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The 2000's – Good Habits in the Community

In this decade, there were approximately 150 volunteers in Peace Corps Ecuador. In the 2000s the training center was located in the Cayambe Canton, from where the Volunteers were distributed among different communities such as: La Chimba, La Olmedo, Pesillo, Cangahua, Tabacundo, Santa Rosa and Isidro Ayora. The training lasted 12 weeks and in each community there were 4 to 5 Trainees. The administrative offices began to operate on Granda Centeno Avenue and Baron de Carondelet Street.



Staff members after a workshop from the Agribusiness and Agriculture program that offered technical assistance to establish communal banks.

Among the directors during this decade were Marcy Kelly, Ruben Hernandez, Ronald Ruybal, Kathleen Sifer, Sakib Khan, Trudy Jaycox.

Boosting reading and environmental care



Read Book Initiative in Esmeraldas City

Volunteer Julie Smithwick created a reading program which opened children's minds to the magic of the written word.

In a short time, the girls had read and summarized their ten books and won a pizza in the downtown area.

"I like it because from books we learn other things that allow us to develop our minds". Daniela, a member of the club.

Read the full story [here](#)

Environmental Education in the Galápagos

Ryan and Michelle Finchum went on to raise children's awareness about wealth of the Galapagos Islands by taking them to the countryside.

"We can teach everything we want about environmental education, but if they can't appreciate the natural beauty that tourists actually see, how can they really want to protect it?". Michelle Finchum

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The programs that existed in this decade were: Animal Production, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Agribusiness, Rural Health, and Youth and Families at Risk.