



The Peace Corps Community in Alaska

Alaska Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

ALASKA
VOLUNTEERS
SINCE 1961

1,060

2020: 16

2017: 26

2019: 27

2016: 32

2025
ALASKA
VOLUNTEERS

8

2018: 25

1966: 18

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Alaska

1

National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Alaska Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) based in Anchorage, and the North Alaska Peace Corps Friends based in Fairbanks.

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For the past 38 years during the third Thursday of each October, the Northern Alaska Peace Corps Friends have volunteered to organize a multi-ethnic group of community members during Fairbanks' International Friendship Day. The group has also volunteered during public radio/television pledge drives, and donated more than \$1,600 to Kiva for small loans to 65 recipients in 26 countries.

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Alaska's 2024 Teacher of the Year, Catherine Walker of Anchorage, said after serving in the Peace Corps in Mali, she was "hooked" to serve as a teacher.

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Two members of the Alaska State Senate, Forrest Dunbar (Kazakhstan 2006-08) and Loki Tobin (Azerbaijan 2008-11) served as Peace Corps Volunteers.

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Alaska Supreme Court Justice Dario Borghesan served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Togo from 2002–2004.

*Based on data from Peace Corps, National Peace Corps Association, and other news sources.