#### Colorado Episcopal Service Corps Annual Report 2018



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TRANSFORMING INDIVIDUALS AND GROWING COURAGEOUS COMMUNITIES THROUGH PRAYER AND ACTION

### Service

In 2017-18 Corps members served at:

- -St. Francis Center in Basic Services and Housing
- -Metro Caring
- -St. Clare's Ministries and in the Office Advocacy and Social Justice
- -Tread of Pioneers Museum in Steamboat Springs



#### CO-ESC Corps members at the St. Columba House Blessing November 2017



## Build

We continue to build our network of support around the diocese. We have over 100 individual donors and almost a dozen regional and community partners.

We hosted our first fundraising event in July and doubled our goal by raising over \$10,000 for the program, as well introducing Colorado ESC to several new community partners. We plan to host a birthday again next year.

We are grateful for the new development officer in the Office of the Bishop and look forward to working with him to grow and build the community of support for Colorado ESC.

# Community

In 2017-18 corps members engaged with churches around the diocese, speaking at formation events, serving at fall Quest and leading advocacy events for the Office of the Bishop.

St. Columba House members forged relationships with the close by neighbors, which are relationships we will continue to grow with the incoming communities.

Our fifth birthday party on July 20, 2018 was the unofficial launch of an alumni group. We will continue to cultivate CO-ESC alumni and other young adults wanting to develop a rule of life and be connected with others who are working on personal and social transformation.

Colorado ESC has emerged as a leading program in the national Episcopal Service Corps network. We hosted the Spring 2018 Program Director meeting where the decision it was decided that as a national network we would like to become a program of the National Episcopal Church. The national network is now being shepherded by the Faith Formation Office staff in the Presiding Bishop's Office. We are in the process of working out a transition plan and what this looks like for individual programs. The hope is that this will bring stability and accountability across the network. CO-ESC leadership will continue to be in the conversation as this transition takes place.

# **Explore**

Colorado ESC continues to explore how we can deepen our formation with corps members and with congregations across Colorado.

If you would like a Colorado ESC corps member to come to your congregation please contact us! We are happy to have a corps member preach, present a forum, lead a formation session with your youth or young adults. We'd love to explore what other ideas you might have.



Corps members, staff and alumni at the July 20, 2018 Birthday Bash and Fundraiser

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