

The Peace Corps Community in Arkansas

Arkansas Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

ARKANSAS
VOLUNTEERS
SINCE 1961

1,051

2020: 30

2017: 28

2019: 30

2016: 24

2025
ARKANSAS
VOLUNTEERS

14

2018: 25

1966: 63

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Arkansas

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The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Hendrix College, Southern Arkansas University, the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, and the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

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Among the Arkansas Center for Nursing's 2024 Top 40 Nurses Under 40 is Malvern native Allison Ivy Renfro, who says she decided to enter nursing following her Peace Corps service as a health educator in Senegal (2011-13).

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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) partnered with Community Health Centers of Arkansas (CHCA) during a ten month program to increase COVID-19 vaccinations and education in underserved communities.

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Arkansas native and Malawi RPCV Dwayne Matthews has been recognized for his creative Peace Corps recruitment efforts, connecting with individuals at barber shops near Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

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Former Arkansas State University president and University of Arkansas graduate Ross Pritchard, who died in 2020, was a regional director of Peace Corps programs in East Asia and the Pacific during the 1960's.

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