



IGNATIAN
SPIRITUALITY
PROJECT

LIGHTING THE PATH



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

*a world of
belonging
that transcends
the margins*



Dear ISP Friends, Volunteers, Supporters, and Partners,

The Ignatian Spirituality Project is in a time of robust change and development.

While the challenges of COVID are not completely in our rearview mirror yet, our ministry teams have been working hard to rebuild retreat and reflection programs following the pandemic, and it shows. Indeed, ISP is building back stronger than ever: in FY22, nearly twice as many ISP affiliates are offering regular spiritual reflection than before the pandemic—with teams adding new programs each month. And over three-quarters of our affiliates have held overnight retreats again. After so much time away from the ISP circle, our community is loving being back together.

All in all, ISP offered 6,900 experiences of God's love, hope and healing in FY22, reaching over 2,500 unique individuals. Each one of those individuals represents a unique, sacred story of healing, growth, recovery, and transformation.

On an organizational front, ISP made a strategic decision to invest in our program staff and infrastructure in order to provide more needed support to our local volunteer teams. After years of growth, it is critical that ISP turn toward deepening our roots in the cities we serve if we are to achieve our mission and ensure future viability. This past year, ISP hired two additional program staff, for a total of 5 Regional Directors, who are working hard to rebuild and strengthen retreat and companionship programs across our network. In addition to volunteer formation and support, their work includes connecting with local community partners, building relationships with anchor institutions, and inviting more people to learn about and join this transformative ministry.

We believe now is the time for us to send our roots down deep to build a strong foundation for the future. While the results are not always immediately obvious on the surface, we know that the trunk and branches are stabilizing for future growth, and that with God's grace, ISP will continue to bear rich fruit in lives of those we serve.

Thank you for being a part of ISP as we move through our own time of transformation and growth. As ISP continues to rebuild and build back stronger, we'll need you on this journey with us. We're so grateful for your support!


Christine Curran
Executive Director


Bill Lynch
Chairperson, Board of Directors

spiritual care and companionship

ISP is dedicated to **embedded, ongoing** spiritual reflection programs, **enhanced relationships** with alumni, social service partners and community stakeholders, and **volunteer training and support**. The benefits of this dedication are **deeper relationships with participants** that allow for more meaningful, individualized support in recovery and an ongoing presence at homeless service providers that **builds trust among participants** and allows ISP to reach more people.

OVER THE PAST YEAR ...


66

OVERNIGHT AND ONE-DAY
RETREATS nurturing an
authentic, lived spirituality
within a supportive
community.



864

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS
virtual and in-person
providing life-changing
experiences of connection,
healing, and hope.



2,855

INDIVIDUALS SERVED
fostering self-acceptance
and time to gently name
the places inside that need
healing.



28

AFFILIATE CITIES
offering spiritual retreats and
companionship programs in
locations around the United
States.





rebuilding

Twice as many ISP affiliates are offering regular spiritual reflection than before the pandemic—with teams adding new programs each month.

Over 75% of our affiliates held in-person overnight retreats this year.

Spiritual Reflections Increased **180%** Over Previous Years

empowering

19 new alumni volunteers

were trained this year on a 2-day in-person Network Facilitators Retreat

Participant alumni now make up over 20% of our ISP volunteer teams who have joined their teams as leaders and facilitators, giving back and helping change more lives



ISP has helped me to learn more about myself and brought me closer to amazing people and to God in new ways. through ISP I have come to do things and meet people in ways I never could have imagined. God works through ISP and shows me how much I am loved!

- Annette McDade, Retreat Alumna and New ISP Facilitator



Jerome's story

I came home from prison in 2015; I was clean and sober by then but without any support from my family, who had stepped back—they wanted to wait and see if my repentance was true and submissive. I ended up in a shelter run by Catholic Charities. The director of the program, Mr. Yatze, suggested I might like to go on a retreat. At first, I told him no. But a couple of days later, he put the flyer for the ISP retreat in the common room... I went to his office and asked him if I could change my mind. That was the best decision I could have made. When the ISP men came to pick us up at the shelter, they were so welcoming and inviting, it was like meeting an old friend. Conversations were easy; many of them had also experienced some kind of addiction, so their empathy was really meaningful.



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I was surprised – in a good way – that on retreat, we weren't being preached to. I could talk about whatever was on my heart and have it be received with love. I needed that. I needed to be able to talk about my experiences in a way that no one was judging: they just heard it, received it, and walked along with me.

I stayed connected with ISP while I was at the shelter, and then the team asked me to consider being a witness and becoming a leader for ISP Washington DC. I owe so much of that to the dedication and love my fellow team members poured into me. Their support for me is authentic in every way.

Before coming on retreat, I had not prayed in such a long time. I grew up with God because of my mother. She taught all of us the Bible verses and we always went to church. But when the streets called me when I was about 14, all that ceased. I ignored those teachings. I didn't forget, I just didn't do. I didn't know whether God would recognize my voice when I did begin to pray again. But he has heard me, and as my brother often says, "God has shown me great favor". One of my favorite verses is Psalm 139: Wherever I was in my travels, God was there. I may not have known that then, but I inexplicably know God hears me when I pray.

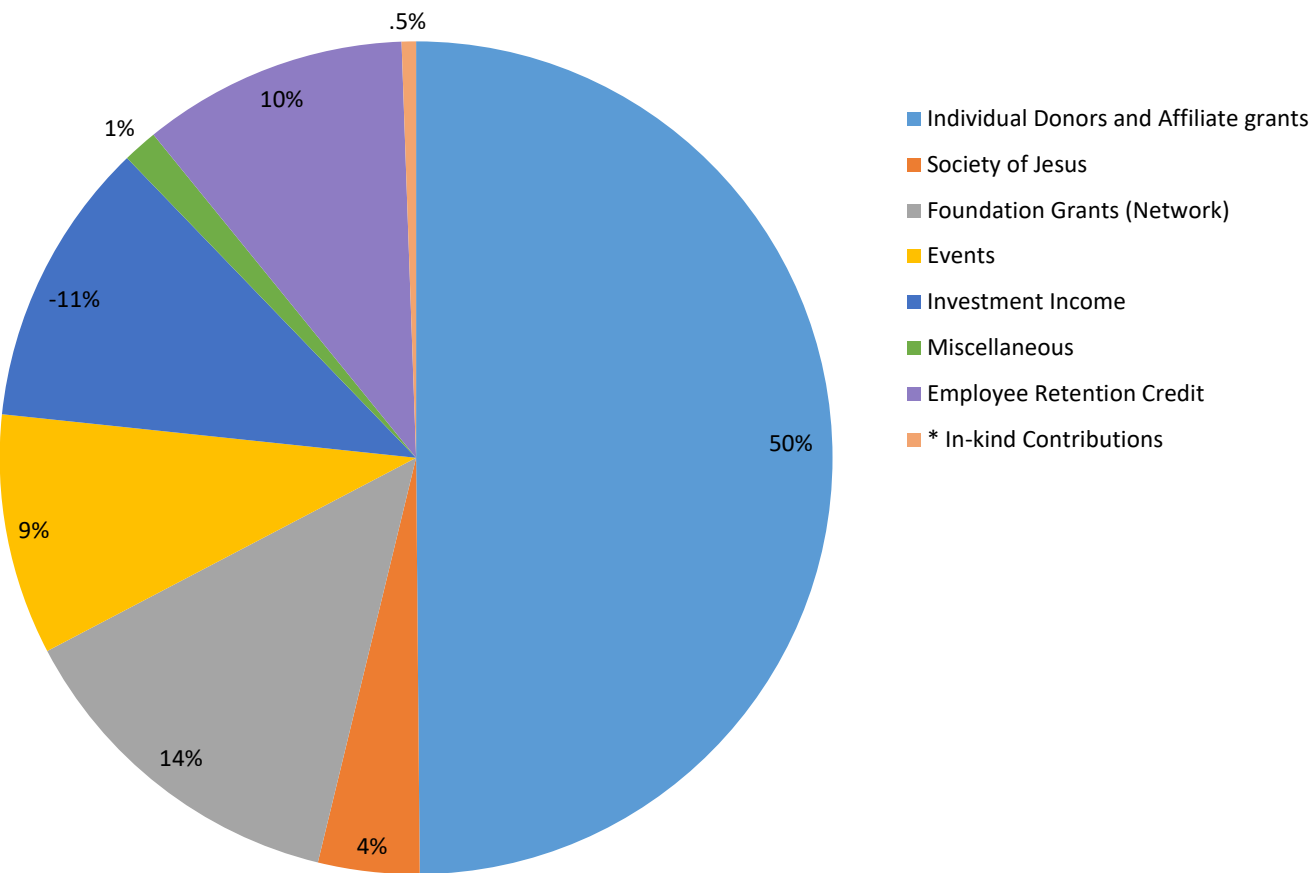


FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2022

FY22 was the first of a 4-year investment in infrastructure and staffing in order to increase impact. The ISP Board approved a deficit budget with a commitment to make up the balance with an investment of a portion of ISP's Board-restricted reserve. This strategy will provide a runway for staff to significantly increase fundraising revenue over the next 3 years, driving program and financial sustainability at the local level.

ISP SUPPORT AND REVENUE

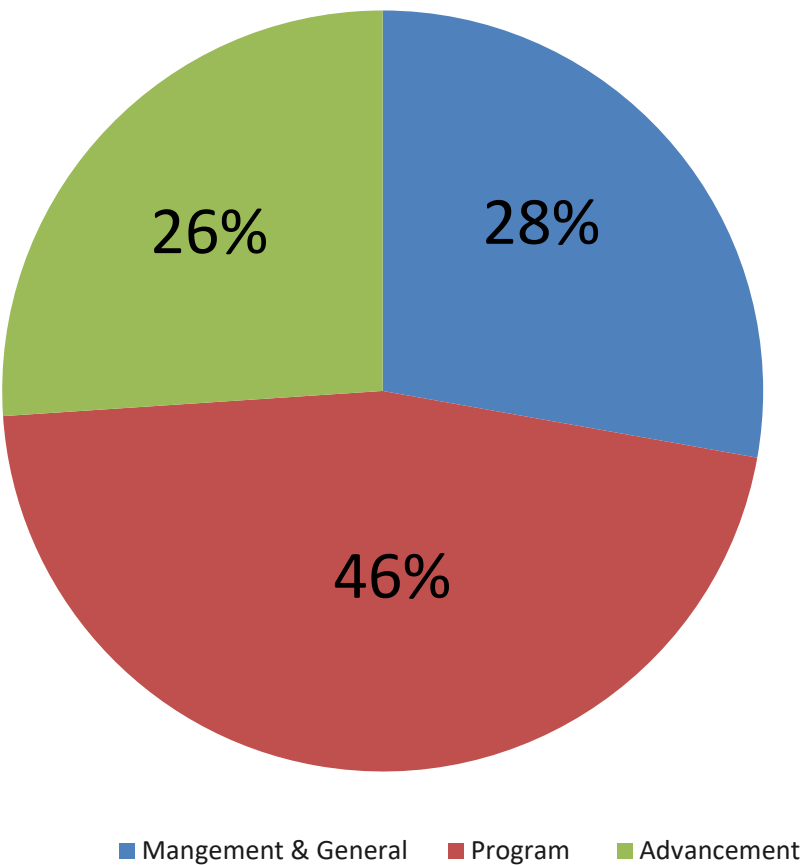
TOTAL: \$925,499



*This budget does not account for the in-kind hours donated by our 600+ volunteers who run our retreat and reflection programs. The value of their time is estimated to be over \$500,000 in FY22.

ISP EXPENSES

TOTAL: \$1,016,081



"Because of the ISP retreat. I discovered I'm strong enough to overcome my fears... I am able to forgive myself and others."



our mission



The Ignatian Spirituality Project invites people recovering from homelessness and addiction to encounter God's love, hope and healing through spiritual companionship that transforms lives.

who we serve



ISP serves individuals in recovery from homelessness and addiction. Though founded in the Jesuit tradition, people of all (or no) faith traditions are welcome. ISP programs offer participants the chance to take time away to reflect on and deepen their relationship with the God of their understanding, to gently name the places inside that need healing, and to bond with others on the journey.

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**Christine Curran, Executive Director, Ignatian Spirituality Project
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Invited Guest, Non-Voting*



fostering meaningful relationships

150 plus PARTNERS, AGENCIES, SHELTERS, AND RETREAT HOUSES



We are grateful to our
150 +
partners, agencies, shelters,
and retreat houses.

650 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS



\$359,669
estimated value of
volunteer hours in FY22

"I am stronger than I think I am."

28 AFFILIATE CITIES

The Ignatian Spirituality Project offers spiritual retreats and companionship programs in 20+ locations around the United States, Canada, and Ireland.

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| Atlanta | Morristown, NJ |
| Baltimore | New Orleans |
| Boston | Oklahoma City |
| Bay Area | Omaha |
| Chicago | Orange County, CA |
| Cincinnati | Portland |
| Cleveland | Providence, RI |
| Dayton, OH | Ridgewood, NJ |
| Denver | San Diego |
| Detroit | Seattle |
| Dublin | St. Louis |
| Houston | Toronto |
| Louisville | Twin Cities |
| Milwaukee | Washington DC |



thank you for supporting our ministry

We are incredibly grateful for your support and generosity.

You have changed the lives of thousands of men and women in recovery from addiction and homelessness through Ignatian retreats and spiritual reflection programs.

Your continued support will help ISP more than double our programs for those in recovery from homelessness and addiction over the next 3 years.

On behalf of all those striving for recovery in their lives, thank you!

Make a gift to help transform lives at ispretreats.org/gift

Thank you for your support!

