

Peace Corps Volunteers

Two Years Serving Our Nation Overseas – And So Much More!



Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Make the United States Stronger

- A 2023 survey of over 4,000 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) revealed that 86% of respondents remain active volunteers in their communities—more than double the national average of nearly 30%.
- RPCVs are community leaders, serving on local boards and commissions, spearheading community efforts to address homelessness, hunger, environmental protection, youth development, and much more.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Make the United States Safer

- Tens of thousands of Peace Corps Volunteers served in health-related roles. As RPCVs, many continued their careers in health care, public health, medical research, and prevention.
- Over the decades, many distinguished U.S. ambassadors, diplomats, and foreign service officers started their service as Peace Corps Volunteers. Skills they learned foster trust, creating opportunities for collaboration, friendship, and peace.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Make the United States More Prosperous

- In the 2023 survey, nearly 25% of respondents have started businesses, contributing a collective economic impact of up to \$1.1 billion—nearly three times the current Peace Corps budget.
- In that survey, 74% of RPCVs reported that they have used their skills and knowledge from their Peace Corps service in their professional work.

Our Nation is Better Because of the Peace Corps

- The nearly 250,000 Americans who have served in the Peace Corps since 1961 have been unofficial grassroots emissaries for peace and friendship around the globe. They have come home with a renewed sense of service above self.

Peace Corps Volunteers represent the best that America has to offer, both at home and abroad.

And we are better for it.