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For Returned Volunteers
From the Office of Third Goal and
Returned Volunteer Services

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Peace Corps Hotline

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The Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services is composed of a small, dynamic, and passionate team. We all have a great time working together and feel very strongly about promoting and supporting returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs). During our recent September RPCV Career Conference our staff carefully observed and noted their thoughts, and I have compiled some of their personal insights into the article below to share with all of you.

We hope that you all had positive experiences and that you were able to gain new insights from this Career Conference; whether it was learning how to format a killer resume or just feeling more confident after talking with your fellow RPCVs. Remember, if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk, we are here for you!

- Erica Herrmann, Program

Specialist, Hotline Editor - RPCV Cambodia

It wasn't too long ago when I was standing in your shoes, freshly back from my country of service, sleeping in my parents' basement, and completely bewildered about what the letters "N", "C", "E" could possibly do for my future. During my COS conference in Mongolia, I was told that if I was diligent about writing my KSAs, NCE could help me find a job. Unfortunately, those acronyms and reassurances weren't very helpful when I was back in the States and unemployed. In retrospect, I wish I had been able to attend a Career Conference in order to help me better understand noncompetitive eligibility. Luckily, the NCE section on our Peace Corps website is extremely helpful and it helped guide me to the Peace Corps RPCV Noncompetitive Employment Program (a great pro-

gram for RPCVs looking to work at Peace Corps Headquarters). I finally sat down and applied to the NCE employment program, and sure enough, I got a call for an interview a few weeks later. Noncompetitive eligibility; it can work for you too!
-Jocelyn Sarmiento, Program Analyst, World Wise Schools - RPCV Mongolia

The main feeling at the Third Goal Open Mic, which we incorporated into the National RPCV Career Conference for the first time this year, was one of recognition and relief. There are indeed other RPCVs who share similar experiences, such as killing garden snakes with machetes, being hit by a cow, and returning to the U.S. enthralled with public restrooms that have flush toilets, free toilet paper, and hyper-powered hand dryers. Stories like these have become the norm for many RPCVs, but to a large



Private Sector

CAPITAL TEACHING RESIDENCY • D.C.

Position available with KIPP DC Public Charter Schools. Duties: participates and contributes as member of school community; attends all school level professional development training and whole-group sessions; uses data to drive teaching and instruction. Qualifications: B.A./B.S.; deep passion to teach in low-income area; belief that all students can and will learn; unquestioned integrity and commitment to program's mission; openness to feedback and willingness to constantly reflect, improve, and learn; strong work ethic coupled with 'whatever it takes' attitude. Deadlines: 11/12/2012; 1/11/2012; 3/1/2012; 4/22/2012. For more information and to apply, email katie.mcmahon@kippdc.org; phone: 202.265.5477; website: www.kippdc.org.

PRESIDENT AND CEO • Marlborough, Mass.

Position available with Special Olympics Massachusetts. Duties: provides strategic leadership, overall managerial, operational, and

administrative guidance to local programs in accordance with organization's standards; fosters positive culture and work environment; oversees execution and achievement of established board goals. Qualifications: B.A./B.S.; 10 years' executive, nonprofit management experience; demonstrated track record of financial management, fundraising or development, effective team building, staff performance planning, counseling, and evaluation; exceptional communication skills; background in public or motivational speaking; public relations; strong background in diversity and inclusion. Deadline: 10/10/2012. For more information and to apply, email jbogossian@king-bishop.com; website: specialolympicsma.org.

ORGANIC FARM ASSISTANT MANAGER • D.C. and Baltimore

Position available with Nick's Organic Farm. Duties: helps with grass-based beef, pastured poultry, grain and vegetables, hay, grinding feeds, and seed production; operates tractors and equipment; feeds livestock; assists with new projects. Qualifications: commitment to organic, sustainable, local agriculture; desire to learn and to take on increasing levels of re-

sponsibility; prior farming experience; ability or willingness to learn to operate farm equipment. For more information and to apply, email farmemployment@comcast.net.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP • New York

Position available with CFY. Duties: works with organization's local team to implement fun, engaging, and high energy workshop; leads Friday afternoon set-up of classrooms at schools; prepares classrooms with desks and chairs; runs electrical cables; sets-up computers; provides excellent customer service to organization's families and schools. Qualifications: passion for organization's mission; strong customer service skills; proficient computers skills; ability to communicate clearly and accurately; enjoy working with families and students; strong problem-solver; team player who is also capable of working independently and with minimal oversight. Salary: \$10/hour. For more information and to apply, email jobs@cfy.org; website: <http://cfy.org>.

BEHAVIORAL YOUTH COUNSELOR • Portland, Ore., Memphis, Tenn., or Linden, Tenn.

Position available with Youth Villages. Duties: teaches children life skills and provides for their physical daily care; improves children's behavior through coping skills and therapeutic interventions. Qualifications: B.A./B.S. in social service discipline; experience working with at-risk youth strongly preferred; experience working with youth; excellent written, verbal, and oral skills; ability to manage multiple priorities simultaneously; basic computer knowledge; ability to maintain flexible schedule. For more information and to apply, email Kristen.farmer@youthvillages.org; phone: 901.251.4972; website: www.youthvillages.org.

AGRICULTURE AGENT (80%) - PEPIN COUNTY • Durand, Wis.

Part-time position available with University of Wisconsin- Extension. Duties: serves as educational leader in teaching, accessing, and applying research findings from dairy and animal sciences, agronomy or plant sciences, agricultural economics, horticulture, and natural resources. Qualifications: B.A./B.S. in related field such as dairy science, animal science, agricultural economics, agriculture business management, agronomy, plant sciences, broad area agriculture, or agriculture education. Salary: \$36K-\$40K. Deadline: 10/16/2012. For more information and to apply, email ces.jobs@uwex.edu; phone: 608.263.1945; website: www.uwex.edu/ces/hr/listing.cfm?PVL=C13016.

HOT! OPPORTUNITIES

GRANT MANAGEMENT OFFICER • Richmond, Va. or D.C.

Position available with ChildFund International. Duties: supports grant management and implementation functions for awards from U.S. government donors; assists with project start-up and close-out; provides inputs to audits; escalates issues to initiate corrective action; tracks deliverables; ensures timely reporting; tracks budget; assists in partner management; arranges meetings. Qualifications: B.A./B.S.; one year's experience in grant management or international development; experience reviewing budgets and cost projections; proven ability to provide technical assistance to project staff and partners regarding U.S. donor agencies, including U.S. government, foundations, and corporations; proficiency in French, Spanish, or Portuguese strongly preferred. For more information and to apply, visit www.childfund.org/careers.

REGIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR • Ypsilanti, Mich. and Bradenton, Fla.

Position available with Migrant Health Promotion. Duties: promotes community health worker program model to health care providers and other organizations serving targeted ethnic minority populations in assigned regions; develops and implements plan to provide capacity-building assistance; provides training to program coordinators and community health workers. Qualifications: B.A./B.S. in related field; M.A. preferred; experience working within given population; proficiency in Microsoft Office; supervisory experience preferred. Salary: \$35K-\$40K. Deadline: 10/12/2012. For more information and to apply, email creinert@migranthealth.org; phone: 800.461.8394, ext. 1015; website: www.migranthealth.org.



ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR • Various locations

Position available with CCS Fundraising. Duties: works with major nonprofits in designing and implementing significant fundraising programs. Qualifications: capital campaign or major gifts experience, or transferable consulting, communications, marketing, and strategic planning experience; ability to travel and relocate may be required. For more information and to apply, e-mail careers@ccsfundraising.com, with "Peace Corps" in the subject line; phone: 800.223.6733; website: www.ccsfundraising.com.

INTERIM FAMILY LIVING EDUCATOR (50%) - MENOMINEE COUNTY/NATION • Keshena, Wis.

Part-time position available with University of Wisconsin-Extension. Duties: plans, implements, teaches, and evaluates culturally relevant educational programs to meet identified needs and interests of county individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities. Qualifications: B.A./B.S. in family development related field. Salary: \$18K-\$20K. Deadline: 10/16/2012. For more information and to apply, email ces.jobs@uwex.edu; phone: 608.263.1945; website: www.uwex.edu/ces/hr/listing.cfm?PVL=STH1303.

STAFF ACCOUNTANT • Boston, Mass.

Position available with Clinton Health Access Initiative. Duties: prepares monthly balance sheet reconciliations, as well as preliminary and final financial statements for country teams; analyzes monthly variances to budget, accounting documents, and monthly cash reports and bank activity from country teams. Qualifications: B.S./B.A. in accounting or finance; one year's accounting experience; strong familiarity with financial systems, including financial edge, QuickBooks, and Microsoft Excel; international accounting experience preferred. Salary: \$40K-\$50K. Deadline: 11/16/2012. For more information and to apply, email recruitment@clintonhealthaccess.org; phone: 617.774.0110; website: careers-chai.icims.com/jobs/2815/staff-accountant/job.

PROJECT DIRECTOR • Baltimore

Position available with Johns Hopkins University. Duties: leads and manages K4Health Project in one of three key positions approved by USAID; serves as knowledge management expert based on research and experience; provides evolving guidelines for web content and knowledge exchange services. Qualifications: M.A. in public health, development health communications, or related field; 10 years'

related experience. Salary: \$82,191-\$112,998. Deadline: 10/19/2012. For more information and to apply, visit www.jhucep.org.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR • Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Position available with University of Wisconsin-Extension. Duties: works in partnership with director and assistant director in providing leadership and operational management. Qualifications: B.A./B.S. in education, recreation management, biology, youth development, or related field. Salary: \$36,065-\$40,000. Deadline: 10/9/2012. For more information and to apply, email ces.jobs@uwex.edu; phone:

608.263.1945; website: www.uwex.edu/ces/hr/listing.cfm?PVL=C13014.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP • Morgantown, W.Va.

Position available with West Virginia University. Duties: manages woodland owner outreach effort; develops quarterly newsletter; writes information sheets on woodland related topics; coordinates six woodland walks during summer and fall; acts as liaison between West Virginia forest stewardship committee and participants. Qualifications: strong writing skills preferred; background in forestry, wildlife resources, environmental science, or nature-

BREAKING NEWS

Returned Volunteer Services has been informed that *InterAction* no longer charges for job seeker accounts. RPCVs who are interested in *InterAction* should create their own account by visiting <http://careers.interaction.org> and clicking on "Find a Job."

Returned Volunteer Services still subscribes to a variety of online resources and shares those subscriptions with RPCVs free of charge. RPCVs can be granted free access to industry specific job bulletins, including:

Environmental Career Opportunities, Alliance for Peace Building, International Career Employment Weekly, and Public Health Jobs Worldwide.

RPCVs are also welcome to explore career paths with **Focus Career Self-Assessment Software**.

Email rvs@peacecorps.gov to request access to any of these career tools. Include your name, country of service, and dates of service in your request.

Peace Corps Response



Upcoming Response Webinars:

Global Health Service Partnership

October 24, 2012

5 p.m. (EDT)

Peace Corps Response is currently recruiting doctors and nurses for adjunct faculty positions in Malawi, Uganda, and Tanzania. Join us for a GHSP webinar to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

RSVP: pcresponse@peacecorps.gov

Short-Term Assignments for Experienced Professionals

November 13, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (EDT)

Attend this webinar to find out more information about our exciting new programs, upcoming assignments, and how to apply.

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PCR Hot Jobs

Two Disaster Response/Early Warning Systems Specialists needed in Madagascar

Multiple Response Volunteers, with Malagasy language skills, are needed to serve as [Disaster Risk Response/Early Warning Systems Specialists](#) with Catholic Relief Services. The Volunteers will contribute to the implementation of the Strengthening and Accessing Livelihood Opportunities for the Household Impact program. The Disaster Response/Early Warning Systems Specialists will also work to reduce food insecurity in 121 vulnerable communities in Eastern and Southern Madagascar.

Food Security Specialist needed in Mozambique

A Response Volunteer is needed to serve as a [Food Security Specialist](#) for the United Nations World Food Program (WFP). The Volunteer, fluent in Portuguese, will provide technical guidance for the implementation of WFP supported social safety net and the nutritional rehabilitation program through the development of guidance materials and program tools for WFP staff and partners.

Food Security and Nutrition Specialist needed in Mozambique

A Response Volunteer is needed to serve as a [Food Security and Nutrition Specialist](#) for the United Nations World Food Program. The Volunteer, fluent in Portuguese, will conduct social safety net and nutrition programs reviews through field missions and stakeholder consultations. The Food Security and Nutrition Specialist will also advise the WFP Country Office on capacity building initiatives, and conduct training workshops as necessary.

Research Specialist needed in Mexico

A [Research Specialist](#), with a master's degree in mechanical, aeronautic, or industrial engineering, is needed to assist with curriculum design and development for the National Institute for Astrophysics, Optics, and Electronics. The Volunteer will provide support to students writing their theses and will assist with creating proposals for new academic programs.

Computer Science Education Specialist needed in Mexico

A [Computer Science Education Specialist](#), with intermediate Spanish skills and experience teaching computer science at a high school or university level, is needed to promote Computer Science and Computational Thinking in high school and middle school curriculums. The Volunteer will assist with creating, adapting, and implementing materials and courses for high school CS/CT teachers.

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based tourism is desirable; valid driver's license; ability to hike and work in rough terrain under adverse weather conditions required. Salary: \$16K. Deadline: 10/31/2012. For more information and to apply, email dmcgill@wvu.edu; phone: 304.293.5930; website: forestry.wvu.edu/faculty_staff/david_mcgill.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICIAN • Barrow, Alaska

Position available with North Slope Borough Health Department. Duties: provides mental health and substance abuse services to largely indigenous Inupiat population; embraces challenges of living in cross-cultural community. Qualifications: M.A. in psychology, counseling, or social work; eligible for license in Alaska; broad professional experience; client-centered, strengths based orientation; effective team member; ability to work collaboratively; high degree of flexibility. Salary: \$71,711. Deadline: 10/26/2012. For more information and to apply, email russell.bryant@north-slope.org; phone: 907.852.0366; website: agency.governmentjobs.com/northslope.

CHIEF TALENT AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICER • New York

Position available with Waldron. Duties: manages human resources team of eight. Qualifications: B.A./B.S.; M.A. preferred; Spanish language fluency; 10 years' related experience in human resources or administration. For more information and to apply, email info@waldronhr.com; phone: 206.441.4144; website: www.waldronhr.com/index.php/social-enterprises/retained-search/open-search.

MATH TEACHER • Piney Woods, Miss.

Position available with Piney Woods Boarding School. Duties: teaches calculus, geometry, and other math skills for ninth-12th grade students. Qualifications: in process of getting teaching certification, if not already certified. Deadline: 12/3/2012. For more information and to apply, email alucas@pineywoods.org; website: www.pineywoods.org.

SYSTEMS ENGINEER • Akron, Pa.

Position available with Ten Thousand Villages. Duties: assists IT department in developing and maintaining secure information systems for office, warehouse, and stores to help organization meet or exceed growth goals. Qualifications: B.A./B.S. in information systems or related field or equivalent experience; three years' experience with information technology infrastructure solutions, including experience configuring and managing servers, virtual machines, routers, and firewalls in primarily Win-

Networking

Isn't a bad word

Join RPCV Career Center Coordinator, Jodi Hammer, for a special online webinar dedicated to the art of networking within the job search arena.

Wednesday, October 3, 2012
1:00-2:00 p.m. EDT

www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv/events

dows environment. Salary: \$37,606. Deadline: 10/31/2012. For more information and to apply, email careers@tenthousandvillages.com; website: www.tenthousandvillages.com.

MANAGER • Baltimore

Position available with International Youth Foundation. Duties: leads partnership development efforts for YouthMap program through active engagement with multinational corporations, major foundations, multi- and bilateral donor agencies, and other prospective partners leading to increased reach, expansion, and effectiveness. Qualifications: B.A./B.S.; M.A. preferred; five years' experience in marketing, communications, business development, or international development preferred. Deadline: 11/18/2012. For more information and to apply, visit www.iyfnet.org.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR • Baltimore

Position available with International Youth Foundation. Duties: provides technical and operational support to programs in Middle East, Maghreb, and West Africa. Qualifications: B.A./B.S.; M.A. in international or social sciences preferred; one year's experience in related field; strong interest in Middle East and North and West Africa. Deadline: 11/18/2012. For more information and to apply, email jobs@iyfnet.org; website: www.iyfnet.org.

URBAN TEACHING FELLOW • New York

Position available with American Museum of Natural History. Duties: learns to teach earth and space science in New York City through Master of Arts in Teaching Urban Residency Program. Qualifications: B.A./B.S. in earth science or related discipline; minimum GPA of 3.00. Deadline: 1/31/2013. For more information and to apply, email mat@amnh.org; phone: 212.313.7464; website: www.amnh.org/mat.

IT SUPPORT MANAGER • D.C.

Position available with KIPP DC. Duties: administers network services; manages technical support resources; manages implementation and maintenance of technology infrastructure, including network, server, workstation maintenance and troubleshooting, problem resolution, and connectivity. Qualifications: B.A./B.S.; five years' experience, preferably in educational institution; experience managing data networks, voice networks, and multiple sites; background managing Windows 2003 servers and databases with Windows clients. For more information and to apply, visit www.kippdc.org/careers/non-instructional-positions/.

URBAN TEACHER • D.C. and Baltimore

Position available with Urban Teacher Center. Duties: attends an alternative teacher prep program for four years; includes intensive year of residency, free dual master's, extensive one-on-one coaching, cohort placements at neediest



elementary, middle, and high schools, and job placement for years two–four of the program. Qualifications: minimum 2.75 undergraduate GPA; 3.0 GPA or higher preferred; ability to pass Praxis I with 177 in Reading and Math, and 173 in Writing; no prior teacher certification. Salary: \$46K–\$51K (after residency year). Deadline: 10/15/2012. For more information and to apply, email Kerrys@urbanteachercenter.org; phone: 410.446.3463; website: www.urbanteachercenter.org.

International

PROGRAM ASSOCIATE • East Africa

Positions available with One Acre Fund. Duties: lead internal consulting projects, such as impact innovation, growth innovation, and operations; take leadership over relatively independent pilot within One Acre Fund network. Qualifications: top-performing undergraduate background; strong work experience; leadership experience; humility and personal stability; long-term commitment to living in rural areas of East Africa; French language skills required for Rwanda and Burundi. For more information and to apply, email jobs@oneacrefund.org; phone: 732.648.4461; website: www.oneacrefund.org/get_involved/careers.

ALFA FELLOW • Moscow, Russia

Position available with Alfa Fellowship Program. Duties: receives work assignments at leading organizations in fields of business, economics, journalism, law, and public policy; receives language training and extensive professional experience; attends seminar series. Qualifications: M.A.; two years' professional experience in business, economics, journalism, law, or public policy; high professional and academic achievements; Russian language fluency preferred. Deadline: 12/1/2012. For more information and to apply, email alfa@culturalvistas.org; phone: 212.497.3525; website: www.culturalvistas.org/alfa.

Education

NATIONAL SERVICE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS • Houghton, Mich.

Fellowship positions available with Michigan Tech Graduate School. Duties: receive fellowship award that reduces tuition by 30 percent for admitted graduate students. Qualifications: RPCV status; documentation of Peace Corps service; enrollment in one of school's graduate programs. For more information and to apply,

Just Push Play!



Did you miss that webinar on Noncompetitive Eligibility that your fellow RPCVs are still raving about? Have an interview coming up and want to rewatch the webinar on Acing the Job Interview?

Now you can watch a variety of pre-recorded, career related webinars whenever you want.

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Click on "On Demand Webinars from RVS"

Need a place to live?

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<http://groups.google.com/group/rpcvnetwork>

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Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program
(Formerly known as Fellows/USA)

www.peacecorps.gov/fellows | fellows@peacecorps.gov



email jacque@mtu.edu; phone: 906.487.1434; website: www.gradschool.mtu.edu/nsgf.

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIPS • New York

Scholarships available with New York University's Steinhardt School. New York University's Steinhardt School offers scholarship support to Peace Corps alumni who enroll in a full-time master's program. Programs are available in school counseling, mental health counseling, education policy, environmental education, international education, and TESOL. For more information and to apply, phone: 212.998.5030; website: www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/peacecorps10-12.

Intern/Volunteer

PROCTER FARM INTERNSHIP • London, Ohio

Position available with Procter Farm and Center. Duties: gains understanding of growing cycles for various crops; identifies, uses, and maintains farm tools and equipment; identifies useful and non-useful plants; practices organic weed and pest management; designs various cropping systems. Qualifications: reliable, responsible, hardworking personality; ability to follow directions; strong communication skills;

strong people skills; takes initiative; ability to work outside in all conditions; some farm experience preferred; ability to begin first week of April-November 1st. Salary: \$200/month. Deadline: 2/1/2013. For more information and to apply, email procterfarm@diosohio.org; phone: 207.776.4388; website: procter.diosohio.org/Procter%20Farm/internships.html.

STOP PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS • Africa, Asia, and East Europe

Positions available with STOP Program. Stop Transmission of Polio (STOP) / Global Immunization Division is currently seeking public health professionals, health communication specialists, and public health data managers. Duties: provide range of technical support; conduct field surveillance for polio, training local health care providers in surveillance, planning, and monitoring polio and measles vaccination campaigns; assist with establishing and enhancing data management systems for disease surveillance in selected countries; support UNICEF in communications and social mobilization. Qualifications: five years' experience in public health in desired field; B.A./B.S/ in public health, communications, or related field; experience working with vaccine preventable diseases, immunization coverage, international experience, and foreign language fluency, particularly in French or Portuguese preferred. For more information and to apply,

email gvl5@cdc.gov; website: www.cdc.gov/polio/stop.

ENGLISH AND GED TUTOR • Chicago

Position available with Asian Human Services. Duties: works with adult students from around the world; tutors in English and GED preparation. Qualifications: prior experience not necessary. For more information and to apply, email csherman@ahschicago.org; phone: 773.564.4963; website: www.ahschicago.org/adult-literacy.

AmeriCorps/VISTA

SAN FRANCISCO TEACHER

RESIDENCY • San Francisco

Positions available with San Francisco Teacher Residency. Duties: serve 10 month term from August 1, 2013-June 15, 2014; work side-by-side with demonstration teachers in classroom at teaching academy; teach and mentor K-12 students to increase academic achievement. Qualifications: B.A./B.S.; U.S. citizenship, national, or permanent residency; passing scores from CSET and CBEST; admission into University of San Francisco or Stanford. Deadline: 3/1/2013. For more information and to apply, email info@sfteacherresidency.org; phone: 415.355.3903; website: sfteacherresidency.org.

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- Make your voice heard on important advocacy issues.

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number of Americans, these are amazing experiences that reveal a lot about life in distant corners of the world. Therefore, we encourage you to share your stories with a variety of audiences and make sure to register your Third Goal activities and submit memorable moments for consideration in the Third Goal Spotlight, by visiting www.peacecorps.gov/thirdgoal.

-Tim Slattery, Program and Support Assistant - RPCV Guatemala

It is always such a pleasure to host our semi-annual Career Conference in DC, and our September 2012 Career Conference was no exception. Meeting and working with hundreds of talented RPCV participants was an honor and privilege. I was especially struck by the professionalism and caliber of the RPCV attendees, and hope that all who attended walked away with increased confidence and a new arsenal of tools to assist in conducting a successful job search.

As discussed in our many interactive workshops, two of the most critical factors in a successful job search are as follows:

1. **STORYTELLING** - Being able to share your well-crafted story (non-fiction of course) in a variety of contexts is the key to an effective job search. Your oral story (whether the 30-second 'elevator pitch' or interview) needs to be well crafted and broken down into digestible sound bites. Your written story (such as a typo-free resume and cover letter) need to be concise, yet descriptive, and tailored to each job you are applying for.
2. **NETWORKING** - Although many had misperceptions about networking, I hope we made it clear in our career workshops that networking is NOT schmoozing, but rather building a 'web of alliance' composed of people who know who you are and the skillsets you have. By working to

develop and expand your network, you will learn about the vast majority of jobs which are in the 'hidden job market' (approximately 75%), and increase your chances of success!

Best wishes in finding your next step and securing a rewarding position. Please do keep us posted of your progress and let us know when you land that job! Also, a great way to 'pay it forward' for all of those RPCVs who come after you, consider visiting with them and give them insight into how to approach tackling the job search in an effective manner.

-Jodi Hammer, RPCV Career Center Coordinator - RPCV Ecuador

Every time we hold an RPCV Career Event, I am struck by how amazing the Peace Corps community is! Most of the employers who attended the September 2012 Career Fair did so because they know how talented RPCVs are.

After you settle into your dream job it will then become your turn to support your fellow RPCVs. Many of you will look back on the RPCV Career Conference you attended and think fondly of being in a room full of so many RPCVs. Remember, you can replicate that experience, so when the time is right, visit www.peacecorps.gov/hire and find ways to help your employer recruit talented, passionate, and quirky RPCVs.

-Kat Edwards, Program and Support Assistant - RPCV Suriname

As the dust clears following the Career Conference, I remain truly amazed by the passion and eagerness of the RPCV attendees. The stories of your service alone are utterly inspiring. I only hope, as your transition back to the States continues, you will use that passion to fuel the next stage of your life - your career. Whether it is grassroots development, communications, or space aeronautics, a rewarding job is just around the corner. Do not be discouraged if you do

not hear back from an organization. The truth is - it happens. Keep your head up, determine what needs to be updated (whether it's your resume, cover letter, or networking strategy), and be proactive! The end result will be determined by the effort you put forth early on. As RPCVs, you have the flexibility, passion, and the commitment to help others. You have completed your Peace Corps service and now is the time to focus on you. Keep an open mind, as the organization you least expect may in fact have the perfect position for you. I have true faith that the next stage of your life, regardless of what you'll be doing, will turn into a rewarding and worthwhile career.

-Gregory Wilson, Program and Support Assistant

I have never attended a Career Fair for the Peace Corps or for any organization for that matter. I am an intern for the Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services and was able to help out during the Career Fair. One of the reasons I decided to intern at the Peace Corps was to help me decide if I wanted to become a Peace Corps Volunteer. Hearing all of your stories and experiences really inspired me. Hearing the amazing things you have all accomplished has encouraged me to pursue the application process for becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer. The Career Conference not only helped me with my decision to peruse volunteer work, but it also helped to clarify my own career path. RPCVs are inspiring and special human beings that were able to do things that many people don't ever get the chance to do. Never stop telling your story because you might just inspire a future Peace Corps Volunteer.

-Claire Spellman, Intern

Mark your calendars, for the Winter 2013 RPCV Career Conference, February 25th-March 1st. For more information, visit www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv/events.