



THE PEACE CORPS ANNIVERSARY OVERVIEW

In 2011, the Peace Corps will mark 50 years of promoting peace and friendship around the world. This historic milestone is an opportunity to honor Peace Corps' past and inspire the next generation of Volunteers.

Our 50th Anniversary Objective

Utilize the 50th anniversary as a platform to support the agency's mission and legacy by honoring our past, demonstrating our effectiveness, and inspiring the next generation of Volunteers through education and engagement.

Calendar of Official Peace Corps Efforts

Throughout 2011, a variety of events will be held around the world to commemorate the 50th Anniversary. A sample of these efforts includes:

2010 through January 2011 — Peace Corps is working with the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History to conduct an artifact search in an effort to create a permanent Peace Corps collection at the museum. To learn more and receive submission guidelines, email 50thanniversary@peacecorps.gov.

March 2011 — "Peace Corps Month" will mark President Kennedy's 1961 signing of the Executive Order that created the agency. Events will include community outreach and activities across the world in cooperation with regional recruiting offices, posts, and global partners. For details about these events please visit peacecorps.gov/50

May 2011 — The Lillian Carter Awards ceremony will recognize an outstanding older returned Peace Corps Volunteer at the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information about the awards, please visit peacecorps.gov/lilliancarter.

June 30–July 11, 2011 — Peace Corps will be a featured program at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The program will explore and celebrate Volunteers' cultural understanding of the communities in which they serve. It will also explore how they collaborate with these communities to accomplish their work. Exhibits and demonstrations will include performances, a reunion area, discussion panels, crafts, food demonstrations, and a family learning section. Other 2011 programs include the country of Colombia and Rhythm and Blues music. Admission is free and the event annually draws over 1 million visitors. For more information, please visit festival.si.edu/2011/peacecorps.

Summer/Fall 2011—Peace Corps will honor the departure of the first group of Volunteers to Ghana and Tanganyika (Tanzania) and passage of the historic Congressional authorization of the Peace Corps in September 1961.

September 2011— The Peace Corps and the National Peace Corps Association will host a weekend of 50th Anniversary efforts in Washington, D.C. Additional details will be made available in early 2011.

Please visit Peace Corp's 50th website at peacecorps.gov/50 for more information. Additionally, peacecorps50.org, hosts a calendar, managed jointly by the Peace Corps and the National Peace Corps Association, with a comprehensive list of other events happening around the country.

For program information about the Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary commemoration, please contact:

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