

The Peace Corps Community in South Dakota

South Dakota Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

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| SOUTH DAKOTA VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961 | 684 | 2020: 8 | 2017: 14 |
| | | 2019: 10 | 2016: 20 |
| 2025 SOUTH DAKOTA VOLUNTEERS | 4 | 2018: 15 | 1966: 43 |

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in South Dakota

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Ron Tschetter, the 17th director of the Peace Corps (under President George W. Bush), is a resident of Rapid City. Ron and his wife Nancy served as Peace Corps Volunteers in India from 1966-1968.

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Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) and former state legislator Tom Katus (Tanzania 1961-63) is active in Rapid City, supporting service and connecting members of the local Peace Corps community with Americorps and Rotary members.

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Michael Saba, a former member of the South Dakota House of Representatives, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malaysia from 1965-1967.

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In 2017, after serving twenty years as South Dakota's State Epidemiologist, Dr. Lon Kightlinger took his talents to Madagascar, where he served our nation as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

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Since 1988, individual Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups have purchased and sold Peace Corps international calendars. Proceeds have generated well over \$2 Million in charitable giving for worthy causes in the U.S. and around the world.

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