

Peace Corps Volunteers

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



Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Make the United States Stronger

- A National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) survey in January 2023 of over 4,000 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) revealed that 86% of respondents remain active volunteers in their communities—well above the national average.
- RPCVs don't just volunteer—they lead. One NPCA affiliate group consists of hundreds of RPCVs actively involved in local Rotary clubs. RPCVs serve on local boards and commissions, lead faith-based organizations, coach youth sports, and spearhead community efforts to address homelessness, hunger, environmental protection, refugee services, and more.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Make the United States Safer

- Throughout its history, tens of thousands of PCVs have served in health-related roles, many continuing their careers in health care, public health, medical research, and prevention after their Peace Corps service.
- Over the past seven decades, many distinguished U.S. ambassadors, diplomats, and foreign service officers started their service in international affairs as Peace Corps volunteers. Their language skills and cross-cultural understanding foster trust, creating opportunities for collaboration, friendship, and peace worldwide.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Make the United States More Prosperous

- According to the January 2023 NPCA 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.

Our Nation is Better Because of the Peace Corps

- RPCVs have built international peace and friendship around the globe, the more than 240,000 Americans who have served in the Peace Corps since 1961 have come home and started businesses, entered local and state government, become teachers and nonprofit leaders, and volunteered in their local communities. Peace Corps Volunteers represent the best that America has to offer, both at home and abroad. And we are better for it.

Celebrate the Peace Corps!

