



Catholic Volunteers in Florida

Transforming Lives Through Faith and Service

Meet the Class of 2017-2018



Gianna Borst

Gianna Borst, originally from Clearwater, received her degree in Religious Studies from the University of Florida in Gainesville. She volunteered as a youth catechist at her home church and was a bible study leader on her college campus. She supported 20 students at Gainesville High School last year, working to preparing them for exams and life after graduation. She is now serving as a Teacher at St. James Catholic School in Miami.



Teresa Christmas

Teresa, of San Antonio, Florida, studied at the University of Florida in Gainesville before joining CVIF. Teresa has prior service experience working with the youth in impoverished communities of Peru. She comes to us after working as a Certified Nursing Assistant in Dade City and plans to go graduate school to become a Physical Assistant. She is currently at Metropolitan Ministries

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Alumni News



CVIF alumna Kelly Soberay and her husband, Adam, welcomed Owen Timothy on June 8th. He joins brothers Colin and Desmond.

Kelly lives in Golden, Colorado and is earning her PhD in Clinical Health Psychology. She currently works at the Denver VA Medical Center.

Kelly served with CVIF in 2005 at Father Flanagan's Boys Town in Oviedo, Florida.

a Physician's Assistant. She is serving at Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa this year.



CVIF alums Cory Casanova and Alex Diaz welcomed Lucas Daniel to the world on July 26th. His big sister, Emelie, was excited to welcome him to their family home in Orlando.

John Cohoat

John, originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, received his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. John comes to CVIF after spending the last eight years building a successful business consulting firm. He is a published author and has served on the board of a variety of health organizations. He is currently serving as a Resident Assistant at L'Arche Jacksonville.



Both Mr. and Mrs. Diaz served with CVIF in 2014 working with the marginalized communities of Las Lomas, Dominican Republic through a partnership with the Diocese of Orlando Mission Office.

Vanity Duran



Vanity, a Florida resident, studied Journalism at the Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. During her time on campus, she founded the first Latina student organization to bring awareness to the Hispanic population of the HBCU and upon graduation continued working on campus in an administrative role. She is now serving at Enterprising Latinas in Wimauma.

Calling all alumni!

Do you have great news to share or are interested in getting more involved with the current volunteer class? We'd love to hear from you! [Click here to email us](#)

Edson Jean

Edson Jean, a South Florida native, studied Psychology at Miami Dade College and served as a mentor with South Florida CARES before coming to CVIF. He continues his role as "big brother" to a local student through the Big Brother, Big Sister program and is dedicated to helping young people become productive, successful members of their community. He is now serving as a Youth Advisor with Overtown Coalition Youth Center in Miami.



Alumni Reflection

CVIF has really helped me get started in contributing to my community. After graduating from college, I discerned the possibility of priesthood for two years in seminary. When priesthood did not seem to be my vocation, I wanted to find some other way to serve God through service to others.

Alex Salvador

Alex, a Miami resident, received his degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. He has supported Camp Kesem in Miami over the past four years as a counselor and fundraiser supporting children whose families have been affected by cancer. He is currently serving at St. James Catholic School.



It was a blessing to find out about Catholic Volunteers in Florida. This organization was providing adults a chance to discover opportunities for service, which is what I yearned for in my heart. My first year, CVIF gave me the opportunity to work in Catholic Campus Ministry. My second year was at an assisted living facility called L'Arche Jacksonville. Thanks to CVIF establishing their service partner network and their commitment to adults finding avenues for service, I believe God has used CVIF to help me find my way.

Kalley Koch

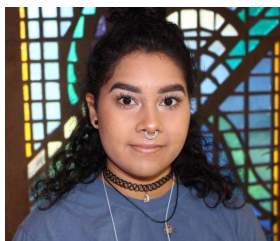


Kalley, of Loretto, Minnesota, studied Integrated Elementary and Special Education at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She represented her community as Delano Ambassador in 2014 and continues to serve as a committee member. She served in a variety of leadership roles on campus before joining CVIF and is currently serving as a Teaching Assistant at St. Andrew Catholic School in Orlando.



Marya Noriega

Marya studied Business Administration at Hillsborough Community College and comes to CVIF looking for new opportunities to serve her local community. Over the past three years she has worked with nonprofit organization providing support to low-income families and currently serves on the Community Development Coalition's board of advisors. She is serving with Enterprising Latinas in Wimauma.



JoEllen Treherne

JoEllen, a Tampa resident, received her degree in History from the University of Maryland and is currently studying at the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute in St. Petersburg. She served as a combat pilot and key spouse during her twelve years of military service. She spent seven years as a parish volunteer at her local church before joining CVIF. She is currently continuing her service in ministry in the Tampa Bay area.



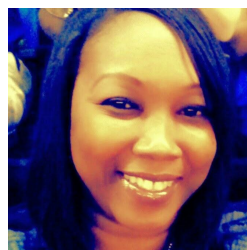
Steven Funk

Steven, originally from Gaithersburg, Maryland, received his Political Science degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He has experience working with Congressman Chris Smith and Congressman Joe Pitts in Washington D.C. and joins us after serving as a Jumpstart Corps member serving preschool children in low-income neighborhoods. He serves as a Resident Assistant at L'Arche Jacksonville.



LaShanna Tyson

LaShanna, a Florida native, focused her education on Legal Studies at Seminole State College. She is currently serving with the St. Vincent de Paul Re-Entry Project, supported in part by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. LaShanna's service is focused on improving economic opportunities for formerly incarcerated



individuals throughout the state of Florida.



Eddie Allen graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2008 with a degree in Business Administration. He served with CVIF for two consecutive years and is currently living in Jacksonville where he continues to serve as a full-time employee at L'Arche Harbor House.

Click [here](#) to learn more about our partner, L'Arche Jacksonville.

Our Mission

Catholic Volunteers in Florida is dedicated to providing people of all faiths the opportunity to volunteer for a year and live out their faith by serving the diverse needs of the people of Florida and the Dominican Republic. Catholic Volunteers work towards justice and peace, transforming the community they serve as well as themselves.

We live out our mission statement through our five core values:

Doing Justice
Active Spirituality
Creating Community
Living Simply
Personal Growth

Birthday Wishes

Help us send birthday wishes to a few special people!

August 25
Marya Noriega

August 31
Christina Jindra

September 1

Learn more about our volunteers and follow their journey this year, by clicking each name or by visiting the "Our Volunteers" page on our website at www.cvif.org.

Alex Salvador

September 3

Edson Jean

September 5

Vanessa Hornedo

September 7

Sue Rinaldi