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Manhattan College beautifying Northgate Park on a Service Retreat in Camden

*The volunteer service program of the  
Oblates of St. Francis de Sales*

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Reflections on Service



A Note from  
Father Mike McCue, OSFS



People frequently ask me, "How is Camden?"

Usually I search for a grand or universal way to answer this question. Sometimes I mention the struggles around us- alcohol and drugs remain cunning, baffling, and powerful (as AA describes it). Poverty remains steady and life is a daily struggle for many in the neighborhood.

Other times I talk about the positives like Camden's community policing strategy- crime is down in most categories and the number of murders have been halved from the most violent year in 2013. And there are the various building projects going on in town, revitalizing certain areas.

Yet no matter what physical changes happen, the most dramatic shift is always the inner change in people. DSW is a bridge - connecting volunteers and neighbors in relationship with each other. Saint Bruno pointed to the cross as "the still point in the turning world." What a great image for the place God calls us to as part of the positive change in this world- the change in hearts.

Father Mike McCue, OSFS  
Spiritual Director, DSW

## Meet the Staff



### Father Mike McCue, OSFS, Spiritual Director

I am an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, a Catholic priest, and Spiritual Director of DSW since the summer of 2008. It has been fruitful leading DSW, welcoming groups to experience working in Camden and sharing Salesian Spirituality and gospel values with all the groups who come to serve. People often observed that those who serve get as much out of the experience as those who are served; I find that to be very true for myself. It is great to be part of this positive Oblate social justice ministry of doing good works and learning from one another.



### Mike Morgan, Director of Operations

I moved to Camden for a Service Year with DSW after graduating from Virginia Tech. I had an amazing experience working at Hopeworks for a year, getting to know the city and the youth in the program. Since then, I have worked at various nonprofit ministries in the area, including the homeless shelter Joseph's House and Cooper's Ferry Partnership. I also traveled to the Oblate community in Benin in West Africa in the Spring of 2013 to live and serve with their parish. Something I value about serving with DSW is witnessing the Encounter: the meeting of people from different backgrounds and seeing God work through those relationships.



### Paula Riley, DSW Adviser

In 2008, Fr. Mike McCue invited me to come visit his new assignment when he arrived in Camden. During my early visits I saw through his lens, what he encountered - beauty, opportunity and hope. I witnessed, through his work and that of volunteers he welcomed, just how much impact simple actions can have on the lives of others. I love the chance to support the growth of DSW and encountering such focused and dedicated staff and service year volunteers. I love the chance to affect change - in me and in Camden.



## Our Mission

DeSales Service Works welcomes volunteers to join in service, prayer, and learning in our struggling neighborhood. The on-going community and volunteers who participate in urban immersion service retreats provide direct service to children, adults, immigrants, addicts, homeless, and at-risk youth.

## Our Vision

DSW makes an impact, demonstrating the power of Saint Francis' gentle strength in marginalized communities and working to improve the quality of life for our struggling sisters and brothers. DSW also makes an impact on the volunteers; as Pope Francis puts it, "When you meet the needy, your heart grow bigger."



***Nothing is small in the service of God***

*--Saint Francis de Sales--*

## About the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

The charism of the Oblates is to *Live Jesus* in response to the needs of the Church. Oblates live the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience based upon Salesian Spirituality. As Christian humanists, Oblates believe in the dignity, worth, and responsible liberty of each person. Approaching every person in a gentle and humble way fosters peace and justice in the world community. Oblate ministries usually focus on Christian education, missions, social justice, and other pastoral ministries.



### St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and journalists because of his many spiritual writings. He is also the patron saint of the deaf and hard of hearing- he once created a sign language to teach a deaf man about God. De Sales revolutionized the sense of the laity, promoting a spirituality that was accessible to everyone and not just for the ordained.



### Oblate Ministries in the US

Oblates in the US are comprised of two Provinces, in Wilmington-Philadelphia and Toledo-Detroit. Each province has many vibrant parishes, schools, and ministries focused on the accessible and down to earth spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.



### DeSales Service Works

Started in Philadelphia in 1999, DSW is the volunteer service program of the Oblates focused on connecting volunteers to meaningful service opportunities and engaging in social justice issues in the American inner city. Volunteers provide support to many life-giving ministries.



### The Visitation Sisters

Founded by Saints Francis and Jane, Visitation Sisters *Live Jesus* by being part of many schools and also through a few urban monasteries focused on expressing the contemplative life in a new way- a commitment to those who live on the edge economically, and who are often marginalized by society.

Learn more about the Oblates at [oblates.org](http://oblates.org)

A black banner with white text that reads 'BE WHO YOU ARE AND BE THAT WELL' in large, bold, serif capital letters. Below this, in a smaller font, it says 'St. Francis de Sales'. The banner is hanging on a wall and is partially obscured by yellow flowers in the foreground.

### Salesian Spirituality

As an Oblate ministry, DSW is focused on sharing Salesian Spirituality in struggling communities through direct personal service and the advancement of peace and justice while volunteers do much needed practical service.

# Service Retreats

Volunteer groups serving the community's greatest needs by being the hands and feet of Jesus through direct service



## Why do groups come to serve?

DSW Service Retreats allow an opportunity to set time apart to serve those in need, pray, and reflect. Through the virtues of love and understanding, volunteers also learn about the structural issues that create places of concentrated poverty.



## Who comes on Service Retreats?

Anyone who desires to dedicate their time in service to others and are open to how the experience might change them. Groups are often college service trips, school or parish groups. Retreats are for both teens and adults, and are flexible for various lengths of time.



## What is the impact?

DSW is a bridge- connecting volunteers with life giving local ministries that would not be able to exist without the support of volunteers. In addition to impacting others, volunteers are impacted themselves through powerful ministry.



# Retreat Participants in 2015

## High Schools

Bishop Eustace	NJ
Bishop Guertin	NH
Bishop Ireton	VA
Cristo Rey- Philadelphia	PA
Father Judge High School	PA
Georgetown Visitation	DC
Mount St. Joseph Academy	PA
Padua Academy	DE
Salesianum School	DE
St Louis Visitation Academy	MO

## Colleges & Universities

James Madison University	VA
Loras College	IA
Manhattan College	NY
Michigan State University	MI
Morrisville State College	NY
Niagara University	NY
Temple University	PA
University of Wisconsin	WI
Villanova University	PA

## Parishes

Boys Scouts of Camden Diocese	NJ
Holy Family Parish	DE
Holy Infant Parish	NC
Holy Redeemer by the Sea	NC
Oblate Novice Community	DC
Our Lady of Good Counsel/ St. John Neumann Y.A.	DC
Our Lady of Victory Parish	NJ
Our Mother of Consolation	PA
Grace Wimmer	MD
Geoffrey Merz	PA

## Individuals

# Serving Where the Need is Greatest

The many needs of Camden are obvious- 43% of the population lives below the Federal poverty line, and the high school dropout rate is above 50%. DSW is present in places of pain and struggle, offering direct service where it's needed.



## Homeless Shelters

DSW partners with homeless shelters providing safe shelter and connection to vital local resources



## After School Care

Volunteers engage with Holy Name students during recess and after school- two times where it's important to be safe and off the streets

*"My faith was really challenged when I heard stories from the Last Stop [Recovery House]. How can these things happen to people? God brought out the compassion in me."*

- Padua Academy Student



## Sandwich Ministry

Feeding over 300 people on weekdays, the Cathedral's Sandwich ministry is a relied upon source of food for many in the area



## Neighborhood Beautification

Alley cleanups, tree plantings, urban farming, and park cleanups all keep the neighborhood safe and clean



## Social Justice Learning

Hearing guest speakers on addiction and other topics is allows volunteers to gain perspective through hearing the stories of others



*"DSW's deep knowledge and presence in the community really helps our students feel rooted and welcomed in the ministries they take part in."*

Andrew Del Rossi, Director of Campus Ministry at Bishop Eustace

# Service Retreats By the Numbers

Each Service Retreat allows DSW to support local ministries that depend on volunteers to fulfill their mission of serving the poor and marginalized.



10  
ministries

Number of local ministries supported by DSW's retreat volunteers



1,000+  
volunteers

Number of volunteers DSW welcomes annually to serve others with great needs



12,000+  
hours

Number of service hours provided annually by DSW volunteers to local ministries on tight budgets

## What's Included on Retreat:

- Comprehensive retreat programming by DSW Staff
- Connection to well established direct service ministries
- Room and Board at our retreat center in North Camden
- Engaging and transformative speakers
- Contribution to our ministry of presence in Camden
- Life-changing experience for all involved

To schedule a Service Retreat, visit:  
[desaleservice.org](http://desaleservice.org)

## Summer Internships

A three week service immersion experience to serve the marginalized, learn about social justice issues in the American inner city, and work alongside established local ministries

### What do Interns Do?



#### Direct Service

Erica and Morgan mulching at the Camden Children's Garden during a KABOOM playground build, in which they built a playground in a day.



#### Social Justice Learning

Jeff from Urban Boatworks showing the significance of youth learning marketable skills like traditional boatbuilding.



#### Intern Projects

In addition to serving as a group, each intern works with a local ministry or does a project of their own creation



### Immersion Experience

Emma, above, partnered with community organizations to create a summer camp in Northgate Park to provide neighborhood kids a safe place to play.

## Impact: What Projects have Interns Completed?

Summer Interns use their gifts to meet needs in the community. Below are a few examples of how interns have used their talents to connect with others.



#### Camden Documentary

Emily interviewing Bryan about little league baseball in Camden for a documentary highlighting the positives in the city



#### Mural at the community garden

Interns Tim and Maddy created this mural at a community garden, beautifying the area



#### Home Visits with Sister Claire

Sarah mapping out a route with Sister Claire to visit homebound parishoners in the neighborhood



#### Video and Essay Blogs

Giving dignity to people's stories through words and video, several interns have brought amazing stories to light



#### Summer Camp in a local park

Each year our interns run a sports camp to provide safe places for kids to play



#### Photo Essay

Morgan interviewed and photographed Camden residents, "Humans of NY" style, capturing people's stories and struggles

To see more about each project, visit [desaleservice.org](http://desaleservice.org)

# Testimonials from Interns

For full reflections, see page 24

## Broken, filled, and changed...

I found that the life changing part of ministry doesn't lie in the activity of ministry itself. It instead lies in entering into an activity with an open heart and mind, and allowing myself to be broken, filled, and changed by whom I come into contact with.  
--Sarah Sprinkle, 2015 Intern

## Where the Church Works...

I grew by understanding how people that are materially poor are often the ones that are the most spiritually rich. I wasn't just an observer- I was involved in the physical work of the church- the church getting dirty in the streets.  
-- Tim Gillen, 2012 Intern

## Form Lasting Bonds

There are many benefits of a summer internship:

- Hands-on experience in non-profit ministry
- Opportunity to put faith into action through direct service to others
- A reality-altering experience that endows you with new perspectives, meaningful relationships, and the ability to more purposefully engage with the joys and brokenness of the world around us

## How to Apply

Applications and more information can be found on our website:

[desaleservice.org](http://desaleservice.org)





## Service Year Volunteers

DSW Service Year is about directing energy and passion towards forming compassionate consciences that bend toward the needs of the marginalized in our society

### What are the Four Pillars?

#### Service

We all have God given gifts that are fully realized when given in the service of others. Volunteers engage in ministries that match their gifts with community needs

#### Community

Community is a supportive environment that carries you through the challenges of full time ministry. Learning to live together in a way that builds each other up

#### Salesian Spirituality

The gentle charisma of St Francis de Sales is timely even in the rough urban environments of today. De Sales' spirituality is a guide to our approach to loving others

#### Simplicity of Lifestyle

We seek to live in solidarity with those around us. In addition to living with less materially, volunteers discern what it means to be a conscious consumer and recognizing places of injustice



## Giving a Year For Others

Service Year Volunteers is a 12-month program beginning with Orientation in August. The DSW experience fosters the Christian worldview of St. Francis de Sales and brings the power of gentleness, humility, and optimism to very poor, hard edged communities.

## Ministry Placements

DSW places volunteers at ministries that are a life giving and professionally challenging environment. Each site impacts the community in different ways- below are a few current placements:



### Social Work and Teen Development

GFS counsels families experiencing trauma from violence, and runs a teen program with a 100% college acceptance rate



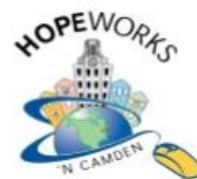
### Healthcare Clinic for the Homeless

Project HOPE improves the well being of homeless persons by providing primary, preventative, and related health services



### Education: Catholic Grade School

Teachers assistant and other positions available at Holy Name School, the only catholic grade school in the neighborhood



### At-Risk Youth Development

Hopeworks has been using technology to work with youth 14-23 to get back in school and find a safe pathway to their future



### Homeless Shelter Support

Joseph's House gives shelter to 75 guests every night and connects them with resources to get back on their feet



### Immigration Law

Camden Center for Law and Social Justice is the leading provider of immigration and domestic violence legal assistance to the poor in south Jersey

To learn more about each ministry, visit [desalesservice.org](http://desalesservice.org)

# Meet our 2015-16 Service Year Volunteers

## Elizabeth Feeney



**Hometown:**  
Philadelphia, PA  
**School:**  
UPenn

The meeting point of spiritual support and service has always been important in my own growth, and I am happy for the opportunity to practice the same at Project Hope where I will be serving this year to help the homeless population in Camden. I love listening to life-stories, reading books, and talking about all types of religions and spiritualities. I come from a family of four, and just graduated from the University of Pennsylvania where I studied Religious Studies and Anthropology.

Service has always been central to my understanding of faith and community, and I am excited to serve others as I work at Guadalupe Family Services in Camden and grow in my faith with the entire DSW community. I enjoy running and reading history and fiction. I recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BA in History and Political Science and a minor in Business and Economics.

## John Arden



**Hometown:**  
Pelham, NY  
**School:**  
Vassar College

I studied History at Vassar and took time off to be placed in Holy Name School where I will be teaching middle-schoolers. I am extremely excited to be teaching youth in a new place and I hope to be able to teach them new ideas and theories and in turn expand my own horizons from their experiences. In terms of hobbies I am a huge fan of films and love video games. I think that one of the most important parts of life is faith and the ability to reflect on your own successes and failures so that you can walk forward.

I am excited to begin a new chapter in my life and help make a difference in the community through DSW. I enjoy reading, quilting, taking photos, and drawing, especially for reflection and expression of unknown feelings. I graduated from Nazareth with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Religious Studies. I will be placed at Holy Name School for the year. I am excited to continue what I enjoy, serving others, through a year of volunteering.

## Sarah Delanny



**Hometown:**  
Bel Air, MD  
**School:**  
St. John's University

I graduated from St. John's University in Queens, New York. I grew professionally and spiritually while in the Big Apple. I did not grow up in a service based community and my faith life felt as routine as brushing my teeth in the morning. I believe what awoke my faith in God and church was being a Summer Intern at DSW in 2013. I met people and organizations who made Camden's phrase, "A City Invisible" come to life. I am excited to be working with DSW in Camden again, this time for a year.

## Ryan Langton



**Hometown:**  
Middlesex, NJ  
**School:**  
Univ. of Notre Dame

## Amber Weeks

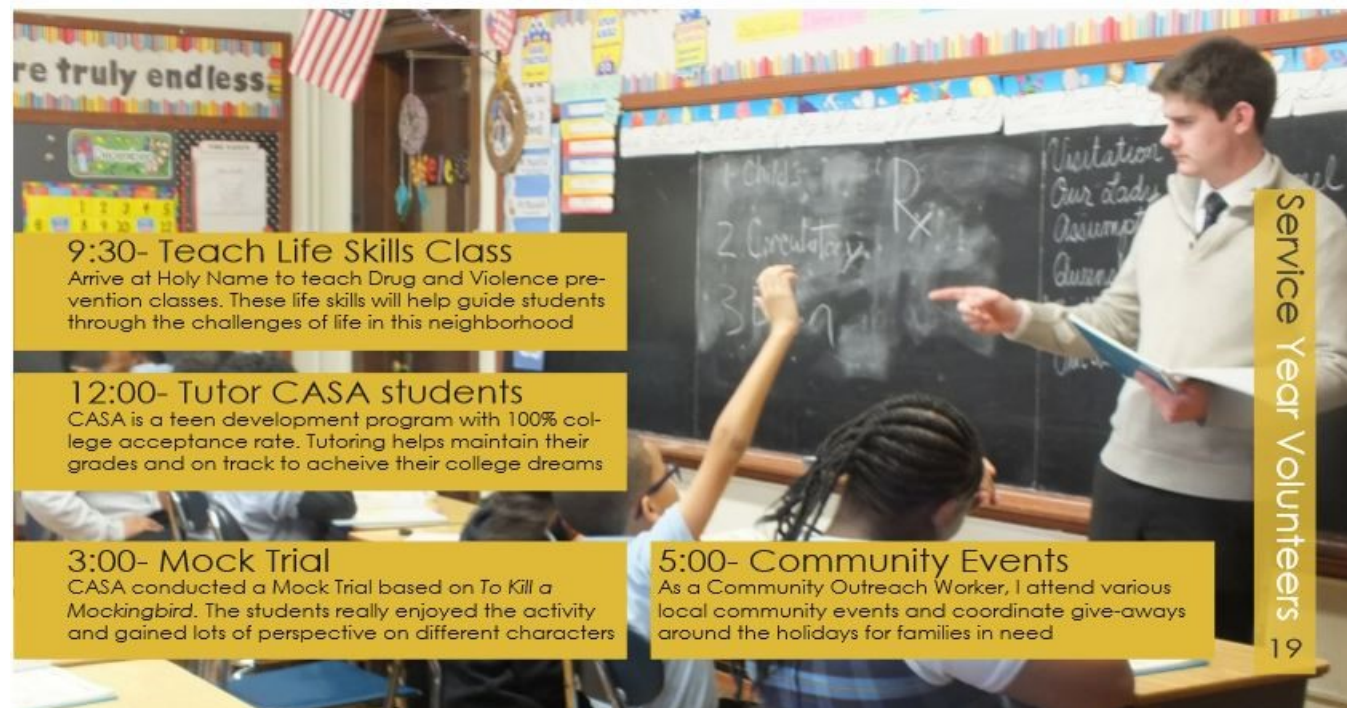


**Hometown:**  
Oriskany Falls, NY  
**School:**  
Nazareth College

# A Day in the life of.....

**Ryan Langton**

Ministry Site: Guadalupe Family Services  
Position: Community Outreach Worker



### 9:30- Teach Life Skills Class

Arrive at Holy Name to teach Drug and Violence prevention classes. These life skills will help guide students through the challenges of life in this neighborhood

### 12:00- Tutor CASA students

CASA is a teen development program with 100% college acceptance rate. Tutoring helps maintain their grades and on track to achieve their college dreams

### 3:00- Mock Trial

CASA conducted a Mock Trial based on *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The students really enjoyed the activity and gained lots of perspective on different characters

### 5:00- Community Events

As a Community Outreach Worker, I attend various local community events and coordinate give-aways around the holidays for families in need

## Alumni Spotlight

Abbey Doherty

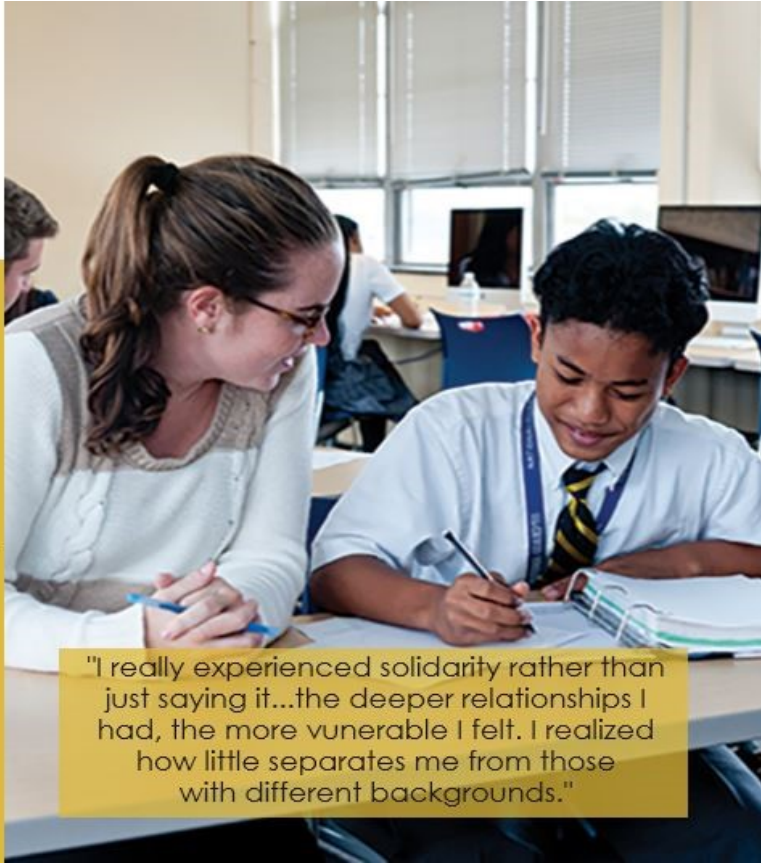
Service Year Volunteer '14-'15

Previous Ministry Placement:  
Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School

At the beginning of my service year, I was faced with many harsh realities, and it hit me hard. I witnessed and listened to the pain people were going through, how some students overcame great struggles just to make it to school everyday.

Working with Camden residents allowed me to understand myself and what it meant to truly stand in solidarity with others. Once I developed stronger bonds with my community, I saw a whole new way to educate myself and others in an urban setting.

I currently work at the Catholic Partnership Schools in Camden as the Coordinator of After School and Summer Programs. I continue to serve as a mentor for the current DSW volunteers and work effortlessly to give my time, energy, and insights wherever needed.



"I really experienced solidarity rather than just saying it...the deeper relationships I had, the more vulnerable I felt. I realized how little separates me from those with different backgrounds."

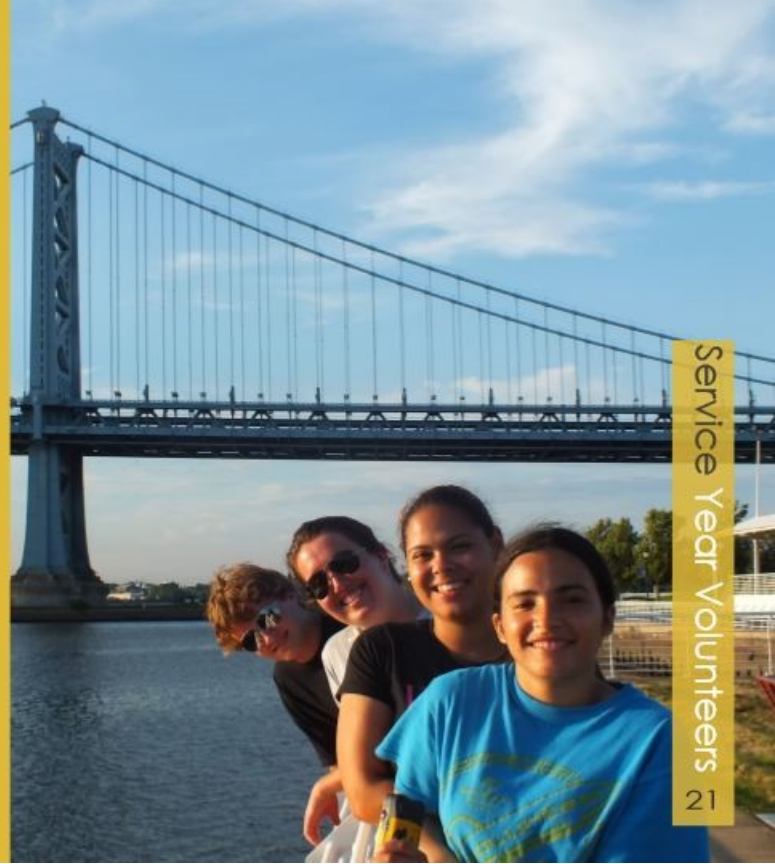
## Benefits for Service Year Volunteers

- Room and board
- \$110 monthly stipend
- Health Insurance through Catholic Volunteer Network
- Personal growth through formation advisers and community life
- Professional work experience at established nonprofits
- Loan Deferment during time of service

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# 2015: The Year in Review

A small snapshot of the events and people who joined us in 2015.



## 2nd Annual Open House/ Chili Cookoff

We started the year off with a packed open house- inviting friends and neighbors to join us in food and ministry



## Kenny Halloman Passed Away

We were sad to hear of the passing of Kenny in February. Kenny helped with so many volunteer groups and was a gentle, guiding presence to so many people



## Last Stop Rebuilds House Next Door

The Last Stop workers began bringing life to the abandoned house next to DSW! Pictured is Father Mike and Rick blessing the house before construction



## Celebrating 25 Years a Priest!

In 2015 we saw the silver anniversary of Father Mike's priesthood! We celebrated the milestone with a large gathering at the volunteer house in Camden



## Visit from Oblate Superior General

Most Reverend Aldino Kiesel, the worldwide leader of the Oblates, stopped by Camden for a chat and visit



## 2015 Summer Interns

This year six young adults joined us in the summer, coming from various schools and bringing their enthusiasm to serve for three weeks



## CASA Cookout!

CASA, the teen program run by Guadalupe Family Services, had their end of the year cookout celebration at DSW. Pictured are 2015 Summer Interns and CASA teens



## The Pope in Philly!

Thousands came out to see the Pope in Philly on his first papal visit to America! DSW volunteers walked across the Ben Franklin Bridge to join the crowds in attendance to hear him speak



## Farewell to '14-'15 Community

In August, we said goodbye to Abbey and Brooke- we are very grateful for their time and devotion to Camden this past year!



## Welcoming '15-'16 Community

This year, we welcomed five Service Year volunteers- our most ever in Camden!



## Orientation at Camp De Sales

The '15-'16 Community made the trek to Camp Desales for Orientation- connecting with the Western Province and reflecting lakeside was a great way to start their year!

## Breaking to be Filled Again

Erica Rebussini, 2015 Summer Intern

When I came to Camden, I intended to use my gifts to explore the realities of an impoverished yet spiritually, historically, and emotionally rich community. What I experienced, through the blessing of many encounters with people in Camden, was a change within who I am.

Gallery Eleven One inspired my imagination, meetings at The Last Stop blessed me with new friends, and the youthful atmosphere of Hopeworks gave me the experience of being a mentor and role model. Hopeworks is a place that shed light on some of the problematic factors of living in Camden. The essence of ministry to one another and to one's community was seen in the 275 people who volunteered at the KaBoom! playground build, the teaching mission of Urban Boatworks, and the impetus to improve the urban landscape through the work of Cooper's Ferry.

**"Be who you are and be that well" St. Francis de Sales**

**Camden broke my heart and put it back together fuller than it was before. I experienced moments in which I was absolutely aware of both suffering and goodness.** I was warned that the transition going back home would be the most challenging part of doing any extended period of service. Upon returning home, I wasn't expecting the feeling of aloneness that heartache. Service can be heartbreaking and full of hope. Sometimes it feels pointless (the work of your hands just isn't enough sometimes), and other times feels like everything in the world all at the same time.

**Serving with DSW broke my heart and filled it with love, compassionate encounters of suffering, and called me out on our responsibility to look out for all.** As we belong to God as his children, we belong to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. The grace by which I loved and was loved in return was life-giving in every way. I am prepared to handle the challenge to love the people of this world as I "go forward in joy and [am] sent forth in peace" (Isaiah 55:12).



## A Quiet, Active Love

Abbey Doherty, '14- '15 Service Year Volunteer

**There's a certain notion in "being called" that suggests radicalism, going where no one else has been, creating a kind of lifestyle that others will applaud by virtue of it being countercultural.** Before coming to DSW in Camden or starting at Cristo Rey-Philly, I held an arrogant self-perception that I was a radical. I was going to the frontier of social justice for citizens of Camden or disadvantaged high school students while my peers interviewed for jobs and searched for snazzy apartments in the city.

During my service year however, I realized that the "radical" characterization of going to where you are called has nothing to do with where you are going but rather who has summoned you there and why. Working at Cristo Rey, I've learned that I am not the only one driven to come alongside students who need academic, emotional and spiritual support. In fact, I am one of many. Devoting your life to serving others can at times feel isolating. Some days I walk away feeling like I have not impacted anyone, and there is a small voice of failure that begins to announce itself in my mind. This specific isolation is not only dangerous but also the reason why the work of social justice for the poor has garnered its radical characterization. **Perhaps, the radical aspect of doing this year of service is this very lesson; I am not the only one.**

The radical or extraordinary part of living a life for others originates in how we have responded to a call. The radical notion is that serving others is not featured on NBC nightly news or given weeks of media attention. Today, a "radical" deemed as such by the populace, attracts attention through confrontational methods or even, unfortunately, brutal violence. The radicalism of service—the real radicalism—is more that those called have accepted a task that is ordinary. Those who serve are radical because they are humble. Over roaring opinion and movement, they choose quiet, active love



# Perception Versus Reality

Geoffrey Merz, 2015 Volunteer

After confirming I would volunteer in Camden for two weeks, I thought it would be a good idea to research the city a bit to get a better understanding of what my time there might be like. The information was mainly negative, describing steady population decreases and well above average crime rates. When I told some of my friends that I was going to Camden, they all had similar responses- "Don't get shot!". These kinds of statistics and comments had me thinking. Does Camden have any hope of rising as a city? Over my time in Camden I wanted to try and find an answer to this question. What I found is not going to transform the city overnight, but it's definitely a sign that the future may be bright.

**"Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and angels know of us" -Thomas Paine**

For most people, when they think of Camden, they think of a poor, struggling city, with a high drug and crime rate. While that certainly exists, the news mostly portrays the negative things that happen while missing all of the amazing acts of charity and kindness that go unreported on an everyday basis. Every weekday morning at DSW in Camden I had the chance to work with three of the most dedicated, passionate, and humorous women I have ever met: Susan, Erma, and Rita. These three are the fearless leaders of Sandwich Ministry- serving 400+ people who can't afford food. Thanks to countless food donations, these "power women" (how I like to describe them because if they want something done, it gets done) are able to feed the hungry consistently every weekday of the year.

It's the work of these women, dedicating their lives to serving others, that give me hope for the future of Camden. So yes, unfortunately, Camden gets a bad reputation. However, many people are making a difference like Susan, Erma, and Rita. They are the "angels" of the city whose character is often over looked by the perception of Camden.



# A Life Giving Year

Brooke Pasker, '14-'15 Service Year Volunteer

In the middle of my service year, I realized it had been six months since we arrived, and six months were ahead of us **to be explored, to challenge us, to change us, and to give of ourselves.** Our experiences and the individuals who touched our hearts will impact where and how we choose to serve on the journey that is our lives.

**Someone asked how I have changed this year.** After a little bit of thought, my answer was that the perceptions I had of Camden have been altered. Before arriving in Camden in August, all I knew were articles and news reports of a violence-ravaged and drug-riddled city left in despair. But even after only a couple days here, I realized there's more to the story than the media reports. There are hope-filled residents and many who have come to Camden to improve the city and the lives of those who live in it. After a few months at my placement, I had all but forgotten my preconceived notions of Camden. The kids at Holy Name grade school are full of hope and have ambitious career goals. I thought that teenagers from Camden would be trouble-makers that I would be unable to relate to. However, I was wrong on both counts. The teens who belong to CASA are normal teens: they love hanging out with friends but struggle with math, just like I did in high school. In the end, the youth I work with aren't so different from me or any other human; they just grew up in different circumstances.

Living and working in Camden has given names and faces to the impoverished and in doing so, has given me a new perspective. **Some would say I've "given up" a year of my life to do service, but I disagree. It's say this year is life-giving.**





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