



COLORADO EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS

Annual Report 2019

TRANSFORMING INDIVIDUALS AND GROWING COURAGEOUS COMMUNITIES
THROUGH PRAYER AND ACTION



Transformation

The summer of 2019 marks the end of our sixth year of growing courageous communities. Forty-five young adults have participated in and been transformed by Colorado ESC. Through service, self-reflection and living in community corps member wrestle with the complexity of a modern life of faith. In our formation and at our retreats we ask one another what it means to be a faithful Christian in response to so much division and fear. We challenge one another to care

for all of God's creation and we explore vocation and call for life after the program.

The communities and congregations that have hosted corps members have also been transformed. The energy of a community of committed and engaged young adults has made it possible for host congregations to think of themselves as being full of potential and possibility.

New horizons

Although we filled St. Columba House the earliest ever on March 31st, in April it became clear that it was time to close the chapter on Centennial House. We had five great years of ministry and community in Steamboat Springs and at St. Paul's Church. On July 19th, we celebrated and gave thanks for the vision and leadership that made Centennial House a reality. We are able to sell the condo which was given to the program and reinvest in the next chapter of Colorado ESC. While St. Columba House continues to thrive, we will explore where we might find new ministry partnership possibilities.

Partnership Agencies

Through our partner agencies we impacted the lives of thousands of vulnerable Coloradans in Denver and in Steamboat Springs. We assisted people with disabilities to remain independent, supported formerly homeless adults in housing, welcomed refugees from all over the globe, and served youth experiencing homelessness.



In 2018-2019 we partnered with:

St. Francis Center Housing

St. Francis Center Job placement office

Lutheran Family Services Migration Ministry Office

Work Options for Women

Urban Peak

Northwest Colorado Center for Independence



Collaborate

We continue to explore and expand ways to engage with people across Colorado. Colorado ESC Corps members and alumni have participated in the leadership of workshops at convention, diocesan youth events and Cathedral Ridge summer camps. We deploy corps members to lead or speak at adult formation and weekday evening Bible studies at congregations around the diocese.

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