



Franciscan Community
Volunteers

Community Connections

A New Director for Franciscan Community Volunteers

Hello everyone!

Growing up in Pierz, Minn., everyone knew about the Franciscan Sisters and the good work they did in the community. When I lived in Morris for 20+ years, our church and school were blessed with Franciscan Sisters working in and amongst the laity. There I got to know the sisters and saw this beautiful way of life: living simply, humbly, prayerfully, lovingly, caring for creation and promoting peace.

As I have grown over the years, that Franciscan spirituality has grown within me, and I am excited to be a part of Franciscan Community Volunteers.

My time on staff since the beginning of July has been filled with learning programs, policies and procedures. However, it has also been a time of being open to what God has planned for this amazing program and for me to become grounded in the Franciscan tradition of helping others grow in their faith, serve the poor and marginalized and live in a faith community.

Sister Clara Stang, the outgoing director, has been supportive and helpful in this process. She has built a strong foundation with FCV, and I hope to continue to nurture and grow FCV in its connections and outreach to the community.

We had orientation the first week of August, and I was in awe at the level of faith and devotion within the



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volunteers that have come here. They listened to the call from God to grow and go! Each one of them is perfect for their sites: Ian with his infectious love of life will be working at Catholic Charities' St. Cloud Children's Home. Nneka with her passion for serving children will be at the South Side Boys and Girls Club.

A little note about myself: I am the daughter of the late Jerry and Bev Stumpf of Pierz. I graduated with a MA in pastoral ministry from St. John's School of Theology in 2005.

My passions are service and outreach. I have led many retreats, immersion experiences and mission trips. Most recently I worked with programming for people with

disabilities and the elderly.

On May 18, 2013, I married Paul Schlauderaff. Together we have four adult children and nine and a half grandchildren (one is due in October). We love to spend time with our family, in our garden and volunteering. We live outside of St. Joseph on Island Lake.

I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know you throughout the year. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself soon!

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The combined community of volunteers, sisters and FCV staff gather at the Commissioning Service in Little Falls. From left: Sisters Michelle L'Allier and Rose Mae Rausch, Kaitlin Depuydt, Pat Schlauderaff, Ian Peoples, Nneka Arinze, Michael Hazel and Sister Ange Mayers.

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Nneka Arinze joins us from Stone Mountain, Ga., which is just outside of Atlanta. Nneka attended the University of Georgia for her undergrad degree and has a master's degree in sports management from the University of Florida. She recently worked with a preschool program. Nneka is one of five children and also has a twin sister. Nneka will be serving at South Side Boys and Girls Club doing after-school programming for youth. Because of her background with sports, having the focus on healthy lifestyles for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club makes it a great fit!



Ian Peoples arrived from his home in Burkburnett, Tex. After studying communications and journalism at St. Edward's University in Austin, Ian was on staff with a Boys and Girls Club in Burkburnett as the athletic director. Being from the South, the use of "yes ma'am" and "y'all" has been used often since Ian arrived. Ian will be serving at Catholic Charities' St. Cloud Children's Home with at-risk youth. He will be in the youth ministry office and doing some coaching and recreation activities. Ian's background with soccer and his approachability will help him connect well with the youth.



Michael Hazel recently spent time living in community and working at a Catholic Worker house in Rochester, N. Y., with those experiencing homelessness. He was with the FCV group through orientation week. After prayerful discernment, Michael has decided to return to New York and work with the homeless where he previously served. We wish Michael the best on his journey.

FCV Alum: Where are they now?

Kristine Origone is back at home in Lodi, Calif., with the sun. She is living with her sister and putting into practice the lessons she learned within the year.

Shannon Hagerty has been hired as a staff member at the St. Cloud Children's Home as the Chemical Awareness Resource Educator. How exciting to have a FCV now employed at their service site! Also news: she and Andy Kummrow are now engaged and will be married in December of 2014. Congratulations to you both!

Sister Clara Stang has now moved to Little Falls, where she has been taking time to read, visit and relax during her transition time. She will take on a new ministry soon while being a consultant to the FCV staff. Her new adventure is still a mystery!

Philip Lomneth continues his search for the next step of his journey. While looking at either grad school or employment, Phil attended a conference through the Catholics on Call organization in Chicago, which provides information for young adults looking to serve in the Church.

Lisa Yanzer is now in Milwaukee, Wis., employed with the Milwaukee School District. She is a special education teacher in a classroom for middle school children with autism, and she lives in a community of young adults connected to a Franciscan parish.



The 2012-2013 Franciscan Community Volunteers gather with Sister Clara before leaving for the Closing Retreat at Clare's Well. They are pictured with the maple tree planted in 2009 to honor the beginning of the program. Updates from our recent FCV alumni, left to right in this photo.

Supporting FCV

As a silent auction prize from the the Taste of St. Cloud, eight friends of the Franciscan Community Volunteers program gathered on the Mississippi River on a warm and breezy evening in August.

Franciscan Associates Jim & Alice Vogel live in Little Falls, very close to the mighty Mississippi. Jim and Alice offered to take sisters and friends for a pontoon ride as a way to support the FCV program. Sisters Loretta Denfeld and Maurita Bernet were co-hosts for the evening, which was auctioned off at the Taste of St. Cloud in May. Theresa and Derald Krentz and Bev and Cliff Korkowski (family of Sister Cordy Korkowski, who lived with the volunteers at the Franciscan Welcoming House until this summer) were the lucky and supportive winners of the pontoon ride. They floated along and enjoyed conversation, dinner and wine. We at FCV are very appreciative of their support!





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A call for applications!

We are still looking for young adults to join our program. Franciscan Community Volunteers is open to young adults seeking meaningful service opportunities, community living and spiritual growth.

We are looking to fill AmeriCorps positions with the following service placements:

- Youth leadership development with Latina girls
- After-school programming for multicultural youth
- Refugee resettlement support
- Group home support and programming for adults with disabilities
- Community organization

If you are a young adult, 21-30, and would like to know more, please contact us at the FCV office!

Looking ahead

- 9/11 National Day of Remembrance and Service
- 9/16 FCV Advisory Council Meeting
- 10/3 Transitus ritual, eve of Saint Francis's Feast Day
- 12/1 FCV Open House – Save the Date!

You can support FCV

- Join us for a Monday Community Night for prayer and a meal
- Send an encouraging note to our volunteers
- Financial support: one-time or monthly giving
- Tell people about our program, especially young adults!
- Like us on Facebook