



Peace Corps Day

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Peace Corps Celebrates its 41st Anniversary on Peace Corps Day – March 1, 2002

_____, _____
(town) (date)

_____ in _____ will get a firsthand account of life in another
(name of organization or school) (location)

country on March 1, 2002 thanks to a visit by returned Peace Corps Volunteer _____.
(returned Volunteer's name)

Having served in _____ from 19__ to _____, _____ will give a
(country of service) (service dates) (returned Volunteer's name)

presentation about his/her experiences there. Currently a resident of _____,
(returned Volunteer's hometown)

_____ will visit _____ as a part of Peace Corps Day
(returned Volunteer's name) (name of host)

celebrations.

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On March 1, 2002, thousands of returned Volunteers, representing more than 100 Peace Corps countries, will share their overseas experiences with their communities. Peace Corps Day helps raise awareness for the Peace Corps as a resource for educators and individuals in the United States who want to use Peace Corps stories in the classroom and make contributions to Peace Corps projects overseas. The Peace Corps' global education program, Coverdell World Wise Schools, offers a variety of educational materials designed to engage students in grades 3-12 in inquiry about the world, themselves, and others. Through the Peace Corps Partnership program, individuals, schools, service organizations, religious groups, and returned Volunteer groups in the United States can get involved in a direct and positive way to address the impact of poverty on hundreds of communities where Peace Corps Volunteers live and work.

“Founded by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, the history of the Peace Corps is the story of tens of thousands of people who have served as Volunteers. Their individual experiences in towns, villages and cities around the world have composed a legacy of service that has become part of America’s history,” Peace Corps’ Acting Deputy Director Lloyd Pierson said. “Peace Corps Volunteers teach English, work in business development, the environment, agriculture, health and community development. We also have special programs in HIV/AIDS and technology.”

More than 165,000 Americans have joined the Peace Corps since 1961. Today approximately 7,000 Volunteers live and work in 70 nations around the globe. Volunteers return to the United States with a greater understanding of the world and its people. For more information about joining the Peace Corps, call 1-800-424-8580 (press 1) to speak to a local recruiter. To learn more about Peace Corps Day, call 1-800-424-8580 (press 2, then ext. 1961) or send e-mail to pcday@peacecorps.gov. Peace Corps’ Web site is www.peacecorps.gov.