



OVC

Orthodox Volunteer Corps

2021 - 22 ANNUAL REPORT

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We write in gratitude.

2021-22 was our first full year in existence, and this is our first annual report.

We began with a belief. Although too many young adults are leaving the Church, they are also hungry for service and community—and the Church is the home for that longing. So we cast a vision for a new ministry: Orthodox Volunteer Corps. OVC would provide year-long, domestic service placements, intensive training in Orthodoxy and leadership development, a house for intentional community, and immersion in the life of the Church.

Then we got to work. We created an organization, raised money, hired staff, spread the word, recruited participants, found service placements, and more.

None of this would have been possible except for the grace of God, the prayers of the faithful, the labor of volunteers, the gifts of donors, and the response of young adults to the call of service.

For these reasons and more, we write in gratitude. And we invite you to read the story of our first year.

In Christ,



Kyra and Michael

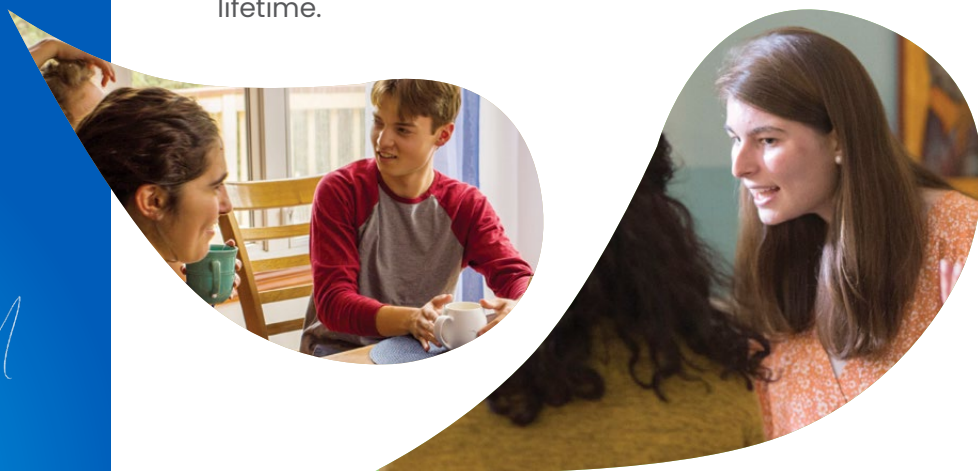
CROSSING PATHS

We spent the year laying the groundwork for a new ministry with young adults. Please meet two members of the inaugural cohort, who found their way to OVC through different paths.

Ella grew up in the Orthodox Church, nurtured by her parish and Orthodox ministries. That grounding, she reflects, “laid a foundation, especially to serve.” But in college, without a parish nearby, she did not feel closely connected to her Orthodox roots. As she approached graduation, Ella sought an opportunity to intentionally reconnect with her faith. She was “searching for an Orthodox Christian community,” “spiritual enrichment,” and a way to “put my faith and values into meaningful service.” OVC was “at the intersection of all I wanted.”

Noah grew up marginally Catholic and had no faith community by college. Early in his senior year, however, he saw a friend on the city bus, asked about his evening, and learned that his friend was on his way to confession. Noah had never heard of Orthodoxy. Drawn by his friend’s example, Noah began attending an Orthodox parish and was chrismated on Pascha in 2022. As graduation approached, Noah sensed “a deep need to learn what it means to live a life in Christ.” When he heard of OVC, he felt “like it was gifted to me by God for my transformation.”

Ella, Noah, and four others have come from different paths to join the inaugural cohort of OVC. Please pray for them as they serve for a year and prepare for a lifetime.



WHAT A YEAR

January 2021
Board Forms

April 2021
IRS Approves
Nonprofit Status

October 2021
Approved as an
Assembly of Bishops
Agency & First Staff Hire

November 2021
Virtual Public Launch
Event

January 2022
Second Staff Hire

February 2022
Recruitment Completed

WHO WE ARE

INAUGURAL COHORT



Eliza Corder
Gordonsville,
Tennessee



Ella Powers
Norman,
Oklahoma



Noah Mueller
Littleton,
Massachusetts



Evan Roussey
Sugar Hill,
Georgia



Anastasia Oliver
Murfreesboro,
Tennessee



Paige Sarkaria
Rochester,
Minnesota

OVC BOARD

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OVC STAFF



Michael Sider-Rose, CEO
Michael has spent his career training young adults in community-based leadership development; he serves as board chair of the Neighborhood Resilience Project and attends St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church.



Kyra Limberakis, COO
Kyra has worked in youth and young adult ministry for the Orthodox Church for over ten years serving with CrossRoad, OCF, and Ionian Village. She and her family attend St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Cambridge, MA.



April 2022
Accept Our Inaugural
Cohort & House Secured

May 2022
6 Placements Secured

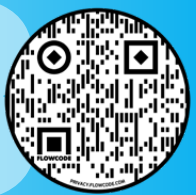
July 2022
Corps Members Matched
with Placements

September 2022
Inaugural Cohort Begins!

January 2023
OVC Mid-Year Retreat at
St. Basil Academy

April 2023
Complete Recruitment for
Second Cohort

June 2023
Final Retreat



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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIALS | JULY 1, 2021 to JUNE 30, 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 156,299
Prepaid expenses and deposits	9,420
Total assets	\$ 165,719

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable	\$ 411
Other liabilities	2,548
Total liabilities	\$ 2,959

Net assets

Without donor restrictions	\$ 162,760
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 165,719
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*

Revenue and support

Private contributions	\$ 238,238
Donated property	1,855
Contributed services	7,500
Other income	3,290
Total revenue and support	\$ 250,883

Expenses

Program services	\$ 50,409
Support services	84,680
Total expenses	\$ 135,089

Increase in net assets	\$ 115,794
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Net assets at beginning of year	\$ 46,966
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Net assets at end of year	\$ 162,760
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*Program expenses were uniquely low in our first full year, July 2021 to June 2022, because we were laying our organizational groundwork, and the first OVC Corps Members did not begin until August 2022.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	Program Services	Support Mgmt & General	Fund-raising	Total
Compensation	\$38,950	\$29,212	\$29,212	\$97,374
Professional Services	-	7,872	-	7,872
Advertising & Promotion	3,152	-	3,152	6,304
Technology	3,783	1,036	3,438	8,257
Participant Housing	1,450	-	-	1,450
Risk & Compliance	-	4,142	4,537	8,679
Other	3,074	651	1,428	5,153
Total	\$50,409	\$42,913	\$41,767	\$135,089

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash flows from operating activities:

Increase in net assets	\$ 115,794
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Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:

Changes in operating assets and liabilities:

Prepaid expenses and deposits	(6,731)
Accounts payable	411
Other liabilities	2,548

Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 112,022
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Increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 112,022
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$ 44,277
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 156,299
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OVC's audited financial statements are available on our website. These financial statements contain associated notes that are an integral part of understanding the financial information in this Annual Report.

FOUNDATION PARTNERS

AHEPA National Housing Inc.
AHEPA Greenville Foundation
AHEPA Chapter No. 60 Charities

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