



# OVC

Orthodox Volunteer Corps

## 20222023

ANNUAL REPORT



# A YEAR OF SERVICE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How to sum up our first year of programming? A Corps Member put it best: **"OVC changed my life, top to bottom."**

We were not content to form a new nonprofit. We aimed, by God's grace, to change lives.

We did this through:

1. Ten-month **service** placements—with people experiencing homelessness, the uninsured, children from failing schools, and parents struggling with addiction.
2. Full-day **formation** sessions—providing an Orthodox framework of service and tools for community engagement.
3. Building a **community** of Orthodox peers—for support and growth.
4. Rooting their lives in the **Church**—connecting Corps Members to local parishes.

We witnessed the power of service this year. The stories and stats included in this report offer a glimpse of that. None of this would have been possible if not for the grace of God and the support of our OVC community. Thank you!

In Christ,

Michael Sider-Rose (CEO) & Kyra Limberakis (COO)

# WALKING WITH RICH

S E R V I C E O V E R T I M E

Early in the year, the Corps Members met a man named Rich who is blind. He came almost daily to one of their service placements and was a catechumen in the parish they attended. He lived alone, on a fixed income, in a poor neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Several months into the year, Rich's father died unexpectedly. He was grieving and didn't want to be alone. The Corps Members stepped in. Within hours, they had Rich over to the OVC House for dinner, fellowship, and prayer.



The Corps Members continued to walk with Rich. One taught a class that Rich joined on lives of the saints. Several helped to clean his apartment. Others drove him to and from church. All attended his Chrismation and bought him a relief icon so that he could feel with his hands what they had demonstrated with their actions—the presence of Christ.

True change in life is holistic and takes time. The Corps Members walked with Rich for a year; the journey shaped them all.

2022  
2023

I M P A C T  
S T A T I S T I C S

8,310

collective volunteer  
hours logged

300+

neighbors in need  
served

100%

of alumni accepted full  
time nonprofit/ministry jobs





*"Our Corps Member is a wonderful example of faith in action!"*  
- **Placement Supervisor**



**2022**  
FAVORITE

**2023**  
MOMENTS



*"The OVC Corps Members are a constant reminder to me that the Lord Jesus Christ is working powerfully in a despairing world. I am so grateful for this program. May their tribe increase!"* - **Parish Priest**



*"In the day-to-day, as we're helping people in vulnerable situations find stability and rest, encountering Christ in those we serve, the hearts of my housemates and I have been softened and shaped."* - **Corps Member**





# A CUP OF WATER

## LEARNING FROM SERVICE

This past winter, a few weeks before Lent, a man entered Shepherd's Heart drop-in homeless center in Pittsburgh with both hands bandaged. Living on the street without shelter during a frigid night, he got frostbite so severe he needed to have every one of his fingers amputated to the first knuckle. His hands were so raw from the surgery that he couldn't even lift a glass to his lips. He was thirsty, hungry, and had soiled his clothes. So he came to Shepherd's Heart, where OVC Corps Member, Evan, was serving for the year. Evan fed, bathed, and dressed the man.

This act of service became a moment for learning. In seminar, we explored the root causes of homelessness. In Church, we heard the call to feed the hungry is to serve Christ himself. At placement, Evan developed a friendship with the man over 10 months. Through a cup of water came a river of growth.

## GOING FORWARD

OVC is changing, too—we're growing! In addition to running a second full-time cohort this year, we have launched a part-time program, OVC Reach. Over 20 young adults in Pittsburgh meet monthly for study and reflection of Orthodoxy and service; they have monthly service opportunities; we are building community through meals and social events; and we are rooting ourselves in the Church, meeting at different parishes throughout the city.

Finally, stay tuned for Fall 2024, when we plan to grow again, expanding the full-time program to Boston.

# 2023/24

## COHORT



**Liam Boris**  
Minneapolis, MN



**Kourtney Cimino**  
Wylie, TX



**Gavrielia Constantine**  
Poland, OH



**Connor Foran**  
Pittsburgh, PA



**Jacob Kinley**  
Rochester Hills, MI



**Angelina Makhoul**  
Pittsburgh, PA



**Jordan Tsigas**  
Melbourne, FL

## OVCBOARD

Our board is composed of leaders from diverse jurisdictions across the United States.

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CEO, Neighborhood Resilience Project

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Director of Operations, Assembly Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA

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# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIALS

## JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2022	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 156,299	\$ 178,880
Prepaid expenses and deposits	\$ 9,420	\$ 5,469
Operating lease right of use asset	-	37,700
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 165,719</b>	<b>\$ 222,049</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 411	\$ 891
Other liabilities	2,548	1,012
Operating lease liability	-	37,700
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,959</b>	<b>\$ 39,603</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	\$ 162,760	\$ 182,446
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 165,719</b>	<b>\$ 222,049</b>

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue and support	2022	2023
Private contributions	\$ 238,238	\$ 218,417
Placement partner fees	-	90,000
Donated property	1,855	-
Contributed services	7,500	10,000
Other income	3,290	1,013
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>\$ 250,883</b>	<b>\$ 319,430</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	\$ 50,409	\$ 239,847
Support services	84,680	59,897
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 135,089</b>	<b>\$ 299,744</b>
<b>Increase in net assets</b>	<b>\$ 115,794</b>	<b>\$ 19,686</b>
<b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>	<b>\$ 46,966</b>	<b>\$ 162,760</b>
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 162,760</b>	<b>\$ 182,446</b>

### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	Program Services		Support				Total	
	2022	2023	Mgmt & General		Fundraising		2022	2023
Payroll	\$38,950	\$129,883	\$29,212	\$11,460	\$29,212	\$11,460	\$97,374	\$152,803
Professional Services	-	-	7,872	11,534	-	-	7,872	11,534
Advertising & Promotion	3,152	2,365	-	-	3,152	2,364	6,304	4,729
Technology	3,783	2,677	1,036	236	3,438	236	8,257	3,149
Participant costs	-	48,505	-	-	-	-	-	48,505
Retreat costs	-	8,243	-	-	-	-	-	8,243
Participant housing	1,450	38,428	-	-	-	-	1,450	38,428
Risk & Compliance	-	-	4,142	18,137	4,537	-	8,679	18,137
Office & misc. expenses	3,074	9,746	651	569	1,428	3,901	5,153	14,216
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,409</b>	<b>\$239,847</b>	<b>\$42,913</b>	<b>\$41,936</b>	<b>\$41,767</b>	<b>\$17,961</b>	<b>\$135,089</b>	<b>\$299,744</b>

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash flows from operating activities:	2022	2023
Increase in net assets	\$ 115,794	\$ 19,686
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)	3,951
Accounts payable	411	480
Other liabilities	2,548	(1,536)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$ 112,022</b>	<b>\$ 22,581</b>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 112,022</b>	<b>\$ 22,581</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>\$ 44,277</b>	<b>\$ 156,299</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 156,299</b>	<b>\$ 178,880</b>

**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.**

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