



# ANNUAL REPORT

July 2022 - June 2023

**MERCY VOLUNTEER CORPS**

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Baltimore, New York City, and Philadelphia volunteers visiting the United Nations.



Detroit volunteer feeding a llama.



Savannah volunteers going pumpkin picking.



Cincinnati volunteers enjoying their summer.

# WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR

## MERCY VOLUNTEER CORPS

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As you'll see in the next several pages, we could not invite, place, and accompany Mercy Volunteers without you, our treasured partners in mission. The collective support from the Sisters of Mercy, alumni, donors, support teams, board members, staff, and other stakeholders is invaluable. You all help bring our mission of building community through service to life. Without you, we would not be able to carry forth Catherine McAuley's legacy of creating a more just and merciful world in the same unique way that we have for the past 46 years. Thank you all for your continued support, and as the 2022-23 Mercy Volunteer year theme proclaimed, we are grateful to be "In Partnership" with you now and into the future.

When you read the testimonial quotes from Mercy Volunteers and see our financial snapshot and donor names in the next few pages, please know of our immense gratitude for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with us. We also invite you to read about one of our MVC Alumni, Joe Falco '97, '98, who continues to partner with MVC as a monthly recurring donor with his wife, Lisa. Joe served in both Santa Fe, NM and New York, NY more than 25 years ago, and his MVC experiences and relationships continue to impact his life in profound ways today.

We sat down with Joe over coffee at our office last month, and we wanted to share more of his Mercy Volunteer experience with you, our fellow faithful donors.

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# ALUMNI FEATURE

Joe's first service placement in Santa Fe was at St. Katharine Indian School. The school was started by Mother Catherine Drexel, and it predominantly served Native American and Hispanic students. There were a lot of different tribes, pueblos, and cultural differences among the students and families. Joe learned a lot about local history and the unique intersection of cultures and colonialism. The different perspectives opened his mind up a lot, and he credits MVC for allowing him and other Mercy Volunteers to experience life in new ways and explore how other cultures, experiences, and perspectives are intertwined. Joe remembers fondly the different cultural celebrations where food, traditional Native American dance, and fellowship took place in small household gatherings and larger public festivities. He remembers how present the Blessed Sacrament Sisters were to the local community, and the memorable celebrations the Sisters would host. They would ensure that food from all cultures and traditions were represented, and any individualism turned communal for these celebrations would focus on unique commonalities and not differences.



In New York, Joe served at St. Francis Xavier Parish in lower Manhattan. Joe helped with many aspects of vibrant parish life, including the Welcome Table, a soup kitchen started in the West Village on Sundays. Many volunteers helped serve 1,200 – 1,500 meals for the economically poor and senior citizens every Sunday. The parish also provided an ESL program for folks in the city, and an Education Outreach Program that included local volunteer mentors to help students in the neighborhood. It was a very diverse parish with some Sisters of Mercy presence and connections. Joe learned to see God in people different from him by accompanying those from other cultures and backgrounds, as well as individuals experiencing substance abuse and mental health challenges. He also learned that the people they were “serving” were really serving the Mercy Volunteers. Joe recognized how MVC helps Mercy Volunteers move from self to others by providing reflection opportunities

focusing on what's really meaningful and valuable in life. For Joe, his MVC experience continues to serve him well into a lifetime of community, faith, family, and valuable relationships. Joe remembers his Mercy Volunteer experience as a transformative experience overall, and a lot of fun!

Joe has a special message for Mercy Volunteers and all Alumni: don't forget to talk about MVC. During our conversation with Joe, he mentioned multiple times how he wouldn't have been able to serve at two different sites in two different cities, states, and cultures, and live in community with fellow Mercy Volunteers, if it weren't for the staff and comprehensive framework the program provides. Joe feels that MVC as an organization matters, and without it, he would not have been able to build community through service, nor gain the important life lessons and strong relationships MVC fostered.

Finally, we asked Joe why he donates to MVC. He immediately said, "No money, no mission." He also shared that his contributions feel like prayer in action, and that Mercy Volunteers get more from his investment since it allows others to serve communities in need and helps others see beyond themselves. Joe feels his monthly donations are a worthwhile return on investment, and he sees the proof in MVC's hard work, support for Mercy Volunteers, and the positive organizational impact. We're so grateful for Joe's service as a volunteer, former board member, and monthly donor. We greatly appreciate the contributions of all Alumni and other donors, too!



**Alumni group photo**  
*(Falco pictured second from right)*



**1997 Mercy Volunteers**  
*(Falco pictured fourth row, furthest on the left)*

# ALUMNI DONATIONS

\*Denotes Companion in Mercy or Mercy Associate

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**“Learning immigration laws and immigration history has also motivated me to continue learning about the racist history of immigration and to want to continue advocating for the undocumented community!”**

***Adriana Valerio: New York, New York***



**“These experiences have embodied a spirit of partnership by showing how progress and change rely so heavily on mutual respect and communication. When both parties see each other as equals, both parties benefit from a new perspective and the gifts of the other.”**

***Lucila Radke: Savannah, Georgia***

# MVC IN NUMBERS

Total hours served

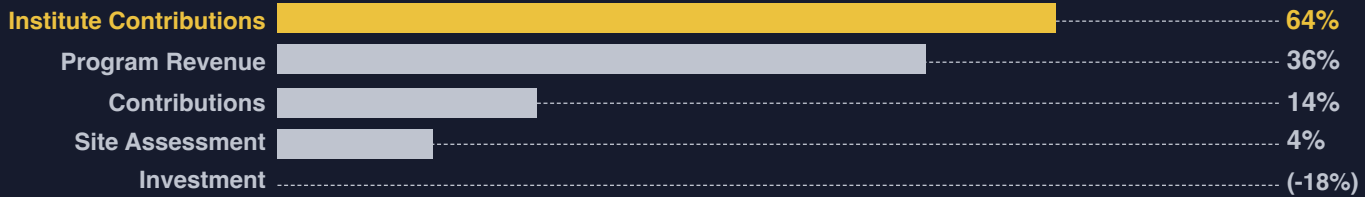
18,952

Total individuals served

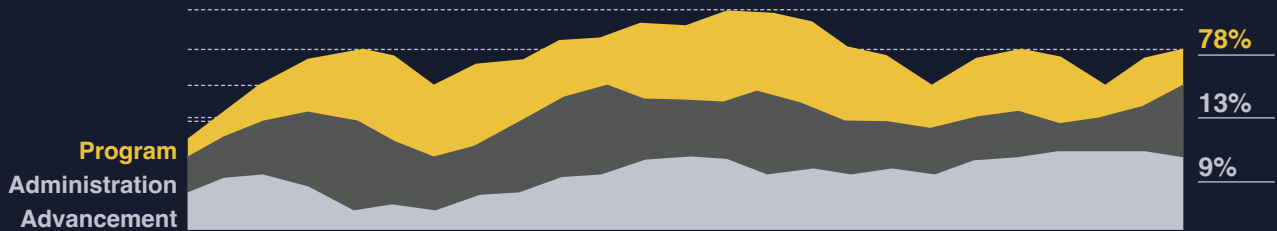
4,682

13 volunteers, 6 service cities, 12 service sites

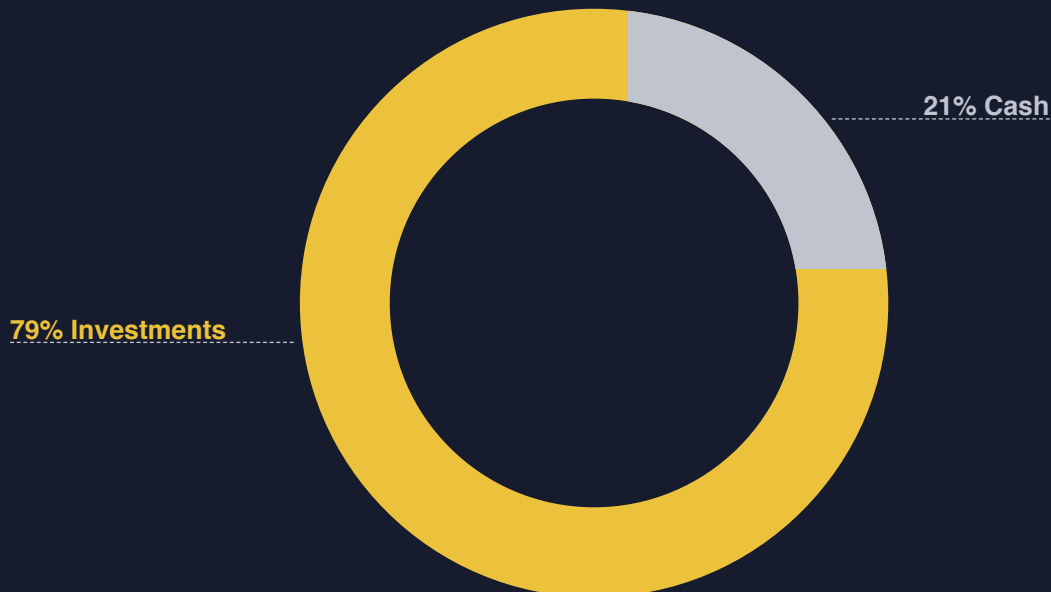
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**“I’m continuously touched by the generosity and kindness and patience that has been extended to me by those I serve alongside, despite navigating difficult scenarios themselves. This so beautifully embodies this sense of partnership and mutuality that has remained a recurring theme throughout the year.”**

***Colleen Swanhart: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania***





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**“The people that come are a part of my community. They have taught me so much about myself. Their stories have allowed me to find self-confidence in unexpected ways.”**

***Devarsh Desai: Detroit, Michigan***





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