



The 2021-2022 program year came with many challenges. One week before the program began two corps members **withdrew, causing a significant drop in income and putting extra pressure on the remaining three corps members to have a successful year.**

Despite these challenges, our corps members worked hard **to create community** and to be present **with one another.** In April it became clear that it would be the healthiest **choice** for everyone if one of the corps members left. For the remaining two and a half months of the program, **we supported our remaining two corps members,** who finished well and strong. **Through this process, we learned a lot about community, each other, and ourselves.** Whether we have five or two corps members, the work we are doing is transformational, not just for the corps members, but for all who have the opportunity to engage with the program.

**The grants we received enabled us to continue the program and allow** the corps members to do the work they came here to do and **are the reason we are able to start our 10th year.**

After 10 years of **recruiting, mentoring, and fundraising,** we have learned that we cannot do the program without our granting partners. Our grants mean that we can provide our corps members with the tools and support **necessary** to have a successful year. Along with agency fees, grants make it possible to provide group therapy, Friday formation, monthly **one-on-one** mentoring, and a roof over their heads.

We will always need grants to continue our work, and we are so grateful for the grant support that we have received over the years.

Corps members continue to experience incredible personal growth. A year in Episcopal Service Corps is often the first time a corps member is really able to be on their own. **This space allows them to begin figuring out who they want to be in the world or gives them the chance to live into a sense of self they have always known.** A year in the corps is an opportunity to explore healthy relationship building, **along with learning** lifelong skills for resilience. Serving in a partner agency is one component of a comprehensive program. With theological reflection, skills training, spiritual practices, and community living they are able to integrate their agency experiences in deeply impactful ways.

In August 2022 we started our **10th** year with five corps members at Cathedral Ridge. We spent two weeks building community and creating a foundation of trust and vulnerability for the rest of the year. We continue to listen to and learn from our corps members to be a more welcoming and inclusive program each year.



## 10 years of Colorado Episcopal Service Corps

Number of Corps Members	55
Number of Partner Agencies	17
Number of Alumni Currently Residing in Denver	12
Number of Colorado Episcopal Service Corps Houses	2 (St. Columba House in Denver & Centennial House in Steamboat Springs (2014 - 2019))
Number of Granting Partners	10 +
Number of Supporting Members	100 +

