

Ignite

Welcoming, informing & inspiring new Jesuit Volunteers



Greetings Shelby !

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Happy May! We often say in JVC that you are a part of something much bigger than yourself. By becoming a member of the JVC family, you are becoming 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 are excited to share information to help you submit your paperwork, prepare for JVC Orientation, and claim your health insurance. We also highlight two of our partners in Los Angeles and Tanzania and include some resources that can offer suggestions on how you can begin to consider, reflect and pray over the JVC values of community, social justice, spirituality and simple living.

Stay connected to JVC!

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

Important Information and Reminders

Upcoming deadline for forms due to JVC: **June 1, 2015**

The following forms, sent in your welcome packet and linked below, are due to JVC by June 1.

- [Medical Clearance](#) (to be completed by a physician or physician assistant, so 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)

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

Ignatian Inquiries: Inquiring Minds Want to Know - We want to hear what's on your mind! Send questions or thoughts to social@jesuitvolunteers.org, or post on the Incoming JV Facebook Group, and we will provide an answer in the next issue of Ignite!

Forms can be:

- Mailed to JVC office at 801 Saint Paul St.; Baltimore, Maryland 21202
- Faxed to 410-244-1766
- E-mailed to recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org

Also, please e-mail a clear .jpg photo of yourself (head shot preferred) to use for Orientation materials (send to recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org).

Important Orientation Travel Information:

Remember, 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 you will need to arrange transportation to Orientation. Please read over the document below corresponding to the Orientation you will be attending and book your transportation **no later than Monday, May 25th.**

On Monday, May 25th, JVC will send you an email with the link to a survey. The survey will ask for your transportation plans (flight numbers, times, etc.). It is important that JVC has this information so that we can begin to arrange transportation from the airport to the Orientation site. Thank you for booking your travel in a timely manner.

Read here for more details:

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

For all Incoming JV information, including copies of previous issues of Ignite, please check out the [Incoming JV Website!](#)

Send Me to Serve

Congratulations to the following incoming JVs who have met and surpassed their SMTS goal!

Marc Alibrandi	Tucson	\$2,000.00
Olivia Landry	Tucson	\$1,500.00
Michael Lank	New Orleans	\$1,150.00
Rachael Hartzell	Phoenix	\$1,100.00
Deirdre Rocklein	Portland, ME	\$1,040.00

Agency Spotlight

Gonzaga Primary School
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



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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 of Our Lady. Erin Navaro 13-15 and Allison Nicotera 14-16 serve as English and homeroom instructors and teach sports, values, and computer classes while facilitating after-school activities. One-third of the students come from a local orphanage and others come from the local neighborhood where the JVs live.

Agency Spotlight

Chrysalis
Los Angeles, California



Founded in 1984 by then Jesuit Volunteer, John Dillon, the Chrysalis Center in Los Angeles is dedicated to creating a pathway to self sufficiency for homeless and low-income individuals by providing resources and support for finding and retaining employment. Matt Straface, Sean O'Neill, and Matt Laborde are the three

Preparation for the Journey

"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 others who are poor and marginalized is a formative part of the JVC experience. Throughout this year, Jesuit Volunteers have been able to widen their circles and build connection and community with others through listening to them and hearing their stories, while affirming that they are all members of the same human family. In his book *Tattoos on the Heart*, Fr. Greg Boyle encourages us to embrace one another as members of the same human family, strive to accept one another for who we are, and to find a connection to and with one another, regardless of differences.

Read the quote from Greg Boyle's *Tattoos on the Heart* below and spend some time reflecting on the below questions:

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

"No daylight to separate us. Only kinship. Inching ourselves closer to creating a community of kinship such that God might recognize it. 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*

current JVs at Chrysalis, working as Employment Specialists. In this role, the JVs provide extensive 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.

Learn more about Chrysalis here: www.changelives.org

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If this is no longer current, please help us by updating your information at jesuitvolunteers.org/update.

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