recruiting, screening, placing JVs, and communications and miscellaneous expenses.

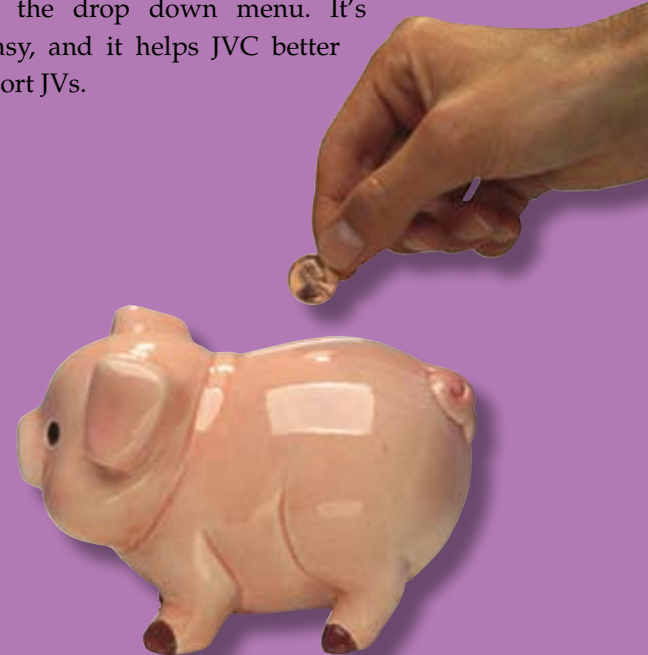


## THE ACT OF GIVING

*“The amount doesn’t matter as much as the act of giving itself.”*

PAUL FREEMAN, HARTFORD '07

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