



Franciscan Community  
Volunteers

# Community Connections



Franciscan Community Volunteers and Franciscan Sisters from the Welcoming House: Sister Rose Mae Rausch, Breanna Wegner, Kristen Wall, Karen Niedzielski, Shaina Lawrence, Pat Schlauderaff-FCV Director, Sister Ange Mayers, Kevin Trettel, Sister Michelle L'Allier

## Volunteers start their ministry close to home!



It became obvious over the spring that the fence in the backyard of the Welcoming House was in dire need of repair and painting. As good stewards we want to care for the home so it will be available for ministry for many years to come. Boards were measured, bids were received . . . close to \$4,000!

It didn't take very long for a plan to hatch. Each month the FCVs do a group service project out in the community! Why not have them do a group service project here at their home? Well, that is just what happened on August 11 during

orientation week. A pressure washer was rented and many hours were spent scraping, sanding and painting the fence. It looks amazing! Stop by and take a look!



Special thanks to Sherwin Williams for donating paint for our project!

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# Introducing the new FCV Volunteers!



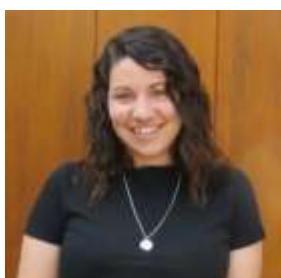
**Breanna Wegner** is from Wells, Minn. She graduated with a degree in communication studies from Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Minn. Breanna loves people and has a passion for listening to stories as well as working with children, helping them realize their potential. Breanna will be serving half time at St. Benedict's Senior Center and half time at STRIDE Academy Elementary School.



**Kevin Trettel** is from Jordan, Minn. He graduated with a degree in chemistry and physics from St. Olaf College. Kevin became very active in Campus Ministry Outreach while at St. Olaf and felt it was a natural step for him to become a part of FCV. He will be working at Place of Hope in two different areas: the Shelter Homeless Program (Church of the Week) and teaching computer skills classes in Place of Hope's new computer lab, working with adults in transition.



**Kristen Wall** is from Rochester, Minn. She has her degree in Spanish and global studies. Kristen has a passion for working with the poor and marginalized. She has spent a year volunteering in Hungary. Last year Kristen started in November with the FCV program serving the Casa Guadalupe Multicultural Community in Cold Spring where she will continue serving this year as well. Her passion has been organizing a youth leadership program for Latina girls ages 10-16. We are blessed to have Kristen back with us again this year.



**Shaina Lawrence** is from Tehachapi, Calif. She graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks with a political science and public administration degree. While at college, Shaina was on the Young Disciples Team with the Fargo Diocese. Her passion for public service has led her to FCV. She will be serving at the Boys and Girls Club-Southside of St. Cloud where she will be working with the Healthy Choices (Go-Girl) program. The Boys and Girls Club-Southside has approximately 150 young people there daily after school.

## FCV meet their Community Companions during orientation

Each year members of the St. Cloud community volunteer to be a companion for the FCVs. It is an amazing gift of time and energy to the volunteers as well as to the program! Thank you!



Kristen Wall  
Tom & Cathy Rudolph



Kevin Trettel  
Roger & Sue Linz



Shaina Lawrence  
Gary & Jo Hennen



Breanna Wegner  
Mary Brutger & Tony Gilles



# Changes at the Welcoming House!



**Adiós y vamos a echar de menos . . . Good bye and we will miss you!**

How does one begin to say goodbye to an integral person of the Franciscan Welcoming House and yet, at the same time, be joyful for and with her as she moves on to a new

ministry in Monterrey, Mexico?

The Franciscan Welcoming House and FCV have been blessed to have Sister Ange Mayers a part of their ministry team for 4 1/2 years. She has taught so many the importance of caring for creation as well as cleaning and caring for a house. Her ministry of presence and her quick wit will be missed tremendously, but at the same time she will be able to reach out to many in Monterrey, and her legacy will live on through the many lives she touched while here!

## Welcome Sister Karen Niedzielski

Sister Karen Niedzielski joined Sisters Michelle L'Allier and Rose Mae Rausch at the Franciscan Welcoming House on August 4. It is already quite obvious that Sister Karen has many gifts and is well suited for life with the volunteers.



She loves to cook and has a deep spirituality that she loves to share along with a great sense of humor.



From the outside it looked like the Welcoming House was pretty quiet for the month of July, but in reality the many maintenance people and Pat were busy preparing for the next FCV group to arrive.

From fixing pantry doors, dismantling shelves, painting, cleaning carpets and repairing ceiling tiles to washing the bedding, cleaning top to bottom and filling the pantry. This house was buzzing in preparation and anticipation of a new FCV year!



The FCVs "jumping" into this year of Ministry!

### A Franciscan Blessing:

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.



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### You can support FCV

- Pray for our volunteers, the community and the individuals at the service sites during the start of the program year.
- Send a note to one or all of our new volunteers.
- Volunteer to cook at the Welcoming House on a Monday night for the group or for other special occasions.
- Partner with us financially—your dollars go a long way in supporting the needs of social service agencies in the St. Cloud area.
- Check us out on the Internet—Let other people know about our program by Liking, Commenting and Sharing our Facebook and blog posts!

### Looking ahead

- 9/28: Donor Day at the Motherhouse
- 10/3: Transitus Ritual, eve of Feast of Saint Francis
- 10/12: FCV Director-Pat Schlauderaff becomes a Franciscan Associate
- 11/7-9: Fall retreat at FSLF- Please keep us in prayer
- 12/7: Christmas Open House at the FCV/Welcoming House

## Green tip

Did you know you can **receive this newsletter electronically**? If you would like to save some trees, go to [www.fcvonline.org](http://www.fcvonline.org). On the right hand side of the homepage, you can enter your name and e-mail address to receive our newsletter electronically instead of through the mail.

Franciscan Community Volunteers is based on three pillars: service, community living and Franciscan spirituality. Volunteers make a yearlong commitment to work full time in local nonprofit agencies that serve the needs of those who are poor and marginalized while accepting the challenge of living simply and in accordance with Gospel values.