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The 90's – Flourishing Programs

In the 1990s, the main office of Peace Corps Ecuador were in Quito and there was a training center in Tumbaco. The training director was Neil Bacon. The training lasted 12 weeks, with one week scheduled for visiting a site where a Volunteer was already working, so trainees could benefit from his/her experience.

- Volunteers in the Agriculture and Animal Production program went for a week to Santo Domingo de Los Colorados to do their internship in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock facilities.
- In the Youth and Family at Risk program, a new component was included in order to remedy the needs of marginalized children and families.
- In the Health Program, Trainees and Volunteers taught the basic topics of health and nutrition and also provided sex education courses to help prevent HIV/AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases.



Through communication boards, Susan Fishman allowed voiceless children to find their voice.

Volunteers serving children and animals



The voice for children

Volunteer Susan Fishman helped to promote the use of communication boards, giving the opportunity of speech to previously voiceless children. She worked with the Cerebral Palsy Institute of Quito.

Susan remembers how a couple of children communicated through the board, alone at recess. On another occasion, a quiet girl became the "class gossip."

Read the full story [here](#)

The Foundation for the Protection of Animals

Volunteer Elizabeth Daut was assigned to Loja, her perseverance and love for domestic animals led the students of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences of the National University of Loja to organize themselves, resulting in the Foundation for the Protection of Animals (FPA).

Elizabeth said "We started with a vague idea and now we are at the point where people come to us with their pets to talk about their problems."

Read the full story [here](#)



In the 1990s there were programs in: Agriculture, Animal Production, Youth and Families at Risk, Health and Natural Resources, Forestry, Water and Small Businesses