



# COLORADO EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS

## Annual Report 2020

TRANSFORMING INDIVIDUALS AND GROWING COURAGEOUS  
COMMUNITIES THROUGH PRAYER AND ACTION

### RESILIENCE

In a year when so many faith based service programs ended early or lost corps members who wanted to return home, our corps members stayed together and forged life long friendships in the crucible of their Coronavirus quarantine. This year our cohort created a cookbook of recipes that sustained them during quarantine. Anna Foster wrote in her introduction to the cookbook:



“I think it's safe to say that when the five of us first moved into the Saint Columba house in late August of 2019, we had no idea what a journey we would embark on as a group. Intentional community means calling each other in, loving one another unconditionally, and learning and growing together. While we all came in committing to these ideals, it's safe to say that the road to living into these things was not without challenges. Over the past 11 months we have seen our world change. A global pandemic and the suffering of many. Our BIPOC communities, who have too long suffered great injustice, fighting to make lasting change. A church (and world) in transition.

Our table brings us together. We sit and eat, we talk about our day, we check in with one another. At our table we've laughed, we've cried, we've sat in silence, had loud joyful conversations, and we've prayed.

Food brings our community together, it's how we show our love and share our stories. Food connects us. Whether it's cooking together in our kitchen, or enjoying a meal together, I treasure every moment that I am able to share a meal or create memories with my ESC family.” *Anna Foster, Colorado ESC 2019-2020*



### COMMUNITY

Colorado ESC continues to provide the infra-structure that helps young adults find meaning in their lives, and to find ways to learn about themselves and how they can contribute to alleviating the world's suffering. Now more than ever we need programs that bring together young adults and equip them to be resilient, healthy, creative and compassionate members of the community. We are excited to welcome four young women this fall for our 8th cohort.

## GRATITUDE AND ABUNDANCE

We are so grateful for the continued generosity and support of so many people. We held a virtual fundraiser at the end of July and raised over \$10,000 in a few minutes. This summer we raised over \$22,000 for our program and over \$1200 to support our partner agencies. We continue to find ways for congregations across Colorado to engage with our corps members. We are finding more creative ways to stay financially stable in increasingly difficult times.

## OUTREACH

Corps members will be available for virtual parish visits and will be able to speak on a variety of topics. To schedule a visit please contact us at: [coloradoesc@gmail.com](mailto:coloradoesc@gmail.com).



### 2019-2020 Corps members served with:

- Lutheran Family Services in the Refugee Resettlement Program
- MetroCaring
- Office of Advocacy and Social Justice for the Episcopal Church in Colorado
- Purple Door Coffee
- Urban Peak

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