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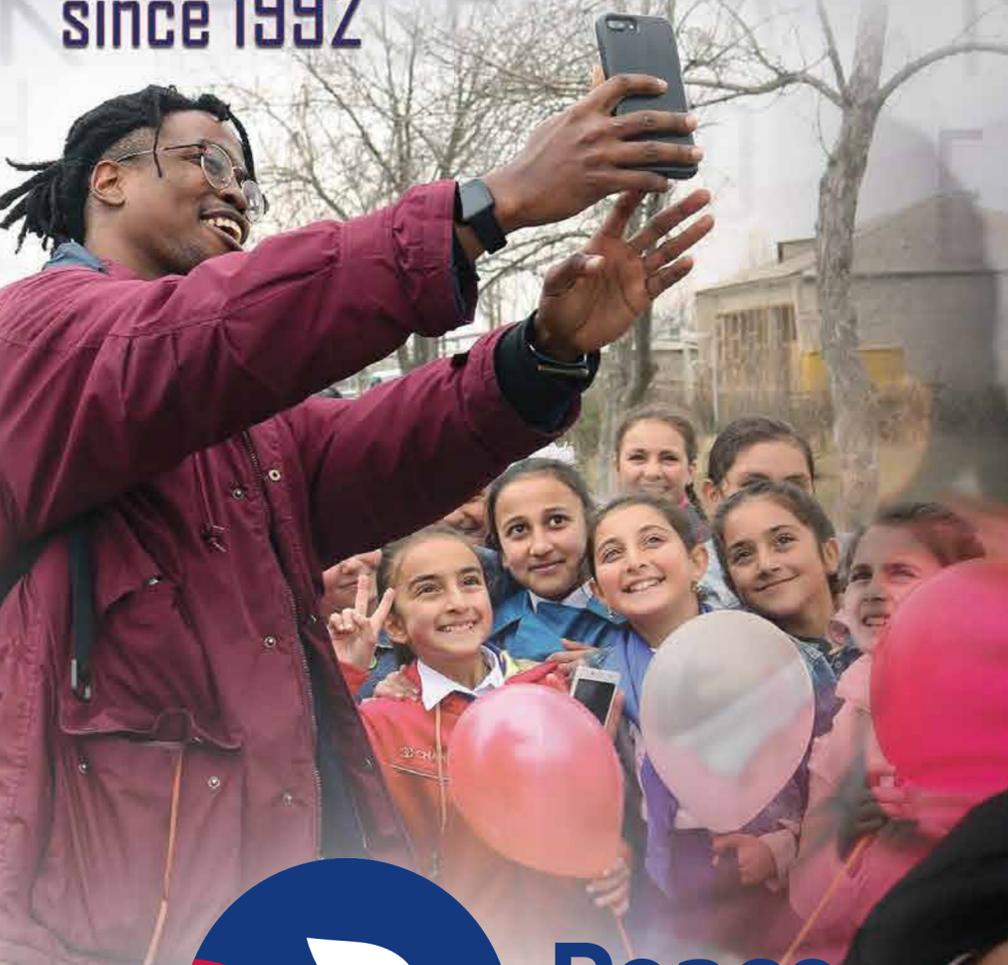
**100 + Armenian families hosted
Peace Corps Volunteers
in their homes**

**131 Volunteers served
in towns and villages**

- In over 120 communities
- In 70 schools
- In 50 NGOs

**Over 1,100 Volunteers have served
since 1992**

**26 years of friendship
and partnership
in Armenia**



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Message from the Director

Since 1992 Peace Corps Armenia Volunteers have been working alongside the Armenian people to strengthen ties of peace and friendship between the United States and Armenia. To date, more than 1,100 Volunteers have dedicated two years of their lives to living and working in communities throughout Armenia. They have been and are continuing to contribute to the development of education, youth, and non-governmental organizations.

We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in 2018 together with our Armenian friends and partners and with the continuing support, endorsement of the Government of Armenia. We are grateful for the opportunity to develop strong and meaningful relationships with all of our partners, including the local communities and host families, who have graciously embraced our Volunteers and collaborated with us in all of our joint endeavors over the past year.

As we move forward in 2019 and beyond, we remain steadfast in our commitment to working together with the Armenian people and the Government of Armenia. We look forward to exploring more opportunities to strengthen our bond of friendship and understanding.

Country Director,
Sonny Luu



Our Volunteers

- All are US citizens
- Range in age from 22 to 75
- Speak, read, and write Armenian
- Commit to two years of service
- Work in villages and towns throughout Armenia
- Work in schools, universities and NGOs
- University graduates
- Conduct after-school clubs and summer camps
- Live with Armenian host families for at least six months
- Represent America's diverse population
- Do not receive a salary

Highlights of 2018

Signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education and Science in Armenia

In 2018, Peace Corps Armenia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Education and Science that extends Peace Corps Armenia's Teaching English as a Foreign Language program for the next five years. The MOU highlights the collaboration and the friendship between two nations and focuses on the importance of enhancing the knowledge of the English language in Armenia.



Welcomed our 26th group of 42 Volunteers in March

In 2017 we welcomed 42 American Peace Corps Volunteers. After three months of training in the Armenian language and culture, as well as technical training, the Volunteers were sworn-in by the U.S. Ambassador to Armenia, Hon. Richard M. Mills and started their two-year service in different communities throughout all of the regions of Armenia.



In 2018

131

Peace Corps Volunteers lived and worked

in over 120+

Armenian communities:



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Our Programs in Armenia

Our Volunteers work in 2 sectors: Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) and Community and Youth Development (CYD).

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Program

Peace Corps Armenia implements the TEFL program in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Science in Armenia. Volunteers in the TEFL project:

Teach English at secondary schools, colleges, and other institutions of higher learning together with Armenian counterpart teachers—in villages and towns throughout Armenia.

Volunteers work together with local English teachers in the classroom by supporting teachers to develop student-centered classroom methodologies and new approaches in classroom management. They also teach English outside of classroom, in clubs and other extracurricular activities.



Community and Youth Development (CYD) Program

Peace Corps Armenia implements the CYD program in collaboration with the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs in Armenia. Volunteers in this project:

Work with local nongovernmental organizations, educational institutions, and youth centers to empower youth to build their personal and professional skills and help community organizations to sustain a strong civil society.

Volunteers in this project also carry out small-scale projects in youth development; such as camps, summer community development activities, health and environmental workshops. Additionally, they develop grant proposals for community development projects and organize other youth development activities.



Achievements in 2018

- Our Volunteers taught over **6,000 students** from primary and high schools
- Our Volunteers worked with **94 Armenian teachers** from primary and high schools in classroom setting
- Over **2,800 students**, working with our Volunteers, demonstrated improved English proficiency
- Over **60 local English teachers**, working with our Volunteers, improved their English instruction by using new techniques for teaching English skills



Achievements in 2018

- Over **2,000 young people** received training by Peace Corps Volunteers to improve their level of employability
- **425 young people** improved their employability skills through workshops and educational programs
- **100 organizations** worked with Volunteers to improve their project design and management practices
- More than **4,000 young people** participated in programs and projects led by Volunteers