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The LV 20th Anniversary Reunion included both the 2009-2010 LVs (at Lewis University for Orientation) as well as LV alumni and their children.

Celebrating 20 years calls to light so much more than just another milestone.

by Christi (Crowe) Wolesky, 94-96, Kansas City, MO & Bronx, NY and Marty Wolesky, 95-96 Providence, RI

This summer we received an interesting invitation. It was an "evite" to the Lasallian Volunteers' Harvest Reunion celebrating the 20th year of the program.

The reunion, however, had a twist: it overlapped with the LV orientation, and bringing your family was encouraged. Interesting, we thought: Christian Brothers, returning LVs, new LVs, former LVs, and children of LVs. My husband and I came to the same conclusion: "This has Brother Ed Phelan written all over it. Sounds fun!"

So we channeled the LV spirit of adventure that was prevalent fifteen years ago, packed up the mini-van and three kids and drove six hours to Lewis University in Chicago.

Upon arrival, we met some new volunteers who were extremely welcoming and helpful as they pointed us in the direction of food and friends. We started to reconnect with Brothers and former LVs and realized we were exposing our children to a very important part of our lives and a very special group of people. Before we knew it, our kids were running around with

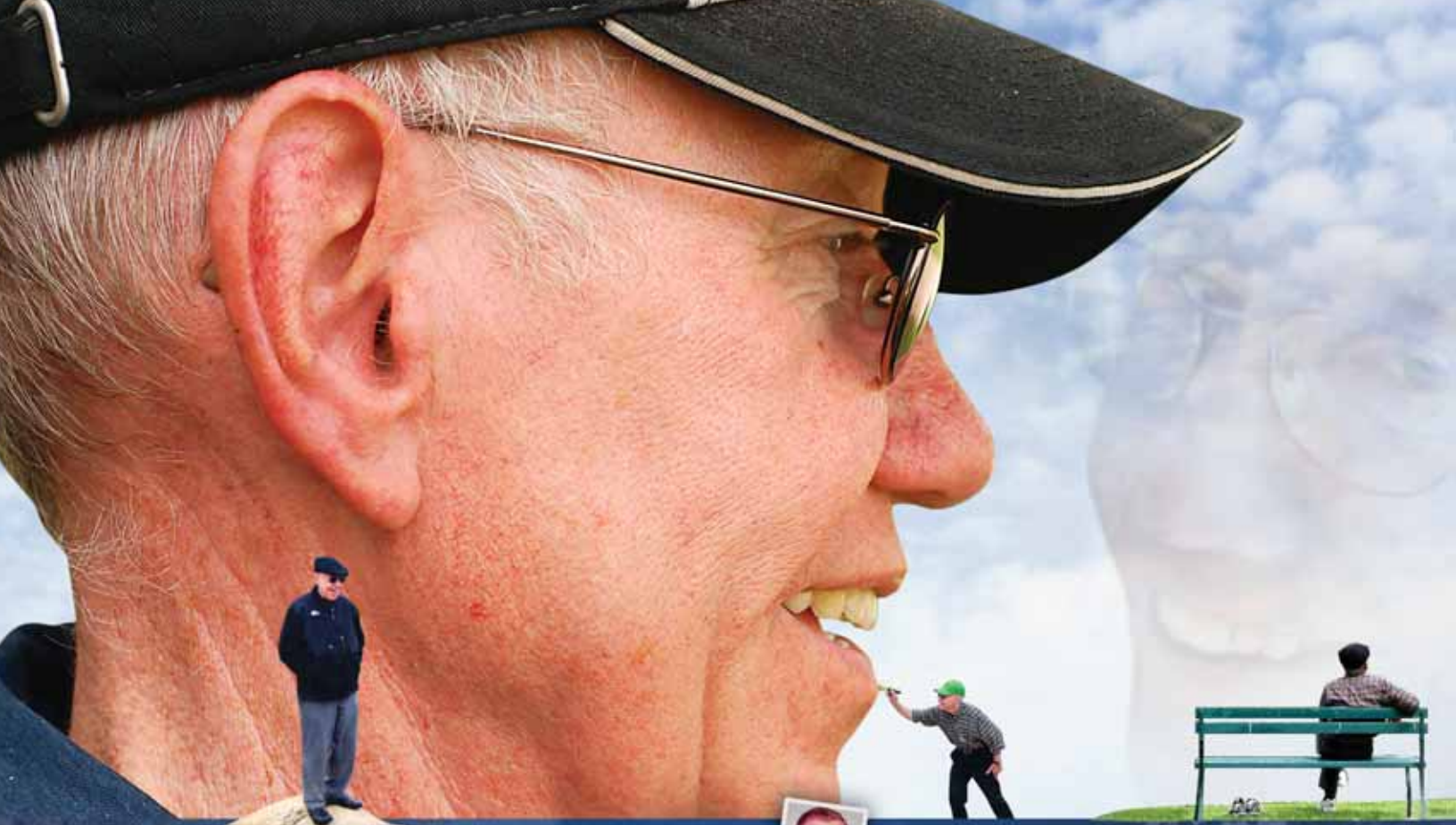
other LV children and having a blast. The enthusiasm the kids showed was contagious.

The excitement of the children was matched by the new volunteers. We felt energized and proud to witness such a large, diverse group of volunteers commit themselves to a year of service. After observing and listening to them, we noticed they were not any different from ourselves or the volunteers we served with. The same mission brought a new group of unique individuals together; individuals committed to serving the poor and dedicated to making a difference for others. They were making the same leap of faith that many volunteers have made

over the past twenty years. We felt true excitement for them knowing that the year would bring many rewarding moments, significant challenges, and unexpected blessings.

We left Lewis University with a renewed spirit of gratitude for our years of service and the impact they had on our lives. The people, the places, and the experiences are unforgettable. The Lasallian spirit has officially been passed down to a new generation.

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Br. Michael

by Janet Solis, 07-09



In his 69 years of life, Br. Michael Farrell extended his hand to many individuals — from New York to Ethiopia. For some who stepped into his welcoming presence, he was the former classmate who played hockey and a member of the choir in Barrytown, NY. For others, he was the Brother Michael that, when called to serve in Ethiopia, did so for twenty years. He was a teacher, principle, president, and headmaster. He was also known as the one who could build and fix things. For all of us who had the opportunity of going beyond that first “hello” he was a committed, loyal and ever present friend.

In the ten plus years that Br. Michael lived with Lasallian Volunteers, he embodied for us the meaning of a life lived according to the Lasallian tradition of faith, community, and service. Although Br. Michael started each day with a grapefruit and a pop tart, usually strawberry, he will also be remembered as the first one at morning prayer in community. His daily prayer began with morning meditation, and following community prayer, continued with Mass. The presence of faith in his life extended beyond daily prayer to a trust in the presence of Lasallian Volunteers and a belief that we have been “a great gift from God”.

His commitment to daily prayer and faith was as great as his commitment to the volunteers and the program. He led by example and was a great role model for all of us. Br. Michael did more than share a roof with LV's — he participated in all things LV related. He often said he could not understand how some of us at Bedford Park could work with “seniors” during the day and then come home to a community with several “SENIORS”. In our eyes he was everything but a “senior” as he embodied some of the characteristics of a “typical LV” — generous, cheerful, and outgoing. He was so committed to living in community

with LVs that he spent this past year as a member of two communities, living with us at Bedford Park yet supporting a few days a week the LVs in Newburgh. For those who lived in community with him, he was the one who magically helped set up the table or placed the final touches on a meal just when you thought you weren't going to meet that 7 o'clock deadline. He always partook in the celebration of LV birthdays and holidays whether it included dressing up in ridiculous attire or taking a trip to visit an old penitentiary that had been converted into a haunted mansion for Halloween. When it came to greater LV gatherings such as orientation, midyear, debriefing or the marathon, Br. Michael was sure to be present with his camera and a smile.



Establishing a web cam connection with Br. Michael — to be the special guest of honor at the reunion dinner — whose flight had been cancelled.

Br. Michael once said, “The problem with you volunteers is that we [Brothers] fall in love with you and then you leave us.” Volunteers had similar feelings when leaving community but the experience was pivotal for the next chapter of our lives. While he was capturing those special moments with his camera, we were creating memories in our hearts that will never fade away. And when the time eventually came to say goodbye, we could look back on these memories, trying to live by his example.

We may never know all the stories of his life, but what we do know is that we became a part of his stories just as he was a part of ours. Br. Michael went beyond the mission of his calling to serve the poor and help the young. He welcomed us into his home and heart. As Br. Ed Phelan, FSC said of Br. Michael in his eulogy “You were and will always continue to be our guardian angel.” For the warmth of Br. Michael's welcome, the blessings he offered and the richness of the experience, we are eternally grateful.



Director's Corner

This newsletter highlights the “grassroots” tradition of the Lasallian Volunteers. 20 years ago a few dedicated and inspirational people imagined an untapped group of young adults to share in the mission of Saint La Salle. They discovered idealistic, hard working young people looking for a chance to serve and to grow spiritually. Inviting these young people into mission created the

Lasallian Volunteers program that evolved into what we know today.

Twenty years ago there were 5 volunteers, this year there are 52, who serve about 8,000 children and families.

Today new grassroots efforts are emerging. LV Alums coming to our

20th Anniversary Celebration and local events, serving as mentors and helping with retreats are staying connected to the program, often with their spouses and children. The volunteers themselves are taking ownership of the program in new ways, including organizing their own fundraising efforts. Three years ago a few dedicated LVs thought it would be a great personal challenge to run a marathon and raise money for the program in the process. Three years ago there were 18 runners, this year there were 34 LVs along with over 50 Alums and other friends.

The future holds many opportunities that began as fleeting ideas. We hope you will continue to be a part of our community. Help us to continue the three century mission of serving the poor – with your ideas, your prayers, and your support. Like Br. Michael Farrell, honored specially in this issue, and the many Alums, LVs and friends also included, you will be engaged in a noble mission, changing the world.

Alisa Macksey, 00-02, Director



New Development Director



We would like to welcome **Mari Anzicek** to the LV staff as the new Director of Development beginning in January. Mari served as a Lasallian Volunteer for two years at West Catholic High School as well as the Christian Brothers Spiritual Center in Philadelphia.

After service, Mari worked for Students Run Philly Style, helping with their development efforts. She received her undergraduate degree from North Central University in Minneapolis, MN, and her masters degree from Loyola University in Chicago.

As a volunteer, Mari chaired the planning committee for the 2nd annual LV fundraiser (the Philly Races), which raised \$67,000. We feel Mari will be a great addition to the LV staff as she brings a lot of energy, passion and dedication to the program.

“I am looking forward to joining the Lasallian Volunteers in a full time capacity,” says Mari. “My time as a volunteer was personally enriching and challenging. To continue being a part of such an experience for young people is exciting and very rewarding.”



12.31.09

MAKE A TOAST

GIVE A DONATION

Help ring us into our 21st year! On December 31st – or any day leading up to it – we ask that you take a moment to raise a glass or give a cheer to the 20 years of Lasallian Volunteers. As we look ahead to 20 more and beyond, we hope that you continue to consider us a part of your lives today as we were in years past.

Even as little as \$20 from each reader would raise enough to support more LVs in our country's toughest neighborhoods.

12.31.09

visit www.LasallianVolunteers.org/donate

WE WILL POST ALL OF OUR 12.31.09 DONORS ON THE WEBSITE THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY.

Nor'easter Marathon

Jim Ruck, 95-96

Race day, 8:00AM, first-time marathoner Glenna Krzyzanowski and 34 other Lasallian Volunteers were off — launching into miles of running through horrible weather. Temperatures were in the mid-30s. Winds hit 35 to 45 mph. The rain was a constant pelting. All of the volunteers finished their runs, battling through this early-season Nor'easter storm.

It was during Orientation in July at Lewis University that the new LV group committed to the marathon effort as a way of fundraising for the LV program. In the months that followed, they trained and invited support from family and friends.

Glenna ran “because I love my friend Dave.” She met this formerly homeless guest through her service last year at Holy Family Catholic Worker. Dave is coping with rapidly deteriorating Hepatitis C as well as

mental illness. He comes regularly for meals and to offer his help cutting grass and doing other odd jobs. He has offered help and friendship to Glenna as well.

// Dave thinks I'm nuts for running a marathon.

Glenna Krzyzanowski, 08-10, Holy Family Catholic Worker, Kansas City



“He shows me about loving freely and living openly. Dave is not just a ‘client’ or a ‘guest,’ he is a true friend. Dave thinks I’m nuts for running a marathon, but he knows that I’m doing it to support the work I do. Dave needs hope to know that he has the power to regain control of his life and his health. I run as a message of love to Dave.”

A week before Newport, Dave handed Glenna \$50 for her efforts. At first she protested that he needed the money, but he insisted, saying that he had “budgeted” it for her run. For Glenna, it was “a very moving moment.”

Each volunteer had a story and a reason for running comparable to Glenna’s. Each one brings that same drive and courage to those they serve.

The LVs on this year's planning committee chose the Amica Marathon in Newport because it offered runs from the full, 26.2 mile marathon to relay legs of 4 miles. They arranged hospitality for all the LV runners at the St. Joseph Community, the Saturday evening liturgy and dinner celebration, and logistics for the mammoth event. They also coordinated training for the runners and organized the fundraising. Altogether, the '09-'10 Lasallian Volunteers met their goal of raising over \$52,000 — that's \$1,000 for each volunteer. Completing what seems “nuts,” stretching beyond what is “possible” brings amazing results. Congratulations, LVs!



Sunday
October 18, 2009
Amica Marathon
Newport, RI



1) *Please write your names on my hands (with an indelible marker) — so I can remember you as I run,* said Kelly Lazarowski to her 3rd graders at St. Stephen's Academy, Kansas City, MO. After the rainy 13 mile half marathon, the names had been washed more deeply into her heart.

2) 2009 runners 3) Planning committee members Amanda-Cosio Bognuda, Alina Rivas, Megan Larson, Scott Baetti, Sophia Cartagena, Andy Weingarten and Amy Kalina

4) Ed Phelan and Bud Knight waiting for the race to begin

5) A runner passes Purgatory Road near the half-way mark

FOR MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MARATHON, OR DONATE TO A RUNNER, GO TO www.LasallianVolunteers.org

★ New! LV Sites

A PEAK AT THE LVS SERVING
NEW LASALLIAN VOLUNTEERS'
SITES IN 2009-2010

Rebirth in New Orleans

Erica Pitts, 06-08

In 1996, Lasallian Volunteers graced New Orleans for one year. The community had three LVs and one LV alum, Joe Finn. Joe helped bring the Lasallian spirit to the community, having formerly served at LaSalle School in Albany, NY. He taught at De La Salle High School. Twelve years later, Lasallian Volunteers are back in the Big Easy. They have returned to De La Salle and began at a new ministry, Holy Ghost School. This time, they are living in



Christina Caughey and Katie Quinton in front of their community house

community with three Brothers.

New Orleans, still suffering from devastation in many areas, could only prosper from the presence of Lasallian Volunteers. Br. Ed Phelan, Program and Community Associate for the Lasallian Volunteer Program and Erica Pitts, former LV and native of New Orleans, approached Br. Tim Coldwell, Provincial for the New Orleans – Santa Fe District with high hopes that

he had the same desire. Indeed he did, and the search for a community house and for appropriate work placements soon began.

The Br. Joe Porter Community, named for Br. Joseph Porter who lived and served in the ninth ward, is committed to the new motto of New Orleans, “Recover, Rebuild, Rebirth” by its members teaching, tutoring, coaching, and mentoring students. Chrissy Caughey, graduate of Manhattan College, is busy at De La Salle High School teaching Freshman English and coaching cross country. Katie Quinton, a graduate of Christian Brothers University, is a 4th grade teacher’s aide at Holy Ghost School. Chrissy and Katie share community with Brothers Michael Livaudais, Tim Coldwell, and Tom Ward, at the former rectory of Our Lady of Good Counsel on Louisiana Avenue.

As Joe Finn stated years ago, “It was a favorite site to visit – including a visit from Br. Ed Phelan and the crew from NYC.” While much has changed in New Orleans since the first community, there has been no change in the southern hospitality. The Br. Joe Porter Community is ready to share not only the Lasallian spirit, but also the unique spirit of New Orleans with all. Laissez les bon temps rouler!

A Return to Suburban Pennsylvania

Martin Richard, 05-07, Coordinator of Recruitment

St. Gabriel’s Hall, located in the verdant hills of Audubon, PA, is a residential facility for nearly 200 court-adjudicated young men ages 10-18. As part of St. Gabriel’s System, the Hall offers young men a chance to redirect their lives in a positive way through drug and alcohol treatment, career development, social work services, and recreational activities. The campus is supplemented by a working farm and a newly constructed ropes course.

“Our staff admires their commitment in reaching out to the boys entrusted to us,” said Director of St. Gabriel’s Hall, Br. Brian Henderson, commending the volunteers. “They enhance the empathy, understanding and care of St. Gabriel’s as they accompany our young men. Their decision to serve for one or two years rather than pursue big paydays offers a tangible message to our young men as well as to our adult staff. Each LV gives of herself generously even if for only a short time, providing a powerful example of grace and commitment to others!”

Lasallian Volunteers have been involved at St. Gabriel’s Hall in the past. After a brief hiatus, they have returned this year with first-year volunteers Jamie Jaynes and Melissa Spahr. Both have enjoyed their involvement thus far, serving as teacher’s assistants in computer science, health and physical science classes. Both say they feel accepted by the community.

“The administrative staff and other teachers have been so welcoming that they have truly made me feel like I belong,” said Jamie Jaynes.



Melissa Spahr gets into health lessons



Jamie Jaynes works through a computer problem with one of her students.

INGRATITUDE



In Kind

Erica Pitts & Br. Ed Phelan – organizing the 20th Anniversary Celebration
Br. James Gaffney – hosting a social during Orientation
Br. Ed Hofmann & the Ocean Rest Community – providing hospitality for the August staff retreat
Joan & Mike Nash – for hosting the Second LV Bocci Tournament, Walnut Creek, CA

Marathon Weekend

Members of the St. Joseph Community, Pawtucket, RI – providing Marathon weekend hospitality
St. Teresa Parish – providing their facilities for Mass and dinner
Fr. Joseph Paquette – celebrating Liturgy so prayerfully sending off the runners
RI Governor, Donald Carcieri – donating a limited-edition framed print, Leave Your Troubles Behind
Tides Family Services – supplying all food for the weekend.
Ocean Tides – providing vans for the marathon weekend

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Dr. Anne Kolar – in honor of Joe Kolar, LV 07-09
Leonard Nederveld – in honor of Br. Michael Livaudais
Rev. Warren Metzler – in honor of Br. Kevin Dalmasse at his 25th Jubilee
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Sr. Maureen Hall – in honor of LVs Glenna Krzyzanowski, Kaitlin Depuydt and Joshua McElwee
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In Memory of Br. Michael Farrell

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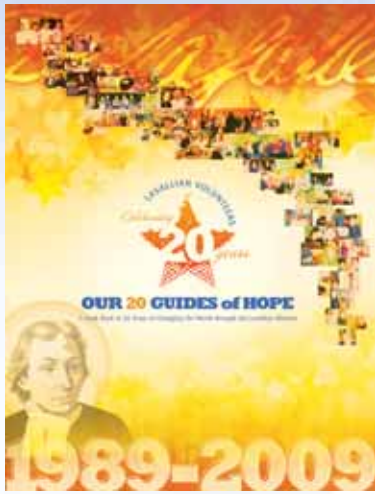
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Reviews

20TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

In celebration of our 20th year, we proudly presented “Our 20 Guides of Hope.” The book honors the work of inspired Lasallians who have made the continued success of Lasallian Volunteers possible. Below are just a few of the wonderful compliments we’ve received.

“The 20th Anniversary Lasallian Volunteers Book truly celebrates the work and life of LVs. The life of an LV is an adventure! The LV community spreads far, reaching needs from [San Francisco to Providence] and still growing. I am at once struck by the power of ideas becoming reality. I muse over the stories of these ‘Guides of Hope’ and **feel my own call rushing through me, flushing my cheeks. There is room for us all!**”

Brooke Barcheski, Catholic Network of Volunteer Services

“When I arrived home after Br. Michael Farrell’s funeral, I sat down and staring up at me on the coffee table happened to be the LV 20th commemoration book, which I had yet to actually sit down and read! It was the perfect time for me to thumb through it, reflecting on how powerful the LV movement has become and how Brothers like Michael have provided such meaningful experiences to so many volunteers...myself included. **All of the stories, updates, anecdotes, timelines, photos, etc were so wonderfully compiled** and I was so impressed with the entire book.”

Erin Arnold, LV 02-03

“Sensational job on the 20th Anniversary journal. *Well done!*”

Tom Kane, Manasquan, MI, LV supporter

“As I read the 20 Guides of Hope, I was struck by how most, if not all, of the Lasallian Volunteers began their ‘call to service’ in much the same way as did Saint John Baptist de La Salle; one commitment that blossomed into a life-long vocation. **I admire Lasallian Volunteers because instead of striving for a ‘career’ upon graduation, they chose a vocation.**”

Michele Beauboeuf, LV supporter, Washington, D.C.

“The Lasallian Volunteer 20th anniversary book highlights provide an excellent illustration of how far the program has progressed since its inception. **The organization and presentation of personal stories allows the reader to truly appreciate the extended network of impact the volunteers have had over the last two decades.** The 20th anniversary book acts as both a nod to those who have served and as a catalyst for future achievements.”

Ross Nodurft, LV 04-06

I Want to Be an LV!

by Al Cassidy

I'll never forget her. I was a senior in high school when we met. Her name was Angel. She was 7 years old and came from a poor section of Pittsburgh. And though this was our first encounter, she treated me like I was her father. Just two days in, it was clear that she — like many of the children at this youth summer camp — was missing something very important in her life. For Angel, it was a father figure who was neither present enough nor kind enough. She had insisted that we hold hands when going on nature hikes, or sit right next to one another at all the meals. After my week at camp was up, I'd never see her again — but the memory of her would linger strongly and I had always hoped that whatever small things I was able to teach her in that one week would be enough to make her stronger down the road.

Angel was just one of the many kids at that camp who touched my heart and stayed in my memory over the last 15 years. If you had asked me prior to going what I'd expect from serving a handful of kids for a week with my church youth group, I certainly wouldn't have described a life-changing scenario. Though casually briefed on the background of the children, it turned out to be much harder than many might imagine. Thinking about a group of well-behaved, fairly self-sufficient youth with whom you get a week to teach arts, phys. ed., science and nature seems somehow magical — a grand opportunity to feel like an adult by connecting with kids and having a fun time. What it became is a lot of close attention, connecting, helping and counseling on a deeper level than I thought I had in me. I found myself focusing on serious problems and concerns I never thought I would ever address.



Al Cassidy at the 20th reunion, here with son Grady and wife Jamin.

Like many of the incoming LVs, I had come from a middle-class family in a middle-class neighborhood with middle-class friends. If I even thought about it at all then, any of my daydreams about other societal classes were probably about the rich - those who could drive fancy cars, live in giant houses and go to great places. After spending any amount of time with a person (especially a child) from a less fortunate background, your view and understanding of wealth must change...and mine did. I can't help but wonder why anyone who has more money than they need (and who knows about Lasallian Volunteers) wouldn't just give it away in an instant to help the future lives of these children. Just one week with these kids tells me it is possible.

// The experience seems so close to my heart, but it is too great to duplicate through just reading stories and observing LVs at work. //

So it is that a few years later, in 1999 (when then-director David Kasievich and I met and began working on a revamped Lasallian Volunteers newsletter) that the memories of Angel and the children at that summer youth camp would come back in a different light. It's tough at first to grasp the concept of all that LVs do. Like my time at camp, I saw firsthand how an LV's day is so much more than just showing up for work and then going home each day. When I realized that they spend one to two years of their lives trying not only to teach but also nurture and counsel children who have so much more on their minds than getting an education, it was a humbling sensation I couldn't help but embrace and act upon.

In my daily work, I am always told how I approach the materials differently than others in my field — I tend to really get involved with my clients' projects as opposed to simply treating the work as a piece that needs to be designed, collecting words and images to put together and ship out to the masses. With this in mind, it makes sense to me now that when it was time for a new LV website or brochure to come together, I jumped in with both feet. More so than with any of my other clients. I had a yearning to know more about the LV lifestyle. I tried my hardest to make each reflection, each volunteer voice, each individual story speak loud and clear. I wanted to relive my week at camp through their stories. I wanted to be an LV.

Even so, it seemed to me that I kept hitting the same roadblocks, something wouldn't click, I couldn't "feel it." I couldn't grasp the full concept of everyday life for an LV. I eventually realized the simple problem: I was never an LV. The experience seems so close to my heart, but it is too great to duplicate through just reading stories and observing LVs at work.

Recently, upon completing the new website for the Brothers' District of Eastern North America, I found a little comfort in my pains of not being an LV. As I pondered my existence in this world shared with these humbling LVs and Brothers, and remembered the mission of De La Salle that they are fulfilling, a colleague reminded me in my woes that despite my never having attended a Lasallian high school or college, and never having served in a Lasallian ministry or as an LV, I am still a Lasallian because of my work with the Lasallian community. Talk about an "ah-ha!" moment.

I found the connection I was looking for, and it was close enough to being an LV. I support their work just as they support these children. I may not be an exclusive member of the LV alumni, but I work daily to support their cause. And my hope is that, through my work, others like me - outside the Lasallian circle — will learn about this and come screaming to be a part of the movement, clamoring to help in any way to ensure more LVs far into the future.

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Stepping Aside

Jim Ruck, 95-96, Director of Development



Lately, as opportunities for fundraising continue to multiply, I have experienced myself going at least a step slower. I also find it harder to ignore the appeal of those crystal-clear, sunny days that come even to Pittsburgh, the call to be involved in service locally and the growing urgency of piles of unattended personal business cluttering our home.

Experiencing the LV program as a volunteer in 1995, and meeting the dynamic young volunteers and seeing their potential changed my life. LVs are changing the world for countless kids and families trapped in poverty, and they give me hope. I have been privileged to serve on the staff for over seven years, but I now find myself pulled in two directions — and I want the best of both worlds.

Turning 65 in June brings a timely opportunity. I asked Director Alisa Macksey to find a replacement for me as Director of Development. My hope, though, is to remain on the staff part-time as a Lasallian Volunteers volunteer well into the future! Fundraising for a nationwide network brings special challenges, and I trust that my successor will appreciate some form of collaboration.

What has been most heartening to me has been meeting LVs since 2002 and seeing their passion in action, meeting the

Brothers who share their communities and expertise with them; reading LV accounts of challenge and success; and getting the LV message to widening circles of friends.

I am convinced that the Lasallian Volunteers story is a special one that more people need to hear and embrace. In daily LV life, breakthrough moments happen — but only after countless acts of “teaching-with-kindness.”

The growth of the LV program has mostly come from the increasing generosity of the Brothers and the hundreds of contributions from reliable LV supporters — some large, many small. What has also helped is foundation support, and now the hundreds of marathon donations from LVs’ family, friends and colleagues. Ours is a story of ownership, inclusion and a deepening commitment that replicates the Gospel.

My hope for the future of the program is that more and more LVs will engage in this life-changing dynamic of Service, Community and Faith. I also hope that more friends will commit financially to make this ministry possible.

When I began teaching in 1967, current technology was the ditto machine — a copier that used alcohol to dissolve blue letters on a stencil. But even today, with better technology, getting the word out is far more challenging. The “look” of the LV website, the portraits in our 20th Anniversary Book and even the color of this newsletter attempt to catch the eye, connecting to the new volunteers and new funders needed for our future.

I urge readers to join our circle for good. Raise your glass and make a toast to launch our next 20 years. Send your check to keep the ball rolling. You will be enriched as I have been.

Alumni Notes

What's everybody up to?

Have you made your 20 Anniversary Contribution?

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Craig Junker (91-93, St. Joseph, Greenville, MS) is the Superintendent of the Lake City Public Schools in Lake City, MN.

John (JD) Lanigan (93-95, St. Joseph, Greenville, MS) is new to the LV Advisory Board this year. JD also married Senobar Safafar (now Senobar Lanigan) on August 8th in a New York City wedding at St. Vincent Ferrer. They held a Persian ceremony and reception in Tribeca. Among those attending were four alums:

Joe MacKinnon (92-94, St. Joseph, Greenville, MS) is teaching in Rhode Island, and took some time off to study carpentry. He likes to do wood-work in his spare time. Joe is still an avid Red Sox fan.

Johnny O'Keefe (94-95, La Salle Academy, New York, NY) worked as a reporter for Sports Illustrated for a number of years after the LVs. He now works in Sports Marketing, runs Triathalons and lives in NYC.

Kevin Daly (94-96, La Salle School, Albany, NY) has been living and working in Vienna, Austria since his LV days. He leads seminars on Leadership and Management Development, as well as Business and English. Kevin was a star at JD Lanigan's wedding — dancing up a storm with the belly dancers.

Joe Finn (95-97, La Salle School, Albany, NY & De La Salle, New Orleans, LA) lives in NYC and works as an HR Generalist. Currently, he is taking time off to walk the pilgrims trail from Lourdes to where ever it ends in Spain. Joe played guitar at JD Lanigan's wedding.

Paul Zobitz (96-97, St. Martin, St. Vincent, West Indies) continues working as operations manager at Mayo Clinic.

Angelica Garcia (98-00, Su Casa, Chicago, IL & La Salle Academy, New York, NY) and **Maria Capitelli** (98-00, San Miguel School, Chicago, IL and Su Casa, Chicago, IL) have been together for 7 1/2 years, married for four years this October 9th, and will be expecting their first child in March. Maria is carrying their child and they are ecstatic to be parents! Angelica works at St. Mary's College as the Director of the High Potential Program and is also a full-time doctoral student at San Francisco State University for an Ed.D in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in equity issues in education. Maria is the Coordinator of the Intercultural Center at St. Mary's and is a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. They are both very grateful for their LV experience, their Lasallian community, and working with young people.

Erik Utvik (98-00, De La Salle in Towne, Philadelphia, PA) is the buyer for 7 Corners Hardware in Saint Paul, MN and on the side is a bartender at a neighborhood beer and wine bar called the Groveland Tap. Erik is looking forward to finding some time to get back into some volunteer opportunities around the Twin Cities.

Tricia O'Brien Johnson (99-00, San Miguel-BOY, Chicago, IL) and husband Dean returned to the States after 3 1/2 years working for Catholic Relief Services in Indonesia. They just had their first baby, Daniella, and are now settling in Kansas City, MO.

Amy Bell Archer (99-01, DLS in Towne & Aftercare, Philadelphia, PA) married Ted Archer on December 27, 2008 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in

Sacramento. Fellow LV alums **Tanya Heifort** (99-01), **Lisa (Koppes) Levasseur** (99-00), **David Levasseur** (99-00), and **Tricia (O'Brien) Johnson** (99-00) were in attendance. Amy is still working at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento.

Teisha (Smith) and David Devine (00-02, David at Cathedral both years, Teisha, San Miguel School, Camden & Cathedral High School, Los Angeles, CA) announce the birth of their third child, Isabel Anne, on June 10, 2009. Isabel is adored by older brothers Damian (3) and Daniel (21 months). Teisha is at home with the kids while David is a budget manager with the Chicago Public Schools.

Lisa Sivanich Verstraete (00-02, San Miguel- BOY, Chicago, IL) married Dave Verstraete on August 7. After teaching at San Miguel for 9 years she has moved to Michigan.

Courtney Nelson (03-05, De La Salle Blessed Sacramento, Memphis and Centro La Salle, Tijuana, Mexico) married Matthew "Felipe" Gunn on October 10, 2009 in Silver City, NM.

Melissa & Anthony Wasacz (04-06 & 02-04, De Marillac Academy, San Francisco, CA) just moved into a new apartment in New Jersey. Anthony is working at Durand Academy, teaching science to autistic children. Melissa graduated from San Francisco State University



Courtney Nelson (left) and Jen (Solz) Blake, both 03-05, flank students whom they taught in 2003 at the first graduation of De La Salle Blessed Sacramento, Memphis.

with a Master's of Arts in Gerontology.

Jennifer Longo Allen (04-05, Highbridge Community Life Center, Bronx, NY) married Lee Allen on March 21, 2009. Their wedding was attended by several other LV alums, two of whom (Ashley Miller and Jonathon "BJ" Miller), were in the wedding party. Jen also recently passed the AL & TN State Bars and is now an associate attorney at Waldrop & Associates, P.C. in Huntsville, AL. She and Lee are also closing on their first house.

Maureen Krause Brown (04-06, Bishop Laughlin Memorial High School, Brooklyn, NY) married Marc Brown in April, 2009 in Texas where they are now living.

Katie Solis (05-07, De La Salle Elementary School at Blessed Sacramento, Memphis, TN) is still in New Mexico working at a charter high school in special education. Santa Fe is wonderful!

Gil Stockson (05-07, De La Salle North Catholic High School, Portland, OR) has completed his graduate studies at Notre Dame and has entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Syracuse, NY.

Vicki Kline (05-07, Holy Family Catholic Worker, Kansas City, MO) has been working at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in Baltimore, MD since

March. She is a social worker on the family reunification team in the national office, performing special evaluations on families who apply to get a child out of federal custody.

Justine Davies (06-07, LEO Center, Oakland, CA) has returned to New York and joined the faculty at St. Raymond's High School for Boys, a Lasallian school in the Bronx. She teaches Earth Science and Chemistry.

Charlie Brogan (06-07, De La Salle Blackfeet School, Browning, MT) continues working at DLSB as Assistant Principal, Athletic Director and 6th grade teacher.

Joe Kilmade (06-08, San Miguel School, Tulsa, OK), after a cross country move, married Jess Matthys on June 12th. He then completed a summer of classes at Notre Dame. Jess and he are settled into their new home in Rochester, NY. Joe currently serves 22 families and 7 full time staff as principal of the new Nativity Preparatory Academy in Rochester.

Sara Vogelpohl (06-08, La Salle Academy, Philadelphia, PA) started her second year as a Farm of the Child volunteer on the beautiful Caribbean, Honduran Coast. Sara will be Head Social Worker, which brings more responsibility. The position will also keep her involved as the social worker for the youngest and middle girls. Her Spanish is still far from perfect, but at least she is now able to laugh at her frequent mistakes! She will remain in Honduras until Dec. 2010.

Jorge Gonzalez (07-08, San Miguel Academy, Newburgh, NY) is working and will be starting a single subject teaching credential program at Saint Mary's College in the Fall.

Stacy Fitzwater (07-08, San Miguel Academy, Newburgh, NY) has left the volunteer world for a "real" job teaching Music full-time at Friends Community School, a progressive Quaker school in College Park, Maryland. She is also finishing her M.Ed. at Trinity University, expecting to graduate May 2010.

Sarah Bellingham (07-09, San Miguel School, Providence, RI) married Eric Laitinen on July 25. She and Eric live in Providence and Sarah continues teaching at San Miguel School where she served.

Ana Sontag (08-09, DeMarillac Academy, San Francisco, CA) is studying in the Twin Cities.

Daniel Klee (08-09, Holy Family Catholic Worker, Kansas City, MO) is teaching middle school religion in his hometown, Granger, Indiana.

Elizabeth Pillari (08-09, La Salle High School, Yakima, WA) spent the month of September as a guest with Madonna House — a lay apostolate of Catholic men, women and priests in Combermere, Ontario.

Jessica Parfitt (08-09, San Miguel, Comer, Chicago, IL) is teaching at San Miguel Chicago's Gary Comer Campus.

Michelle Hoffman (08-09, Bishop Laughlin Memorial High School, Brooklyn, NY) has started a new job at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in New Albany, IN as their Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

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