



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: XAVIER FANGMEYER

Xavier Fangmeyer is a young man with a big heart. Last year, his older brother James came to the Romero Center with a group from Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Maryland.

James was astounded by the people he met in Camden and how little they had. When James visited the kids in afterschool programs, he was particularly struck by how few toys they had in comparison to the many toys he had at home that were never used.

James was so moved that he shared those feelings with his family when he got home. James' experience inspired his 6th grade brother, Xavier, to launch a service project to "Share the Fun" with the kids of Camden.

Xavier reached out to his school and church community and was able to collect over 400 pieces of equipment, from basketballs to jump ropes to hockey sticks. Xavier arrived with his family on June 15, 2011 to donate the supplies, which will be put to immediate use by our partners in Camden. We'd like to thank Xavier, James, and the Fangmeyer family for their compassion and commitment to the kids of our city!



L-R Xavier, Leo, James, and James Fangmeyer, Sr. on delivery day

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

- ▶ Engaged young adults in monthly opportunities for faith sharing or service in the city of Camden.
- ▶ Organized Lenten faith sharing groups for about 50 people who met in various locations throughout South Jersey and Philadelphia for 4 weeks.
- ▶ Partnered with the Diocese of Camden to host the Diocesan Young Adult Retreat.
- ▶ Launched a week-long conference, "Integrating Faith, Service and Justice" for about 30 professionals in young adult ministry.
- ▶ Going in July with 10 people on the first "Romero Mission to El Salvador," a nine-day service immersion experience in El Salvador with Project Fiat, which includes pre and post immersion education and reflection.

URBAN CHALLENGE

- ▶ Hosted students from NJ, PA, MO, OH, NY, MD, IL, CT, NC, MA, ME, WV, MN, RI, VA and DC.
- ▶ 91 schools were represented: 36 colleges or universities and 55 high schools.
- ▶ Of the 91 schools that participated in Urban Challenge, 17 came 2 or more times during the year. Of those: 7 schools came 3 times, 2 came 4 times and 1 school (Regis HS-NY) participated in 5 Urban Challenge retreats this program year.
- ▶ 1,963 students participated in Urban Challenge: 549 college or university and 1,414 high school students.

ROMERO LECTURE SERIES

Over 300 people attended our 11th Annual Romero Lecture Series, March 25, 2011, at Rutgers University, Camden.

This year's theme was **"Images of Justice: Poets, Prophets, and the Arts,"** and featured an engaging and challenging keynote address by Carolyn Forché.

The Lannon Visiting Lecturer in Poetry and Professor of English at Georgetown University, Forché worked closely with Archbishop Romero in El Salvador, and has encouraged learning and discussion among people of faith on the topics of art, political activism, and social justice.



L-R John Klein, Julie Fertsch, SSJ, Kevin Moran, Rev. Msgr. Robert McDermott, Carolyn Forché, Lawrence DiPaul, Sherine Green, Cheryl Mrazik, Genevieve Jordan, Richard Nalen

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

We're pleased to announce the launch of Romero Center Ministries' new website! Though the web address remains the same, the content is fresh. Please make sure to stop by www.romero-center.org and check it out!

WE'RE GOING GREEN

Romero Center Ministries is committed to being good stewards of the environment by using less energy and resources in our communications. To that end, we're relying on electronic communication as much as possible.

Please help us by going to the new homepage, clicking "Contact Us," and completing the form with your e-mail address!

Or, include your e-mail address in the enclosed return envelope.

HELP US CONTINUE TO BUILD THE KINGDOM

We hope that you enjoyed reading about the latest happenings at Romero Center Ministries!

Our Urban Challenge, Young Adult Ministry, and Romero Lecture Series programming grows every year, and we are very excited about the future. Whether you're a former participant, a parent, a member of the community, or a Catholic concerned with social justice—we know you care deeply about our work. We ask for your prayers as we continue "to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8).

We also humbly ask for your financial commitment to our ministries. As a small nonprofit, we rely on supporters like you to ensure that we will continue to touch the hearts and minds of youth like Xavier and James.

As you can see from the chart to the right, only 2 cents of every dollar donated goes to administrative costs, 18 cents keeps our facility safe and in good repair, **and 80 cents of every dollar goes directly to providing programs for our participants.**

A gift of \$500 buys food for one group, a gift of \$300 ensures a week's worth of transportation to worksites, a gift of \$100 provides a week's worth of materials for prayer and reflection.

Please know that whatever you are able to give, you are putting your resources into building the Kingdom.

Many thanks!

