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Message from the Director

Becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer was one of the most important decisions of my life, and coming home to tell others about my experience in India has been a great privilege these past four decades. We rely on Volunteers and their families and friends to share an understanding of other peoples and cultures.

Peace Corps Week is a special time each year when we can talk about our experiences, and with over 180,000 returned Volunteers, we can all continue our Peace Corps service by educating Americans about our countries of service. And, as the number-one reason Volunteers say they applied to serve was because they knew a returned Volunteer, you could be helping to recruit a new generation of Volunteers.

Please join us during Peace Corps Week 2007 in celebrating the enduring legacy of Peace Corps service by telling your very own Peace Corps story.

Ronald A. Tschetter
Director

Celebrate

Celebrate this special week in history with ongoing service to your community and the world. With a little planning, you can engage your audience while reliving your Peace Corps service.

With your host, or on your own, begin planning your presentation. Use resources in the presentation kit and on the Peace Corps website. Here are some tips to get started:

- 1 Think about the audience with which you would be most comfortable—your child's classmates, colleagues at work, congregation, or grandchild's Scout troop? Select an environment and audience that works for you.
- 2 Contact a teacher, Scout leader, religious leader, community center, or workplace supervisor and offer your services. Point out that thousands of other returned Volunteers will be doing the same thing in an effort to help Americans nationwide learn more about other countries and peoples.
- 3 Consider asking another returned Volunteer to make a presentation with you. Two viewpoints will give your audience a broader perspective on the work of Volunteers and might make the experience even more enjoyable for you.

Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools

The Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Program helps bring the cross-cultural experiences of Peace Corps Volunteers to schoolchildren in the United States. It makes a diverse world more familiar through easily adapted lessons and stories written by current and returned Volunteers. The program links U.S. teachers with Volunteers overseas through the Correspondence Match program, and it offers students a flavor of the Peace Corps experience through archived e-mails of selected Volunteers. Teachers can use the program's study guides on culture, geography, and service; videos about the countries where Volunteers serve; and other resources to impart the knowledge and experiences of Volunteers. Visit www.peacecorps.gov/wws.

Promoting World Peace and Friendship

February 26–March 4, 2007

Rejoin the Peace Corps for an hour! That's all it takes to tell a local group about your Peace Corps days during Peace Corps Week 2007. Many of your fellow returned Volunteers (and their friends and family, too) will tell their stories at schools, clubs, and congregations during the annual celebration of the Peace Corps. Why not join them—and extend the reach of your Peace Corps service—by enlightening Americans about the people and country you served!

Did you know?

The Peace Corps Partnership Program is one of the primary channels for Volunteers and their host communities to obtain financial support for community-initiated projects.

The Partnership Program links interested individuals, groups, foundations, and service organizations in the United States that are willing to contribute to the projects of Volunteers and their communities they serve abroad. The Partnership Program conveys the communities' pressing needs to Americans who share a concern for grassroots development. A key criterion of the cost-sharing program is that the receiving community contributes 25 percent to the total project cost and therefore is actively involved in its own development.

The program also establishes direct communication between groups and individuals in the United States and communities hosting a Volunteer. This facilitates mutual understanding of different cultures and ways of life. Visit www.peacecorps.gov/contribute.

Yes, I will participate in Peace Corps Week February 26 – March 4, 2007.

Return your reply card by January 15, 2007

- 1 Visit the Peace Corps Week website at www.peacecorps.gov/pcweek.
- 2 Register online for Peace Corps Week 2007, get ideas and suggestions for your presentation, read about the experiences of past participants, and share your own ideas.
- 3 All registrants receive a free presentation kit, which includes materials to help prepare for and promote your presentation, as well as souvenirs for the audience.
- 4 Returned Volunteers who prefer not to register online should complete and mail the attached postage-paid card. Return your reply card by January 15, 2007.
- 5 If you have any questions, e-mail pcweek@peacecorps.gov or call 800.424.8580 (ext. 1961).

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Please send me a free Peace Corps Week 2007 presentation kit.

I'm a returned Volunteer and will make a presentation during Peace Corps Week.

I will make a presentation as a friend or family member of a Volunteer.

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Former Name (if applicable) _____

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