

How to Talk About Accola

1. If you have 10 seconds, use this “elevator speech”:

Accola welcomes neighbors, cultivates community, and fosters justice by responding boldly to the needs of the time. We listen to what people share, imagine, and need to advance a more just and equitable society. This newly independent nonprofit organization is influenced by the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

2. Here’s a longer narrative of what Accola does:

Accola is responding nimbly to issues facing our communities. Our transformative programs improve opportunity for immigrants through education; provide safe and dignified housing for women as they heal from trauma; and help connect people’s spirituality with social justice action.

Sarah’s...an Oasis for Women provides a safe home, dignity, resources, and support for a diverse community of immigrant women healing from trauma. Here, they begin new, empowered lives. For those without jobs, Sarah’s provides food and financial assistance and connects them to educational opportunities such as Learning in Style.

Learning in Style provides quality education in English, math, computers, and citizenship in a supportive and respectful environment. Hundreds of immigrants and refugees from countries around the world benefit from dedicated teachers and small class sizes as they acquire the tools needed to succeed in their new community.

Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality offers workshops, classes, and community gatherings that explore and promote the intersection of spirituality and the pursuit of social justice.

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