



IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY PROJECT

LIGHTING THE PATH

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

a Year of Transformation



A WORLD OF BELONGING THAT TRANSCENDS THE MARGINS

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear ISP Community,

It has been a great honor to step into the role of Executive Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Project this January, and I continue to be humbled to have an opportunity to lead this ministry which is so close to my heart and that has changed so many lives.

I look forward to working with our staff, volunteers and board to continue to build an ISP ministry that is responsive and impactful. The COVID-19 pandemic has compelled us to take a look at our program and priorities and acknowledge the central and sacred importance of relationships and connection to ISP’s success. And as we plan our return to in-person programs, we have a chance to rebuild even stronger.

Following a year-plus engagement process that prioritized listening to ISP volunteers, stakeholders and partners, we have concluded that organizational sustainability requires the ISP Network to make significant investments in paid staff positions to better resource and support our ISP volunteer teams on the ground. In summer 2021, we'll hire three new Regional Directors who will help our local teams create more safe, welcoming opportunities for people to encounter God’s love, hope and healing.

With all the blessings and challenges of this unique time, I am grateful to have the opportunity to work alongside an unbeatable staff, incredibly dedicated volunteers, and committed board members. All of us are buoyed by an even wider network of friends and supporters like you who help make the ISP ministry possible. Thank you!

In peace,

Christine

Christine Curran
Executive Director

A NEW CHAPTER FOR ISP

THANK YOU, TOM!

Tom Drexler shepherded ISP for over 12 years. Tom began as one of ISP's first paid staff overseeing a program in 7 cities, providing the vision for an organization which grew into a 29-city network spanning 3 countries and touching more than 20,000 lives. Thank you, Tom, for your incredible years of service!

WELCOME, CHRISTINE!

Christine Curran became ISP's new Executive Director in January 2021. Christine joined ISP in 2016 as ISP's Director of Programs and Mission Effectiveness. She has a professional background in non-profit leadership, program administration and volunteer management. Christine is a graduate of St. John's College, Yale University, and recently earned an executive certificate in nonprofit management from Northwestern's Kellogg School.

meeting people where they are



SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Providing life-changing experiences of healing and transformation.

693

"Every minute in this reflection session is precious to me."

3,551

ENCOUNTER HOPE

Experiences of God’s love, hope and healing via one-hour spiritual reflection sessions.



"I am experiencing love, acceptance, welcoming, the spirit working."



AFFILIATE CITIES

Lighting a path around the world guided by the wisdom of Ignatian spirituality.

29

"I'm grateful to feel not alone, for being in the ISP family."

walking together

transforming lives



AMBASSADORS OF HOPE

Our first Ambassadors of Hope cohort walked, learned, and grew together despite the distance required by COVID-19.

By connecting with one another virtually through formation and online reflections, we were able to continue serving over a dozen individuals in our hallmark leadership development program.

The Ambassadors of Hope program is designed to help alumni leaders deepen their spirituality and strengthen their recovery while growing as ISP leaders on the local and Network-wide level. Keep an eye out for opportunities to see or hear from an ISP Ambassador of Hope near you!



WELCOME TO ISP JOURNEY!

We are excited to announce the creation of ISP's very own mobile app, which will provide new ways of building relationships across our Network. We have long dreamed of a tool that could reach more people, deliver inspiring content and make spiritual accompaniment accessible to our entire community. The COVID-19 era has emboldened us to move this dream forward and make it a reality.

join us at app.ignatianspiritualityproject.org

GOING VIRTUAL

During a time of pronounced loneliness, isolation, and anxiety, ISP was needed more than ever. As we waited patiently to re-start safe in-person programs, virtual spiritual reflection sessions continued around the ISP network.

The ISP Journey app (see page 3) put ISP in the palm of the hands of our volunteers and alumni, creating accessible reflection experiences at the touch of a button.

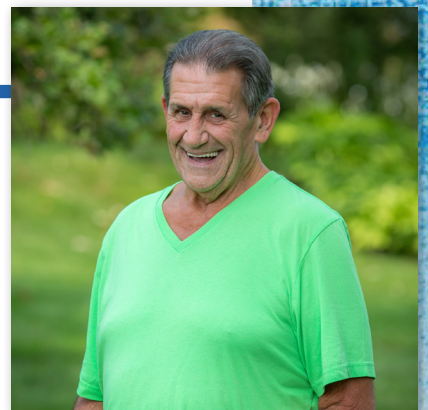


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JOE'S STORY

“I had been involved with the reflections in person for a long time. When the pandemic hit, we decided to move our Spiritual Tune-Ups online. I didn't like zoom at all at first. In fact, I was dead against it. But then... it kind of grew on me. (That happens with a lot of things in life – you don't think it's right, then you realize it's not as bad as you thought.) I realized: it's this or nothing, for awhile. And it mattered that we could still be together. Without it, what would we have done? Thank God we can still stay connected.”

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693 active volunteers

Thank you for representing ISP around the world. The SP mission is strong and vibrant because of your commitment.



staying connected!

Over the past months, we have all been learning new ways of connecting and being in relationship with one another. Since building communities of spiritual friendship, hope and belonging is at the very heart of our ministry, ISP has been learning and growing too.

AT THE LOCAL LEVEL



Many ISP teams quickly pivoted to holding virtual spiritual companionship sessions. Others divided alumni contact lists among their team and began reaching out one-on-one, holding spiritual conversations via phone and check-ins via text. ISP team members have also provided meals, food, and other basic necessities to partner shelters in need.

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL



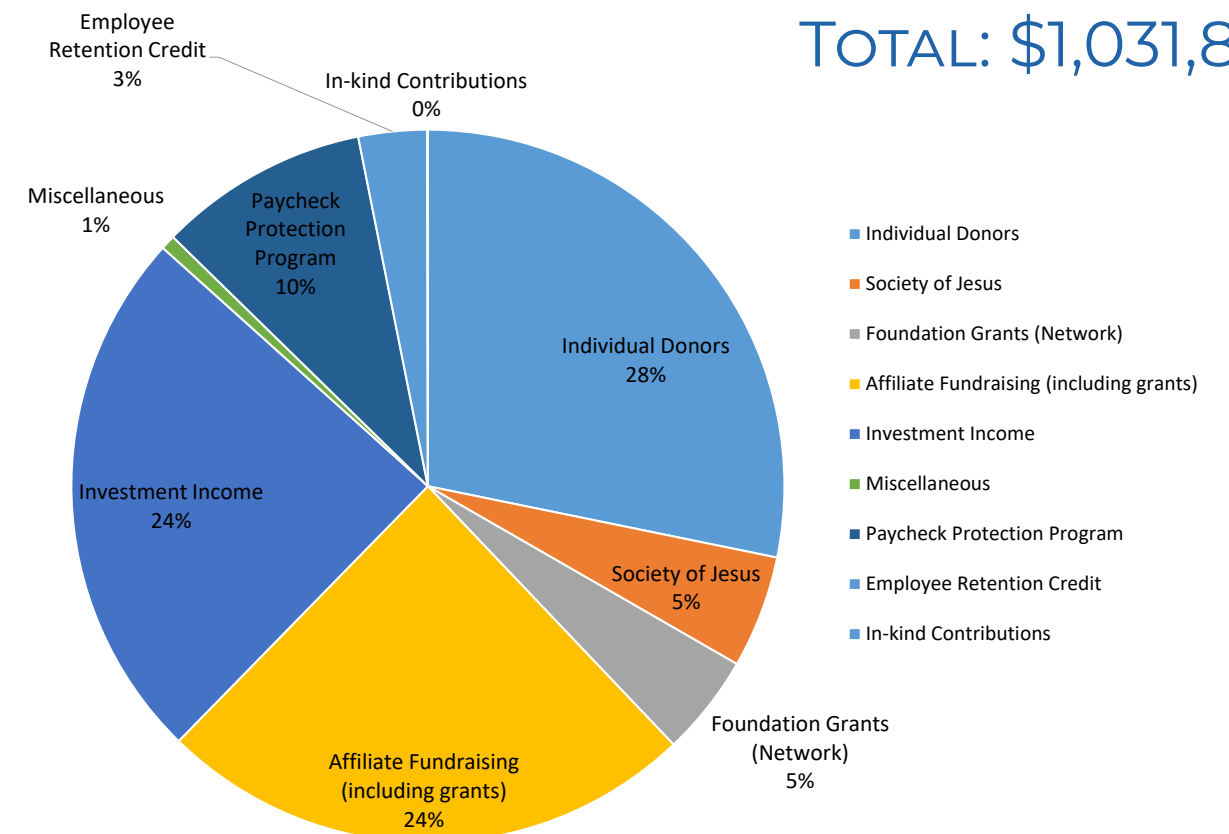
At the Network, we have been working hard behind-the-scenes to support all this good work. In late March, we initiated new ways to share important information with our volunteers and sustain our faith community including 'Gathering in the Spirit,' a weekly spiritual reflection open to all across the Network.

150+

PARTNERS, AGENCIES, SHELTERS, AND
RETREAT HOUSES

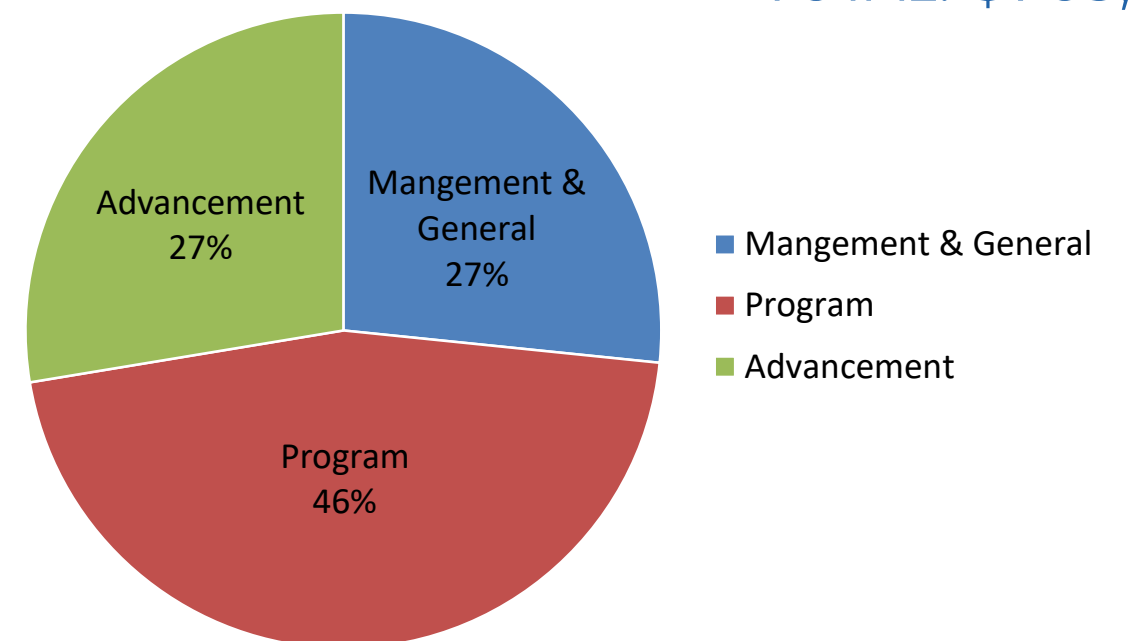
ISP SUPPORT AND REVENUE · FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2021

TOTAL: \$1,031,892



ISP EXPENSES · FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2021

TOTAL: \$763,112





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