

The Peace Corps Community in the District of Columbia

D.C. Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

D.C. VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	2,568	2020: 124	2017: 60
		2019: 128	2016: 54
2025 D.C. VOLUNTEERS	25	2018: 100	1966: 79

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in D.C.

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The greater Washington D.C. region is a national leader among major metropolitan areas in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas.

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Among medium colleges and universities, American University ranks 7th in the nation all-time for sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas since 1961.

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The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with American University, Gallaudet University, Georgetown University, and George Washington University.

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Late 2023/2024 community service activities of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of greater Washington included volunteering at Food & Friends, and at the DC Central Kitchen, removing invasive species at Rock Creek Park, and supporting the late October “Boo at the Zoo” event at the National Zoo.

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After serving in the Peace Corps, D.C. resident Rahama Wright launched Shea Yeleen, a shea butter brand with the mission to create living wage jobs for women in Northern Ghana. Because of her efforts, Wright was appointed in 2014 to the Presidential Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa.

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