

# Ignite!



## Greetings, Jennifer!

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Happy May! In JVC you are a part of something much bigger than yourself. As a member of the JVC family, you become a part of many different communities: your JV community, your city and neighborhood, your workplace, and the JVC community worldwide.

In this issue of Ignite!, we highlight two of those JVC communities - workplace partners in Los Angeles and Tanzania. We also include info to help you submit your paperwork, prepare for JVC Orientation, claim your health insurance and share reflection and prayer resources.

## Important Information and Reminders

### Upcoming deadline for forms due to JVC: **May 20, 2016**

The following forms, sent in your welcome packet and linked below, are due to JVC by May 20 or ASAP (if your deadline was May 2).

- Medical Clearance (to be completed by a physician or physician assistant; you will need to schedule a doctor's appointment)
- Health and Wellness History (to be completed by you)
- Consent for Use of Name, Voice and Likeness (to be signed by you)



## Stay Connected to JVC!

Join the [Incoming JV Facebook Group](#) to receive SMTS updates, fundraising tips, and other important information.

Check the [Incoming JV Resource Page](#) for important documents and past issues of Ignite!

## Incoming JV Welcome on StoryCorps

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Forms can be:

- Mailed to JVC office at 801 Saint Paul St.; Baltimore, MD 21202
- Faxed to 410-244-1766
- E-mailed to [recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org)

Also, please email a clear .jpg headshot of yourself to use for Orientation materials (send to [recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org)).

**Very important:** Please whitelist emails from [@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:@jesuitvolunteers.org) so that important emails do not end up in your spam folder.

## Important Orientation Travel Information

JVs are responsible for travel to Orientation. JVC will handle all transportation from the airport to the Orientation site to your placement city.

The documents below contain important information to arrange transportation to Orientation. Please read over the document below corresponding to your Orientation and book your transportation **no later than Wednesday, May 25**.

On May 25, JVC will email you a survey that will ask for your transportation plans (flight numbers, etc.). JVC needs this information to arrange transportation from the airport to the Orientation site.

[Emmitsberg, MD Orientation Travel Information](#)  
[Morgantown, IN Orientation Travel Information](#)  
[Aptos, CA Orientation Travel Information](#)

\*If booking travel to orientation presents a financial burden, please contact JVC at 410-244-1733 to discuss.

For all incoming JV information, including copies of previous issues of Ignite, visit the [Incoming JV Website](#).

## Send Me to Serve Tips



The following JVs have surpassed the initial fundraising goal!

Alex Thomas	\$800
Jillian May	\$717
Bridget Hager	\$715



Click the logo to hear a welcome to you from Stephanie and Sean - a current and former JV.

## Agency Spotlights



### Gonzaga Primary School Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Gonzaga is a ministry of the East African Jesuits and is staffed by Tanzanian teachers and nuns from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who are members of the Company of Mary Our Lady. Two JVs serve as an English and homeroom teacher while also facilitating other classes and after-school activities. One-third of the students come from a local orphanage and others come from the local neighborhood where the JVs live.



The Chrysalis Center  
Los Angeles, California

Here are some fundraising tips:

- If you're seeing family and friends around graduation, you are DEFINITELY going to get questions about what you're doing next. Point them towards your SMTS page to learn more and support you!
- Challenge yourself to write letters to 10 people in your life, telling them about JVC and inviting them to be a part of your experience.
- What would you do for \$600? Would you dye your hair an outrageous color? Shave your head? Chug a gallon of milk? (just kidding, you should NOT chug a gallon of milk!) Think of something outrageous but non-life threatening that you'll only do if you hit your goal.

### **Preparation for the Journey - Kinship**

**“Kinship— not serving the other, but being one with the other. Jesus was not 'a man for others,' he was one with them. There is a world of difference in that.”**

**- Greg Boyle, SJ**

Building relationships based on love and mutual respect with individuals who are poor and marginalized is a formative part of the JVC experience. JVs widen their circles and build community through affirming others' stories and allowing themselves to be shaped by them.

Spend some time reflecting:

- How can you widen your current circle and build kinship with others?
- How do you hope to do this in JVC?

"Soon we imagine, with God, this circle of compassion. Then we imagine no one standing outside of that circle, moving ourselves closer to the margins so that the margins themselves will be erased. We stand there with those whose dignity has been denied. We locate ourselves with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless. At the edges, we join the easily despised and the readily left out. We stand with the demonized so that the demonizing will stop. We situate ourselves right next to the disposable so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away."

— Gregory Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*

Founded in 1984 by then Jesuit Volunteer John Dillon, Chrysalis creates a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless and low-income individuals by providing resources and support for finding and retaining employment. The JVs placed there work as Employment Specialists and provide one-on-one case management, helping clients build employment plans, set achievable goals, reduce structural and motivational barriers, and develop the skills needed to secure and maintain employment.

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