

Mundelein Alumnae Play Vital Role in Ignatian Volunteer Corps

When the Chicago chapter of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps began in 2001, it was a small group of 12 who volunteered as hospital and prison chaplains, teachers' aides, and GED instructors. Today, the IVC has 45 members—including several Mundelein alumnae—who work in 38 partner agencies across the city.

Ignatian volunteers, all aged 50 or above, commit to working two days a week with refugee and immigrant services, women and children services, or prison ministry.

"It's a great opportunity to make effective use of your retirement years and to give back in meaningful ways," says George Sullivan (BA '66), IVC regional director.

Current IVC members include Patricia Kaye Ahern (MUND '76), who works in the learning lab of St. Gregory the Great



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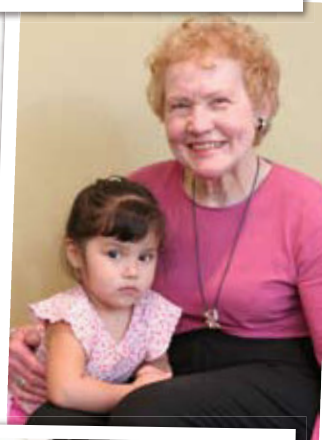
High School, and Marge McDonald (MUND '50), who volunteers in the daycare facility

of the Howard Area Community Center (HACC). Joanne Twomey (MUND '62), a volunteer in the HACC's employment program for ex-offenders, has completed more than three years in the program, which requires a 10-month commitment.

"Being an IVC member has made the greatest impression on me of virtually anything I've ever done," says Twomey. "It taught me that I should never say 'they' about people again—everybody's an individual and everybody has a story."

Twomey, who is well seasoned in service projects, says the IVC's spiritual component "was missing in other volunteer projects I'd done, and gives the program a lot more impact." IVC members keep journals, gather monthly for group discussion, and meet individually with a spiritual director.

"We create a wonderful sense of community and our volunteers really enjoy getting together," says Sullivan, whose many Mundelein connections include his late mother, Kay Heerey Sullivan (MUND '38) and sister, Maripat Sullivan Higgins (MUND '68).



From top, Mundelein alumnae Patricia Kaye Ahern (with student Donny Pham), Marge McDonald (with young daycare participant), and Joanne Twomey are valued members of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

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