

# Ignite

Welcoming, informing & inspiring new Jesuit Volunteers



## Greetings Shelby !

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In just a few weeks, you will be arriving at JVC Orientation and embarking on the journey of a lifetime. See below for some final reminders and resources to prepare for life in intentional community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the JVC office if you have additional questions!



## Important Information: July Mailer

You should receive your July mailer in the mail in the next week. If you do not receive this packet of materials by Friday, July 17, please contact Shelby Christopher at [recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org). This packet contains important resources and information that you will need prior to your arrival at Orientation.

## Stay connected to JVC!

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

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

## Preparation for the Journey



"To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others."

--Tony Robbins

## Reminders:

Thank you to all incoming JVs who have sent in their forms! The following forms, sent in your welcome packet and linked below, are due to JVC **as soon as possible**:

- [Medical Clearance](#)
- [Health and Wellness History](#)
- [Consent for Use of Name, Voice and Likeness](#)

As a JV, you will be a part of many different intentional communities that will broaden your perspective and confront boundaries. In these communities, you will share meals, reflect, pray together, and live among the people you are serving. You will challenge and support one another, while gaining new insights into the realities of poverty and injustice.

### Helpful tips for community living:

- Say "yes" more than you say no
- Communicate often
- Be honest
- Be open to new perspectives
- Try something new (at least once)
- Voice your feelings
- Articulate your needs - and ask others to articulate theirs

Open, honest, and direct communication will be essential in your experience as a Jesuit Volunteer. Take the [Communication Style Self-Assessment exercise](#) to learn about your own style of communication.

This tool will help you learn more about your own preferred method of communication, and also how to best communicate with those who have different styles than your own.

Use the [JV Facebook Group](#) to share other ideas and resources!

### Send Me to Serve

First of all, thank you!

As a group you have raised over \$125,000 and are raising money faster than any group before you! We have loved seeing all the support you are getting from friends and family and we hope that is inspiring you as well.

Also, as was announced on #SMTSday, we are offering incentives this year for incoming JVs who reach and exceed their SMTS goals! If you reach your goal you will get a special JVC sticker! And if you hit \$1,000 then you will get the special JVC Camelback water bottle!

We will have these prizes at Orientation so try to reach these goals before then! If you have any questions please email [smts@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:smts@jesuitvolunteers.org)

- Headshot Photograph to: [recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org)
- [Complete Orientation Survey](#)
- Enroll or decline JVC health insurance by July 20:

[Health Insurance Overview](#)  
[2015-2016 Agreement of Understanding](#)  
[2015-2016 Health Insurance Waiver Form](#)

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

### JVC Welcome Calls



Thanks to everyone who was able to participate in one of JVC's Welcome Calls! We hope you enjoyed getting the chance to hear from staff and other incoming JVs, as well as learned some helpful tips and information about preparing for your time with JVC. For those of you who were unable to participate please [click here](#) to watch a pre-recorded version. After you have watched it please feel free to reach out with any questions!

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

Stephanie Goetz, New Orleans, raised \$2,820

Matthew Johnston, Camden, raised \$2,520

Carly McCabe, Chicago, raised \$2,032

Marc Alibrandi, Tucson, raised \$2,000

Hannah O'Keefe, New York, raised \$1,845

Megan Gaskin, Sacramento, raised \$1,575

Olivia Landry, Tucson, raised \$1,550

Mikayla Lofton, Atlanta, raised \$1,470

Joseph Burke, Camden, raised \$1,425

Anne Finn, Mobile, raised \$1,334

**And congratulations to the following International incoming JVs who have surpassed their goals!**

Nicole McCoy, Pohnpei, Micronesia, raised \$5,925

Robert Callus, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, raised \$5,635

Bryan Alamillo, Chuuk, Micronesia, raised \$3,500

Joe Lenz, Chuuk, Micronesia, raised \$3,440

Sarah Garwood, Belize City, Belize, raised \$3,425

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