

A BROTHER'S VIEW



Br. Brian Henderson with
LV Katie Hills, 07-09

THE BLESSING OF REMAINING CONNECTED

BR. BRIAN HENDERSON LOOKS BACK ON HIS TIME TO DATE WITH LASALLIAN VOLUNTEERS...

“About ten years ago, former LV Director Dave Kasievich asked me to facilitate a Lasallian Volunteers year-end retreat. In conversing with the Lasallian Volunteers’ leadership at the time — along with volunteers living in the Philadelphia area who enthusiastically encouraged me to accept the invitation — we settled on a retreat program that would allow participants to debrief their apostolic and community journeys of the year.”

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In Their Words...

When students were asked to speak a little about their experiences with Lasallian Volunteers, they energetically replied. Below are a few excerpts.

The Academic Support Center (ASC) is necessary because it gives us students the opportunity to not only have better grades in our weaker subject areas, but it also gives us the tools to utilize in the future in college. "I'm in danger of failing the course." It was the honest truth and [LV] Mr. Dackow was the math specialist that I turned to for help. I told him about my low grade in math and how it frustrated me to no end. Then we sat down and worked on polynomials for two hours. In that one day, I began the transition of going from frustrated to math whiz. My math grade improved drastically, but unfortunately I had another Achilles heel: essays. Even though writing five paragraphs was not a problem for me, I struggled with the context of the paragraphs. So I went to [LV] Ms. Sanchez for help. She gave me tips on writing and adding more substance to my thesis, and I've been using the tools she gave me ever since. With the Lasallian Volunteers' help I have been able to be a consistent member of the honor roll, and even gained a better understanding of finances and monetary subjects through of my increased math knowledge.

Piere Severin (Senior), La Salle Academy

La Salle Academy's Academic Support Center (ASC) has been around for a long time, and it is important to realize how the Lasallian Volunteers are an big part of the tradition of giving back to the community. It is amazing that they are so dedicated to the students of La Salle Academy. The two years that I have spent getting to know them has shown me that they can do more for you than just provide academic assistance—they are also great counselors who want what is best for you and really have your best interests at heart. In the beginning of my freshman year, I was reluctant to enter the

ASC because I was afraid of meeting new people and did not feel I had any academic questions to ask. Soon, I was in the ASC almost every day after school. I went to the ASC so frequently because it was a place that I could quietly complete my homework with the assistance and advice of the volunteers. When I didn't need academic help, I made a visit just to ask about how their day was going. Having access to the ASC through my four years of high school was honestly a privilege. Ultimately, I can say that I appreciate the presence of the Lasallian Volunteers.

Randy Lee (Senior), La Salle Academy

The Academic Support Center is fun; a useful source of help. Students go there to receive help with their homework and projects when teachers are not available. The Lasallian Volunteers are very social and enjoy helping students at anytime of the day. From



my experience at La Salle Academy, I have recognized that the volunteers are very kind-hearted and generous people. It took me about a year to change my mind-set and realize that if I need help then I should go look for it, and the easiest place to go was the ASC. It's more than just a place to get help with homework — it's a place where you learn new things and have fun at the same time. The ASC is an important part of La Salle Academy. Often times students develop personal relationships with the volunteers, and I have seen students become sad because the volunteers stay for only two years and then leave.

*Matthew Ballester (Senior),
La Salle Academy*

I have attended The San Miguel School of Camden since I was in the 6th grade. While at San Miguel, I have noticed that there are teachers and co-teachers here. The co-teachers are Lasallian Volunteers. The LVs have a huge impact on us because they dedicate their time to us and they are like family to us. They help us with our work and in bad times. They don't even have to be here, but they are — and that is how they show us they care and they impact our lives.

Wilfrancis Ruiz, San Miguel Camden

Director's Corner

This newsletter highlights the many ways different people get involved with the Lasallian Volunteers and the ways they continue to strengthen the Lasallian tradition. The LV program is more than the 50-60 volunteers who serve annually in our missions across the country. It is more than one or two years of service. It is about the many Alums that continue to serve in Lasallian ministries and other education and social service ministries that serve at risk populations. The LV program is also our Alums, parents and families, Christian Brothers, former Brothers, and countless others who serve as mentors, retreat facilitators, board members and financial supporters.

In this issue you will read about the impact Lasallian Volunteers have on our ministries and the students they serve. You will read how parents support the program to provide for future volunteers who will continue the service their son or daughter provided even after their son or daughter has moved on. LV Alums will share the impact this experience had on them professionally, personally and spiritually.

Despite our financial challenges in 2009, this issue demonstrates the many opportunities our future holds because of the wonderful people that continue to be affiliated and support the program. This group of amazing people continue to demonstrate the famous quote from Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." This issue is dedicated to all of the thoughtful, committed citizens that change the world through their support of the Lasallian Volunteers.



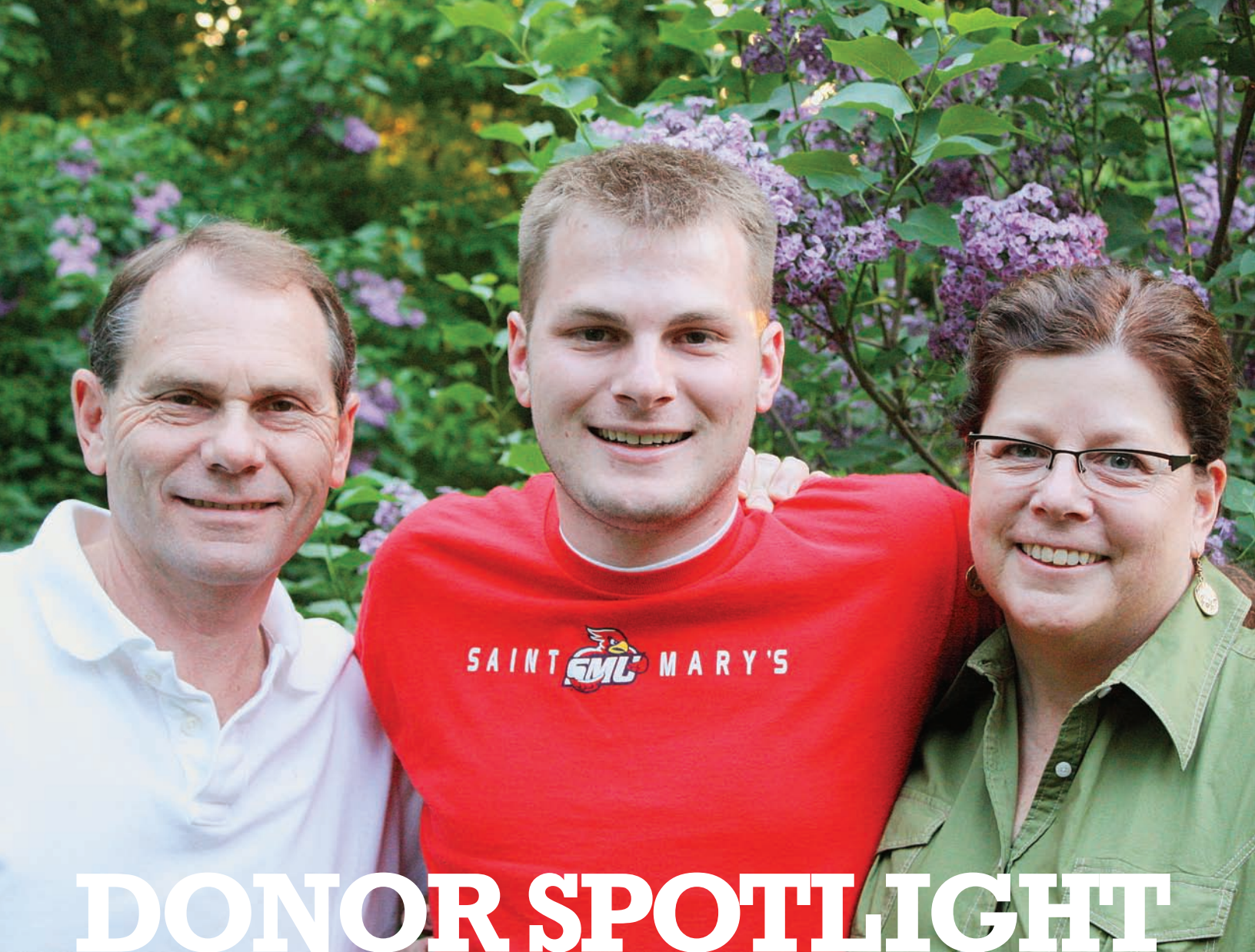
WELCOME COORDINATOR OF RECRUITMENT ZAC UFNAR, 07-09

We are very happy to announce Zac Ufnar as the new Coordinator of Recruitment for the LV program. Zac is a graduate of Central Catholic High School (a Lasallian School in Pittsburgh) and received his Bachelors Degree in Education from Mercyhurst College. Zac spent two years as a Lasallian Volunteer at San Miguel Middle School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As a Lasallian Volunteer, Zac served as the 6th-8th grade social studies teacher, supervisor of the breakfast nutritional program as well as basketball and volleyball coach. After his service years in Tulsa, Zac applied for and received the Lasallian Scholarship to La Salle University. For the past year, he has been working on his Masters in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. He has also spent the year as a Community Assistant responsible for the safety and well being of 30+ residents. He has promoted the Lasallian Volunteers program, and post graduate volunteerism in general, as a Catholic Network of Volunteer Service Campus Recruitment Associate and LV Scholar. He received training on various strategies for promoting and recruiting students for volunteer programs on college campuses.



We feel that Zac will be a strong addition to the LV staff and we are excited to have him on board. Zac is "Elated to serve the Lasallian mission at a greater capacity through the Lasallian Volunteers and looks forward to meeting more Brothers and Lasallians throughout the country who are excited to continue the mission." He will begin working in mid to late June, and join the rest of the staff at Christian Brothers Conference in Washington, DC. Please help us in welcoming Zac to the staff!

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

by Mr. & Mrs. Flynn, parents of LV Joe Flynn, 08-09

We initially became involved in the Lasallian Volunteers program through our son, Joe. After graduating from St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Joe joined the LV program and served for one year as an outdoor recreation coordinator at La Salle School, a school for court adjudicated youth in Albany, NY.

Joe shared with us the important service the LVs provide—not just in Albany, but throughout the country. We visited Joe while he was in Albany and stayed with the Brothers in their community. We got to know the Brothers and some of the other volunteers, and were very impressed with the dedication and the clear manifestation of the Lasallian tradition in the Brother's community.

We originally supported Joe by contributing to the fundraisers organized by La Salle School as well as the fundraisers by the LVs. After we visited Joe and met the Brothers whom he was living, working and praying with daily, we started donating to the LV program on a regular basis. It was heartwarming to witness the work they were doing, to see how they lived and to feel the love and respect they shared not only with our son, but also with the boys at the school. We decided at that point that we wanted to help pay toward the LV that would replace Joe.

The insights we gained from Joe about the LV program and our firsthand involvement clearly influenced our decision to make a financial gift to the program. Even though Joe has completed his volunteer work with

the LV program, what it meant to him and us is still very important. In addition, we know that the financial requirements of the program are growing—so we want to help the LV program to continue its good work in these tough economic times.

There are many good charities that are in need of our financial gifts. In considering the LV program, we recognized they are very good stewards of their programs and we are confident that they will truly put our financial gift to good use to make a difference in the lives of the people they serve.

Joe was recently accepted into the University of Minnesota, Duluth Campus College of Pharmacy, where he starts classes in the fall. He currently volunteers at San Miguel Middle School in Minneapolis and obtained a position with 3M.

Parents' Perspective

by John and Colleen Carlson, parents of Michael, 08-10

As our son Michael's graduation neared, we had the typical parental feelings, including pride and excitement, as we thought about graduation snapshots and the anticipated satisfaction of seeing him launch a new career. While we were not disappointed in Michael's announcement that he was joining the LV program after graduation, we were a little uncomfortable, mainly because we knew little about the program and about the Christian Brothers.

Naturally, as parents from a small town in Illinois, we were concerned about Michael moving to Philadelphia, where he knew no one and would be working in a setting unlike any he had previously encountered. What we didn't know is that not only Michael, but our whole family, would benefit from his involvement in the Lasallian Volunteers.

We had not counted on the sense of the "LV family" of which our son instantly became a part. We visited him in the fall of his first year. Visiting with the other LVs and the Brothers, we were treated like a beloved aunt and uncle, rather than simply "the parents." We could see the care they had for each other as they shared their daily lives. In fact, we enjoyed a grand dinner together with LVs from two other communities as well. Since then, our son Paul, our daughter Mary Ann, and Michael's grandparents have all visited him. In each case, the community offered genuine warm hospitality.

We attended part of two LV retreats in the Midwest. Both times we were remembered and welcomed by all the LVs we had previously met...and met many more. While joy and hope are impossible to document and can be dismissed in our jaded society, we knew they were alive and well as we prayed, dined and laughed with the Brothers and LVs at these gatherings.



The LV program is obviously not a "forever" career, but it offers life-changing opportunities in one's total education and maturation. The Brothers seem to be providing a greenhouse of sorts for young people longing to make the world better, but needing a way to do so.

We have seen Michael grow and become a better person—one who is more qualified and capable to make a positive impact on any community of which he is a part. We have grown as well as we have become more aware and more respectful of those whose circumstances and struggles are unlike ours. We are very proud of him and impressed with the LV program. We offer our most sincere thanks to the Christian Brothers and all who make the LV program a reality. We can honestly say that the pride, excitement, and satisfaction that we hoped for Michael as he neared graduation two years ago has been realized—and even surpassed.

Michael was recently hired by Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Baltimore where he will be teaching Freshman English.

you're invited

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DEBRIEFING

REFLECTIONS 2010

Samantha Almanza,
Ricky Vides & Amy Kalina



As the 09-10 year of service comes to an end, three volunteers reflect on being part of the program.

BE THE CHANGE

by Samantha Almanza (finishing her 1st year at San Miguel School, Providence, RI)

De - brief - ing. A month ago I fretted over those three syllables. I thought, “We have to go to Plano, Illinois, for four days to talk about our school year? School is still in session! I have lessons to plan, homework to grade, classes to teach, games to coach. I can’t leave now!”

Those thoughts continued to race through my mind until the van — loaded down with both luggage and apprehension — came to a slow stop at La Salle Manor. My worries soon subsided as I stepped out into the serene landscape and was welcomed by the arms of my fellow volunteers.

The four days we spent together in the beauty of Plano not only allowed me to reflect upon the growth that I have experienced over the past year—without the everyday stress and distractions—it also enabled me to witness a noticeable growth in my fellow volunteers. I thought back to orientation and the nervousness I felt with the decision I made: a move across the country to teach two subjects in which I had minimal background knowledge, in a city where I did not know a soul. I laughed to myself when I compared the girl of 10 months ago to the girl that didn’t want to leave her school, her students, and her community for just a few days.

The time we were given together to share stories and listen to fellow volunteer experiences was my favorite part of the retreat. The people with whom I shared the same qualms about this mission we had accepted — “to change the world” — were now gushing with the fact that they could not believe the year was almost over. Each time they spoke of their community life and their students, clients and guests, their eyes sparkled and smiles beamed. It was in their expression I realized we had risen to the challenge to change the world because we had changed. I am so thankful we all gathered for Debriefing at La Salle Manor to reflect on the past 11 months. I feel like I have a clearer understanding of the many possibilities for the next 11 months. I realize now that I had personally transformed from feeling anxious and overwhelmed to feeling deeply connected to my students — and feeling like San Miguel was the exact place I was supposed to be.

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THE LV QUARTET

by Ricky Vides (finishing his 1st year at Tides Family Services, Providence, RI)

Orientation, Midyear, Discernment and Debriefing are best described as the Lasallian Volunteers' retreat quartet, each with distinctive characteristics.

Orientation: it delivers an excitement that is coupled with adventure...suddenly we become commissioned to dock or dive into the service world. Midyear: it is a re-harnessing of our commitment, re-energizing us for the fresh calendar year. Discernment: it's typically about you, but in the Lasallian world where friendship and support are never far from reach.

But what makes Debriefing so special after this all-star cast of events? Debriefing is monumental. You are overwhelmingly satisfied by the presence of your fellow LVs, but you still commit yourself in reaching out to unlikely support systems that will blossom into promising friendships. You lay on the grass laughing, shooting the wind, brainstorming summer plans. You admire the structure of this all, and are ever grateful for the morning bananas that nourish your soul. Days begin much brighter; nights are comforted by the stars. The natural temple we know as La Salle Manor enhances our senses, hearing one other harmonize alongside the sounds of every bird, insect and frog that dwells around the pond.

The closest we can ever come to recreating the impact of Debriefing will be by irrigating our memories. The quality of this particular moment in time has been powerfully marinated by the experiences that one year of service provides. You will always picture Br. Brian Henderson hopping around the LV circle, provoking our reflective reflexes. Or perhaps you'll recall him grabbing at your shirt collar as you dig faces during Br. Bill's humor and daring commentary. And, of course, who could forget watching Br. Ed Phelan articulate his visionary wisdom levitating the experience to a heaven-on-earth prototype. Is this an exaggeration? I don't know — I have never been to heaven, but something tells me it's very Lasallian up there!

I will ride off with a quote from our leader: "May your heart full of intentions, be a sea of miracles."

ALOHA, AUF WIEDERSEHEN

by Amy Kalina (finishing her 2nd year at San Miguel School, Providence, RI)

In the months leading up to Debriefing, I was both looking forward to the LV Debriefing retreat and dreading it.

Debriefing would be a gathering where I would have to say goodbye to all of the friends I had made over the past two years—friends who would soon be scattered across the country without the convenience of quarterly retreats reuniting us, and Debriefing marked the end of a very powerful and life-altering period in my life. I wasn't quite ready for it.

What will happen to the camaraderie I felt knowing that other volunteers all across the country were going through similar experiences — shared experiences that helped me through some of my darkest, most challenging days. I will have to say goodbye to the retreats sprinkled throughout each service year—each a chance to reflect, discern, and rejuvenate, and push me forward when I most needed to be refreshed and motivated. I will have to say goodbye to the friends I have made, who I don't have to explain why I dedicated two years to volunteer in an inner-city school, and who have supported and uplifted me.

I realized what was great about Debriefing—it proved to me that "goodbye" can have another meaning. Shalom. Ciao. Namaste. According to the wisdom of the Beatles, "You say goodbye, I say hello."

With all of the losses I will experience as my volunteer experience draws to a close, I will be blessed abundantly as well as I will be staying at my service site (San Miguel School in Providence) as a full-time employee. Luckily I won't have to say goodbye to my students (the boys will still be a constant in my life for which I am incredibly grateful). Debriefing definitely provided me with closure. Though it was time to say goodbye to my fellow volunteers and my LV experience, I was also able to greet this new chapter of my life as I realized I will still have the Lasallian Volunteers connection that has so deeply made an impact on my life.

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Br. Brian speaks to LVs at a 2009 retreat.

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THE BLESSING OF REMAINING CONNECTED

by Br. Brian Henderson, FSC

Something I learned from offering an afternoon reflection during a Former Jesuit Volunteer Corps retreat weekend about a year before the LV invitation, was that these young adults were deeply affected by their volunteer year and welcomed opportunities to continue processing the impact of their experiences on their lives. They were concerned with how to preserve interest in social justice issues, showed concern for people of poor means along with appreciating that all people were gifts, regardless of their social or economic circumstances. They showed care for children in particular—but people, especially those who struggled, were great, capable and most certainly lovable. The appreciation of the retreat participants for my presence and conversation with them in various sized groups or individual chats, from the start through the end of the retreat, stays with me. My reflections were a minor, near insignificant lead-in to substantive faith sharing about living life!

Thus, I vigorously advocated for an LV retreat long on free time for individual solitude and reflection along with a large dose of relaxation, encouraging my patented “horizontal meditation.” My goal was to be as simple an accompanier as I could to the Lasallian Volunteer participants. I hoped the time for listening to one’s self — far more important than listening to me as a retreat lecturer — would open their own door to God speaking to them. This serendipitously led to my having easy conversations with volunteers about their life experiences and what their future life might hold in light of their journeys. This further led to numerous episodic opportunities for me to remain in touch with various Volunteers well after the retreat.

The desire and enthusiasm former LVs have for meeting me while I am in a given city (or even simply sending an e-mail note to share the latest movements in their lives) significantly touches me. To witness and hear of the growth and development in professional competence, spiritual depth and (in some cases) the joy of discovering a truly affirming relationship with another, is truly a blessing. It is as if I am witnessing God creating the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth! I have encountered those who have gone from self-conscious shyness to confident yet humble assertiveness. I have seen movement from mixed-up, disorganized young adults to sharp-thinking, smoothly-organized professionals who I would hire in a heartbeat if the opportunity arose.



With Brothers Ed Phelan and Michael Avila at the West Coast Bocce Ball Tournament 2010

I often sense and experience the desire of a good number of former LVs to maintain a level of continuing connectedness with not only the Brothers and other LVs they encountered, but also with the ideals, values, principles, and practices they

personally came to embrace while sharing and contributing to the Lasallian resident and apostolic communities.

I admire greatly the thirst and drive so many of our current and former LVs have to be a faithful conduit of influence, education, and transformation that leads children and clients they encounter to discover, appreciate, and build upon their goodness and capabilities. I also find them keenly attuned to the strength and benefit of forming and preserving, as strong as possible, a sense of community no matter what their human or educational service. I hope their connectedness with me—along with others in the Lasallian network—affirms and nurtures their drive to remain faithful to living what they have discovered and embrace.

As I annually share at the Debriefing Retreat—and often think on many occasions in between—my privileged witnessing strongly affirms my vocation as a Christian Brother. It blesses my consecrated life to be an episodic witness and accompanier of young adults whose serious and purposeful enthusiasm informs and renews my faith and zeal in life and my administrative work of guidance and support of others. To me, their growth and maturing process are signs of great hope that our Lasallian Legacy and Church service to God's people, especially those who experience times of loss or marginalization, is in exceptional hands. I am thankful to all of the present and former LVs for allowing me the gift of experiencing their being the Presence of God in the world and in the communities they live, form, and value keeping connected across our region. I would dare say with unequivocal confidence that John Baptist De La Salle is most proud of this part of our Lasallian tapestry, and I am grateful for the blessing of the opportunity to be part of it as well!



With LV Sara Vogelpohl, 06-08, at an LV museum event in 2007

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THE ALUMNI SURVEY

What happens to Lasallian Volunteers after their service is over? Does their LV experience have an impact into the future and their careers? To discover the impact of the Lasallian Volunteers program, we recently invited LV alumni to answer these questions through a simple survey. Each were invited to choose as many answers as apply to each question.

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How has your LV experience had an impact on your personal development?

- Gained relationship with Brothers, partners, fellow LVs, students/clients who are still important to me..... 68
- Helped me to shape important values that I want to live by..... 66
- Help me to cope better with challenges and opportunities that arise in my life..... 57
- Helped me to grow spiritually and deepen my relationship with God..... 51
- Helped me to shape basic attitudes in my primary relationships and with my children..... 47

When you think of your LV service, describe your experience?

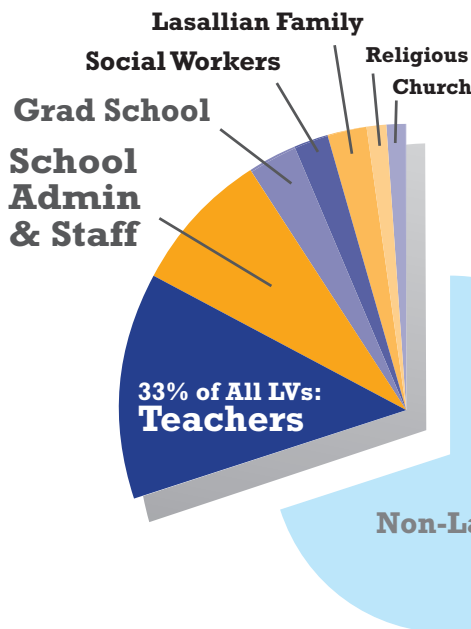
- One that helped shape my attitude and the kind of person I am today..... 69
- Still resonates in relationships and concerns that are still important to me today..... 69
- Nostalgia, something to think about..... 28
- A time of my life that is past..... 11

How has service had an impact on your career and professional life?

- Shaped the values that I bring to my career today 63
- Helped me to find my career, reaffirmed the career choice I had already made 58
- Helped me become the kind of teacher (social worker, professional, etc.) that I am today 58
- Helped me to have a greater concern for the poor, and see the struggles that my students/clients faced are still part of my life today 57

RESPONDENTS	START YEAR:
80 Total Surveyed	'81-'90 3
64 Served 2+ years	'91-'00 18
25 now working in a Lasallian ministry	'00-'07 59

Where Do LVs Go? CHARTING THE CAREER CHOICES OF 249 RESPONDENTS



LV ALUMNI CAREER CHOICES:

	LVs	LASALLIAN
Teachers	82	32
School Admin/Staff	32	21
Social Workers	16	6
Lawyers & Government	10	0
Doctors/Health Care	14	0
Business	19	0
Church Workers	11	2
Religious Life	6	3
Home Makers	12	0
Grad School	17	7
Non-Profit/Social Action	9	0
Lasallian Family	6	6
Other	15	0
TOTAL	249	77

ALUMNINOTES

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Kristen (Corbal) Giangregorio (03-04, Resurrection School) and husband **Chris** (01-03, De La Salle Middle School, St. Louis and Resurrection School) welcomed their son, Matteo Michael, into their family on February 6, 2010. They are all doing well and love watching Matteo grow.

Stacy (Fitzwater) Leard (07-08, San Miguel Academy, Newburgh, NY) is currently teaching Music to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade at Friends Community School in College Park, Maryland. She graduated this summer from Trinity University in May with a M. Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction and married Mike Leard in June before heading to the Oregon coast for their honeymoon!

Joe Flynn (08-09, La Salle School, Albany, NY) was recently accepted into the University of Minnesota, Duluth Campus College of Pharmacy. He starts classes in the fall. In the meantime, he volunteers at San Miguel Middle School in Minneapolis and obtained a position with 3M.

Gary Pritts (07-09, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Brooklyn, NY) is finishing his first year as a physics teacher at Bishop Loughlin where he served as a volunteer. Life is going well and he can't wait for another NYC summer.

Amy (Bell) Archer (99-01, De La Salle In Towne and De La Salle Aftercare, Philadelphia, PA) and her husband Ted welcomed a son in November.

Rachael Hoffman (LV 07-08, Holy Family Catholic Worker, Kansas City, MO) is returning to her Lasallian Volunteer site, Holy Family Catholic Worker Community. She will reside there as a full-time staff member and is excited about renewing her commitment to hospitality and compassion for people in Midtown KC.

Jenny Mohan (06-07, San Miguel Academy, Newburgh, NY) will graduate in June with a Master of Public Service Management degree from DePaul University. She ran the NYC Half Marathon in April and enjoyed dinner and catching up with fellow LV Alums, Mary Broderick and Justine Davies.

Sam Wildhaber (07-09, De La Salle North Catholic, Portland, OR) is living in Charleston, South Carolina and was recently promoted to Money Manager of the James Island Branch of Carolina First Bank. She is enjoying working and going to the beach.

Kendall (Marsden) Grant (06-08, Holy Family Catholic Worker, Kansas City, MO) married Chris Grant in April. She accepted a position at the Franciscan Outreach Association as the Volunteer Coordinator. FOA is a soup kitchen and homeless shelter on Chicago's west side. She will be working with their full time, live in volunteer community!

Lisa (Thompson) Yousif (05-06, De Marillac Academy, San Francisco, CA) married Naciem Yousif of Maryland on April 10, 2010. She is currently teaching in Southeast D.C. as a kindergarten teacher.

Alison (Burgoyne) Orbin (99-00, San Miguel Chicago) and husband Scott welcomed their second child, Max Orbin, on February 5th.

Tom Basquill (01-03, De La Salle in Towne, Philadelphia, PA and LEO Center, Oakland, CA) recently accepted a job as the Youth Engagement Director at HandsOn in the Twin Cities.

Beth Fineran (06-07, Tides Family Services, Pawtucket, RI) recently completed her position at Martin De Porres Academy. She is currently searching for her next professional adventure!

Brent Remppe (04-05, De La Salle North Catholic, Portland, OR), after two years at Cristo Rey Kansas City High School, has returned to his volunteer site, De La Salle North Catholic High School in Portland, OR, as Interim Associate Director of the Corporate Internship Program. He will begin to pursue his passion in campus ministry, which his time in the LVs helped instill in him, in August by starting his Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University Chicago while serving as a Graduate Assistant in Campus Ministry.

Alina Rivas (08-10, San Miguel Camden) was accepted into the School Counseling and Guidance program at Lewis University where she will serve as an LV Scholar.

Daniel Maher (07-09, La Salle School, Albany, NY) finished his first year of graduate work at Manhattan College. As a Lasallian Scholar, he's studying Special Education and working toward his New York State teaching certification. This past January, he chaperoned the Lasallian Outreach Volunteer Experience (LOVE) trip to West Virginia and is chaperoning the LOVE trip to Kenya this coming January. Daniel is also active on campus serving on the Lasallian Leaders Advisory Board and working in Residence Life.

Elizabeth Pillari (08-09, La Salle High School, Yakima, WA) spent the last year living with the Madonna House Lay Apostolate in Combermere, ON, where she lived as a Volunteer Working Guest. She thoroughly enjoyed the simple life of community, prayer, and manual labor, along with occasional games of pond-hockey and a newly acquired hobby of saying 'eh' at the end of most sentences. She is now back home discerning her next steps and dealing with the inevitable side effects of maple-syrup withdrawal.

Nikki (Herth) Schumaker, 02-04 and husband **Phil**, 02-04 (both De La Salle Blackfeet, Browning, MT), have grown by one more! They had Abby in October of 2008 which makes her about 20 months now. Daughter Nora will be 4 in July this year. "They are so much fun to watch grow and develop their own personalities. They really look out for each other too! We love living in Oklahoma City, near Nikki's family which is always a huge help and comfort." Phil celebrated his 4th year at Dell this spring and is learning a ton. He is also playing indoor soccer on a couple rec teams. Nikki takes care of the girls, which she loves, and also teaches the Bradley Method of natural childbirth in their home. "We are always up for visitors—so if you are driving through, look us up!" says Nikki.

Sarah Jane Engle (07-09, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School) just finished her first year of grad school at Villanova University. She is studying for her MA in Theology and Religious Studies and works as an intern in the Campus Ministry department.



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