

# Spring 2016 Volunteer Service Awardees



Six volunteers with **Manna Project International (MPI)** received Spring 2016 Volunteer Service Award grants. These individuals have each committed to volunteer for 13 months. **Carissa Chen, Shanelle D'Alessio, Rachel Kanen, and Martha Lee** have been working as Program Directors in Cedro Galán, Chiquilistagua and Villa Guadalupe, Nicaragua, since July of 2015, and plan to continue volunteering until August 2016. MPI takes a holistic approach to development and each year new program directors build on the work of their predecessors, teaching nutrition and health, English, working with artisan coops, and working with the local medical clinic. Carissa and Shanelle also received 2015 Volunteer Service Awards.



**Stephanie Crouse** and **Vincent Ricci** will begin their volunteer assignments in July of 2016, Stephanie in Nicaragua and Vincent in Ecuador, near Quito.



**Mary McGlynn** volunteered to spend 6 weeks as a Research Assistant with **Global Emergency Care Collaborative (GECC)**, working in the Nyakibale Hospital in Uganda. She will track patient outcomes in order to help GECC log every patient seen in the Emergency Department. She will follow up with patients on the ward or via phone three days after they have been seen. She will help analyze data and carry out ongoing protocols. Mary is currently a medical student in the Global Medicine Program of the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago.



**Maria Gillin** is volunteering with **Visions Global Empowerment** (Visions) in Ethiopia. Her project is to create a short documentary about Visions' efforts in Ethiopia, specifically with their new partnership with the Ethiopian Women with Disabilities National Association (EWDNA). Visions is working with this group to support the deaf population in Ethiopia. In Ethiopia, there is a social stigma associated with deafness and all disabilities. These two organizations are working together to raise awareness, change social attitudes, and to gain funding and representation for people with disabilities on a large scale. The documentary will serve as a basis for the project marketing and grant reporting that Visions needs to do to continue with this effort.