

Our vision is an engaged community where all needs are met. We work to meet this vision by matching the professional talents of volunteers with the needs of community-based nonprofit organizations to promote community development, strengthen social services, and enrich the lives of volunteers.

**Annual Report 2016** 

# **Highlights**

A few highlights and accomplishments from 2016

### 2,300

Our volunteers provided 2,300 hours of pro bono work to local nonprofits. Forty-one nonprofits benefited from our free services, most of whom are based in Pasadena, but many of whom work across the Los Angeles region and beyond.





#### \$187,000

The total value of our skilled volunteers' work was \$187,000; few of our non-profits could have afforded the services provided to them at market value. Had they not received work from JRP volunteers, they would have continued to go without rigorous business plans, information technology strategies, marketing tools, or engaged, professional boards, to cite a few of the projects completed in 2016.





#### New Program Coordinator

We hired Beth Colcord in August, allowing us to help even more nonprofits! Beth previously served for 10 years as Social Justice Coordinator at Pasadena's Neighborhood Church providing support and leadership to the congregation's Social Justice Outreach programs and to the wider secular and interfaith community. Beth holds a Bachelor's degree from Bowling Green University. Despite being a long-time resident,



Beth still loves exploring L.A., especially with her keen-o husband Frank and their two daughters.

## **Meet Matt and Moe**

Att Rayburn is the Executive Director of Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley, an organization that helps homeless families in our community. Family Promise has created a network of 13 congregations across western San Gabriel Valley that provides temporary food and housing for families admitted into the program. During the day, the children go to school, while the parents go to the Family Promise Resource Center where they receive assistance finding housing, work and social services.

When Matt joined Family Promise, he knew right away that the organization needed a new website, one that could reach out to supporters to keep them updated regarding the progress of the families that were being helped. Matt also wanted to improve online donations.

Moe Ernst came to the US last year from Germany, having just completed his PhD in Theoretical Physics. Moe's wife suggested he utilize his web skills to help charity organizations in his new country. He googled 'helping nonprofits', found Jericho Road Pasadena, and saw they were looking for web developers for nonprofit projects.

Melanie Goodyear, Executive Director of Jericho Road Pasadena, met with Moe, and she knew right away that his unique skills and strong passion would be invaluable for a nonprofit. Shortly after, Matt reached out to Melanie to ask for help in building a website for Family Promise. Melanie got Matt and Moe together for an initial meeting, and Moe knew right away this was exactly the kind of project he had hoped to work on.

Moe and Matt proved to be a strong team, and Moe was able to create and launch a new website for Family Promise in just 2 months. The new website



JRP volunteer Moritz Ernst and FPSGV Executive Director Matt Rayburn.

launched last year (fpsgv.org), and Family Promise now has a far more effective platform to reach out to supporters, and a more effective way to secure new donations. The website has let all of Family Promise's supporters know how the families they helped are doing in establishing new residences. In addition, with the new site, online donations to Family Promise are well up for 2016.

"It was an absolute honor to work with Matt and the team at Family Promise to help build a new website for this wonderful nonprofit," said Moe. Needless to say, Matt is extremely grateful for the work Moe did for Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley. And both Moe and Matt are grateful to the team at Jericho Road Pasadena, who got them together to make the website project possible.

Many thanks to volunteer Mark Rice for writing this article! Mark is a nonprofit marketing consultant, grant writer and website content manager.

## **Creating a Thought Partnership**

riends in Deed, one of Pasadena's truly historic nonprofits, began back in 1894. Their goal is to help alleviate the effects of poverty in the Pasadena community by providing clients with food, shelter in inclement weather, and a safe place for women.

In 2014, Rev. Donna Byrns, a minister at one of the churches that helped support Friends in Deed, was planning to retire soon. The other ministers asked Donna if she could step in and manage the nonprofit for a few months, until they could find a full-time Executive Director. While Donna had never been involved in managing an organization, particularly one in transition, she agreed to take it on. Suddenly, she was responsible for writing grants, managing the finances, and overseeing the staff at Friends in Deed.

Donna quickly realized that her experience as a minister did not prepare her to run a nonprofit. Donna reached out to Melanie Goodyear, the Director of Jericho

Road Pasadena, for help. Melanie knew that Donna needed an experienced mentor, someone she could talk to about overall priorities and how to manage an organization like Friends in Deed. Melanie had just the right person in mind to help.

Jim Hilvert, a pro bono consultant at JRP, had worked in a senior HR role at a management

Former FID Executive Director Rev. Donna Byrns and JRP volunteer Jim Hilvert





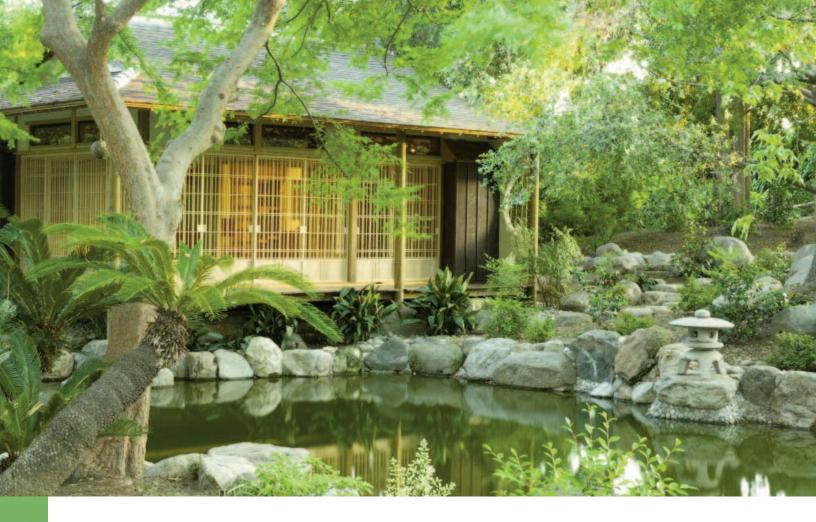
*Rev. Donna Byrns, Jane Armbruster, William Shelby, Tim Nistler, Richard Cheung, Marty Campolo, Marlene Martinez.* 

consultant firm, and later, as an Executive Director at a nonprofit. Melanie arranged a meeting between the two and Jim and Donna immediately hit it off. They decided to meet every other week for the next 6 months.

Jim created what he called a 'thought partnership' with Donna to help make her role more manageable. They would have long talks about the challenges she was facing and Jim would help steer Donna in the right direction. For example, they created a 'Not to Do List', which is just as important as a To Do list. This helped Donna decide what can realistically happen given the available resources, and what needed to be moved back or taken off the list. Jim also provided the guidance and strength Donna needed to make a few staffing changes at the organization.

"I would have lost my mind if it hadn't been for Jim and all his wonderful guidance and coaching," said Donna. She soon had the confidence to embrace her role and is now retired having left Friends In Deed in great shape for the next Executive Director. The entire team at Friends in Deed is incredibly grateful to Jim and to JRP for all their assistance.

by Mark Rice



### **The Volunteer Who Came to Stay**

oumo arigatou gozaimasu!" is how Louise Wannier might express her thanks to Jericho Road Pasadena for being "bridged" with Pasadena's Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden.

With an MBA from UCLA Anderson Business School, 30+ years of business consulting and building companies—including founder/CEO of four tech companies under her obi, Louise was ready to volunteer her expertise in strategic marketing, organizational development and capital-raising.

"This was my first project with JRP," Louise says. "I was delighted to discover the Garden. I was able to work with the Haddads [owners] and the Board as they addressed creating an initial, long-term business plan for their new nonprofit, formed just last year." Louise's first involvement as a JRP volunteer has led to an on-going working relationship of ideas and growth with SSJG owners and Board members.

Louise was so moved by the "special feeling of the Garden and the importance of ensuring its being a continued resource for our community for education, cultural enrichment, and health and well-being," that she soon joined the Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden Board.

Louise is proud that, on Open Days (Thursdays and the last Sunday of each month), for a nominal entrance fee, the Garden might offer

- meditation, tai chi and yoga
- classes in the Japanese arts
- koto and shakuhachi musicians
- composting/recycling classes
- plein-air painting and photography
- school field trips
- origami and ikebana demonstrations
- tea ceremonies
- dance, food and theater

Louise concludes, "I heartily applaud JRP for connecting me to the generosity and commitment of Jim and Connie Haddad, the Garden Board and docents." And JRP and the Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden nonprofit applaud Louise's generous commitment and expertise. It's certainly mutual admiration or, in Japanese, kantan!

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JRP volunteer Louise Wannier



Thanks to volunteer Lee Wherry Brainerd for writing this article. Lee is a local freelance writer who fell in love with Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden and, enjoying it while on her mobility scooter, appreciates its accessibility.

Photos by Deanie Nyman

### Jericho Road Volunteer Unleashed

Pasadena have the opportunity to help train dogs from the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena have the opportunity to help train dogs from the Pasadena Humane Society. During the 3-week program, the teens work with the dogs for about two hours each day. It's a genuine confidence boost for the kids as they see the dog's behavior improve during the training sessions. The dogs benefit as well, learning the discipline they need to find new homes. A win – win.

Kelly Osburn, founder of K9 Youth Alliance, knew the organization needed help to turn their long term vision into a workable program in Pasadena. She turned to Melanie Goodyear, Director of Jericho Road Pasadena (JRP), about finding someone who might be able to help.

Leslie Swanson wanted to find a way to use her skills in organizational development and finance to give back to the community. She met with Melanie, and talked to her about her skills and volunteer work, including helping with rescue dogs. Melanie knew Leslie would be the perfect partner to help get K9 Youth Alliance up and running.

Leslie met with Kelly and loved the vision of the K9 Youth Alliance team and immediately signed on. Leslie was able to provide Kelly and her board the strategic guidance they needed. In addition,

K9Youth Allience board member Karen Rosen, Executive Director Kelly Osburn and JRP volunteer Leslie Swanson





Jericho Road provided ongoing support during the project, making sure priorities and timetables were in alignment.

About halfway through the project, Leslie decided to join the Board at K9.

She was also one of the volunteers, working with the kids and dogs. The initial sessions were a huge success, and the first group of kids graduated earlier this year.

"Frankly, I don't know where we would be if we did not have JRP," said Kelly. "Leslie and the team at JRP were instrumental in providing the guidance we needed to get the project launched. Leslie is the perfect volunteer, and now Board Member, to help turn our vision into a workable plan"

Leslie loved her first Jericho Road project and is already involved with a second project. "Jericho Road showed me how to adapt my skills to be a valuable volunteer, and provided training to be a nonprofit Board member. I never would have found this type of opportunity without the guidance of JRP. I have highly recommended the experience to several of my friends."

The Leadership Connection, the Board training that Leslie attended, provides 9 hours of training in being an effective nonprofit board member. Both Leslie and Kelly participated in the 2-day Leadership Connection program last year. The Leadership Connection is offered annually; contact JRP staff if you'd like to attend and have as great a board experience as Leslie has had!

By Mark Rice

### Many thanks to the following volunteers who shared their skills and talents with Jericho Road Pasadena and our clients in 2016:

Chris Arnold, video production Alison Barrett, database development Alyssa Bellew, business systems Brian Biery, strategic planning Lee Brainerd, writing Gary Breaux, finance Sarah Emery Bunn, marketing Adrian Cook, web development Paul Costa, business systems Eva Marie Damore, public relations Shelley De Leon, data management Mitch Dorger, board development Andy Eaton, business planning Moritz Ernst, information technology Scott Feldmann, marketing Katherine Gardiner, marketing Gladys Gundrum, marketing Susan Hardwick, accounting Bob Harrison, customer service Lisa Hart, board development Mimi Hennessy, board development Jim Hilvert, board development Monica Hubbard, thought partner Linda Huetinck, grant writing Holly Hunt, database development Juka Imai, graphic design Stacy Jeffrey, information technology Eric Jensen, marketing Tim Johnson, design Haig Kartounian, grant writing Anne Kennedy, strategic planning Carol Kirby, marketing Maria Legg, business development Betty Lui-Hong, human resources Vidya Madhuvarsu, database development Liz McHale, marketing Janice Mercade, finance James W. Miller, business development Lynn Miyamoto, legal Natasha Morisawa, board development Janelle Morton, fundraising Amy Osborne, human resources

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Daniel L. Stover, coaching and board development

Leslie Swanson, strategic planning Heather Tunis, organizational development Susan Turner-Lowe, marketing Marianne Veach, research Louise Wannier, board development Leslie White, board development Perry Wilder, board development

Leadership Connection participants Christine Spehar, and Joyce Wedseltoft with trainer Judy Plunkett





Trainer Mitch Dorger

#### We were privileged to help the following nonprofit organizations in 2016:

A Meaningful Goal Housing Shelter Adelante Youth Alliance Alive and Well Women All Saints Episcopal Church Altadena Heritage Altadena Library District Altadena Library Foundation Animal Tracks Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful College Access Plan Convalescent Aid Society **Edge Foundation** Family Promise San Gabriel Valley Fire Family Foundation Friends in Deed Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California Ideal Youth Journey House

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### **Financial Statement**

Financial Position as of December 31, 2016

<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	\$ 181,020	
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		
INCOME	2015	2016
Corporate Contributions	\$10,350	\$4,000
Earned Income		\$2,000
Foundation Grants	\$70,000	\$40,000
Individual Donations	\$60,000	\$74,710
Pro Bono & In-kind		\$29,550
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$140,350	\$150,260

EXPENSES	2015	2016
Program	\$81,000	\$99,145
General / Operations	\$32,350	\$42,510
Fundraising	\$2,300	\$345
TOTAL EXPENSES	115,650	\$142,040



2016 Board of Directors: Judy Gain, John Blue, Dr. Barbara Eaton, Henry Reed, Lynn Miyamoto, David Shechtman, Christine Bender, Susan Chandler, Bob Harrison, Lisa Wilson, Dana Wilkie; Ed Peters (not pictured).

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