

AMATE HOUSE

Annual Report 2016



Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2016 another notable year for Amate House! It was a year of change and transition, yet we are proud of our accomplishments. During this 32nd year of service to Chicago, 25 Volunteers provided over 35,000 hours of work valued at over \$800,000 to 22 nonprofit organizations and schools.

We said goodbye to several staff members who faithfully served Amate House for many years. John Lucas retired as Executive Director in June. John was a dedicated servant to Amate House and worked for eleven years to make it a financially stable organization. Because of John's vision, Amate House now owns its homes: two on the southwest side of Chicago and a third, a donation from board member Raymond Loman, in memory of his brother, Jerry. John's legacy of financial stewardship will secure the future of the organization for years to come.

Long-time Program Director Ryan Lents took a position as the Director of the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Amate House is a ministry of this office, so we continue to work with Ryan. Alison Archer was promoted to Program Director following Ryan's departure. Development Coordinator Liv Spilotro left the organization over the summer to take a position in Advancement at DePaul University. Former Amate House Program Director Lisa Wittig returned "home" as the new Development Coordinator. Finally, alumna Deirdre Kleist took over for Becca Muder, who left her position as Program Coordinator to become a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in São Paulo, Brazil. Read more about Becca's new adventure on page seven.

We are grateful for all of the love the outgoing staff poured into their work at Amate House. With new leadership and staff, we are committed to building on their successes in the year to come with renewed energy. In particular, we will focus on bolstering our recruitment efforts so that we may continue to attract bright young adults who are committed to creating a more just and loving society. Amate House is grateful for your partnership in our mission and we ask that you continue to support us as we take on the challenges of 2017.

Gratefully,

Sarah Baum Board President

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Jeannie Balanda Executive Director



MISSION STATEMENT

Amate House, the young adult volunteer program of the Archdiocese of Chicago, fosters the transformation of its Volunteers by providing experiences of full time service to people in need, community living, and faith formation. Amate House develops future leaders for the church and world who are committed to building a more just and loving society.



TENETS

Service

Our Volunteers serve at sites in a variety of fields, including: education, health education and outreach, hunger and homelessness services, legal aid, nursing, physical therapy, and service to the elderly, youth, and immigrant populations.

Community

Each year, our Volunteers live closely as a faith-based intentional community. Our emphasis on community stems from our belief that no one stands alone – our call to service cannot be sustained if we exist in isolation.

Faith

Our Volunteers are called and challenged to take a look at and share in the richness of each other's experiences through daily conversation and weekly reflection, prayer, and discussion. Retreats are placed throughout the year to give our Volunteers a chance to reconnect with each other and reflect on their call to service.

Social Justice

By walking hand-in-hand with those in need, our Volunteers live in solidarity with those they serve and realize the need for change and reform to systems in place, rising to the challenge of becoming leaders with a focus of building a more just and loving society.

Stewardship

Living simply and developing their personal gifts and strengths give our Volunteers the chance to embrace their call to service with an intentional focus on not dwelling on what they do not have, but rather making the most out of what they do have, and relying on their community members to grow and transform with each other through patience and understanding.

2015-2016 VOLUNTEERS

Helene Bansley is from Chicago, Illinois and lived in the McKinley Park Community. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and served at One Million Degrees.

Lauren Barr is from Jacksonville, Florida and lived in the McKinley Park Community. She is a graduate of Auburn University and served at Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly.

Eric Brunter is from Los Alamitos, California and lived in the McKinley Park Community. He is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University and served at UIC John Paul II Newman Center.

Rocío Buzo is from Chicago, Illinois and lived in the Little Village Community. She is a graduate of Illinois College and served at Our Lady of Tepeyac Elementary School.

Christine Caldera is from Wheaton, Illinois and lived in the Uptown Community. She is a graduate of the University of Dayton and served at Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center.

Erik Carlson is from Park Ridge, Illinois and lived in the Uptown Community. He is a graduate of Beloit College and served at Heartland Human Care Services – Belmont-Cragin.

Leslie Carranza is from Zion, Illinois and lived in the McKinley Park Community. She is a graduate of Augustana College and served at Heartland Alliance Youth and Residential Division.

Tia Clifford is from Cleveland, Ohio and lived in the McKinley Park Community. She is a graduate of the University of Dayton and served at the Academy of St. Benedict the African.

Adam Dirnberger is from St. Louis, Missouri and lived in the Little Village Community. He is a graduate of St. Louis University and served at Our Lady of Tepeyac High School.

Liza Duchesneau is from Milton, Vermont and lived in the Uptown Community. She is a graduate of Stonehill College and served at Sarah's Circle.

Anna Goike is from Royal Oak, Michigan and lived in the McKinley Park Community. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and served at Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly.

Mark Greci is from South Bend, Indiana and lived in the Uptown Community. He is a graduate of St. John's University and served at Cabrini Green Legal Aid.

Eryn Gronewoller is from Onaga, Kansas and lived in the Little Village Community. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas and served at Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly.

Allison Guntz is from Indianapolis, Indiana and lived in the Uptown Community. She is a graduate of DePaul University and served at Lakeview Pantry.

Zach Hamilton-Cotter is from Bethesda, Maryland and lived in the Uptown Community. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and served at Rainbows for All Children.

Grace Holland is from Erie, Pennsylvania and lived in the McKinley Park Community. She is a graduate of John Carroll University and served at Chicago Legal Clinic. Kate Kennealy is from St. Paul, Minnesota and lived in the Little Village Community. She is a graduate of the College of St. Benedict and served at Catholic Charities West Regional Services.

Ashleigh Knoeferl is from Kansas City, Kansas and lived in the Uptown Community. She is a graduate of the Catholic University of America and served at Erie Family Health – Evanston-Skokie.

Kelsea Manion is from Lebanon, Ohio and lived in the Uptown Community. She is a graduate of Marian University and served at Exodus World Service.

Roberto Martínez is from Homestead, Florida and lived in the Little Village Community. He is a graduate of Boston College and served at Taller de José.

Jesús Nuñez is from Austin, Texas and lived in the Little Village Community. He is a graduate of Fairfield University and served at Erie Family Health Center's Johnson Elementary School.

Colin Petramale is from Schenectady, New York and lived in the Little Village Community. He is a graduate of the State University of New York – Oswego and served at Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly.

Jacob Storck is from Villa Park, Illinois and lived in the McKinley Park Community. He is a graduate of Dominican University and served at Perspectives Middle Academy.

Meaghan Sykes is from Glenside, Pennsylvania and was a second year Volunteer living in the McKinley Park Community. She is a graduate of LaSalle University and served at New Moms, Inc.

Stephen Umhoefer is from Green Bay, Wisconsin and lived in the Uptown Community. He is a graduate of Ripon College and served at St. Thomas of Canterbury School.



"I have always felt most drawn to the part of the mission of 'building a more just and loving society.' It seemed to me like that happens through activism and service, and that is true, but I am understanding more and more that it is also critical in the little ways: in small acts of kindness and honesty, whether or not it is easy." – Allison Guntz



AMATE'S IMPACT AND REACH



TO DATE

FY 2016

sites served

35,000

service hours provided

value of service hours provided

of alumni continued work in the service sector*



of alumni pursue graduate studies*

75% 100%



of 2016 alumni continued working in or began graduate studies in the service sector

^{*} Source: 2014 Amate House Alumni Survey

REBECCA MUDER

The first thing that strikes you about Becca when you meet her for the first time is her tremendous sense of humor and her infectious laugh. She has a way of making you feel at ease with her joyful and easygoing manner which is, in part, why she was resoundingly considered an incredible Program Coordinator and Volunteer.

Becca was an Amate House Volunteer from 2008-2010. She worked with children at Catholic Charities West Regional's SMART after school program her first year and worked at Woman Craft, a Heartland Alliance social enterprise that provided transitional jobs for women facing barriers to employment, during her second year of service. After completing her volunteer commitment, Becca received a MA in Theological Studies at the University of Dayton and returned to Amate House as a Program and Recruitment Coordinator for four years where she made her mark on Amate House programming.



...go forward from Amate House to do great things for the least of us in His name.

Becca worked diligently to focus Amate House's volunteer formation programming on personal identity development because she felt it was important that Volunteers create a vision and mission for themselves. To facilitate this process, she created the Professional Mentor Program and organized the in-service workshop on mass incarceration. Becca was incredibly present to the communities





she coordinated and led by example. She modeled vulnerability, loyalty, and dedication to Volunteers and always graced them with humor and thoughtfulness.

During her time on staff at Amate House, Becca volunteered at Kolbe House Jail Ministry, where she participated in communion services for inmates at Cook County Jail. It was a call to live a life more radically focused on the Gospel and to accompany marginalized populations that led Becca to make the bold step to become a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in São Paulo, Brazil where she moved in January of this year. Ultimately, Becca hopes to work with families and youth to create a system of justice that focuses on rehabilitation for offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large. For now, Becca is concentrating on learning Portuguese and preparing for the discernment process of how her service will take shape. We have no doubt Becca's experience, her pastoral sense, and her drive to make a difference will quide her to success on this new journey and we wish her well.

The life that Becca is living embodies what Amate House formation is all about: to nurture in young adults the compassion and desire to create a more just and loving world, and to go forward from Amate House to do great things for the least of us in His name.







FRIENDS OF AMATE HOUSE SOCIETY

The Friends of Amate House Society was established in 2003 to encourage, develop relationships with, and acknowledge individuals, parishes, and organizations that give \$1,000 or more in unrestricted donations annually.

The Friends of Amate House Society is vital to our mission. The support we receive through these donations allows Amate House to allocate resources where they are most needed. Because of this, Volunteers are able to provide over 35,000 service hours to underserved communities in Chicago each year while living in intentional community and growing in faith.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of Amate House Society with an unrestricted gift of \$1,000 or more, please contact Jeannie Balanda at 773.376.2445 or jbalanda@amatehouse.org.



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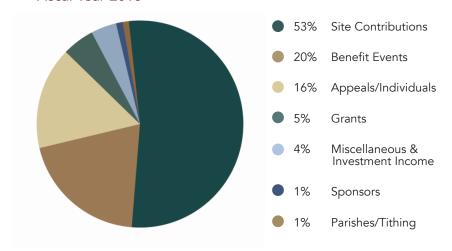
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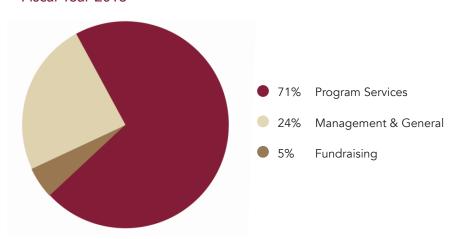
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	FY2016	FY2015	FY2014
Revenues, Gains and Other Support			
Grants	34,000	103,470	69,080
Benefit Events	146,440	151,380	151,596
Site Contributions	379,500	386,125	437,600
Sponsors	9,205	9,689	7,505
Parishes/Tithing	8,535	6,311	13,876
Appeals/Individuals	114,650	112,515	95,739
Miscellaneous Income	29,323	28,658	41,653
Investment Income	247	317	402
TOTAL REVENUE	721,900	798,465	817,451
Functional Expenditures			
Program Services	571,328	559,900	557,797
Management & General	196,986	109,909	206,796
Fundraising	36,796	173,692	25,177
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	805,110	843,501	789,770
Net Assets			
Beginning of Period	225,529	277,648	249,967
End of Period	142,319	225,529	277,648
INCREASE (DECREASE)			
IN NET ASSETS	(83,210)	(52,119)	(27,681)
Statement of Financial Position as of:	6.30.2016	6.30.2015	6.30.2014
Current Total Assets Current Liabilities	142,319	225,529	277,648
Accounts Payable	0	0	0
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	142,319	225,529	277,648
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	142,319	225,529	277,648

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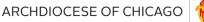
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