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Ukraine Summer Camps

For students around the world, summer means a break from the school year, and youths in the Ukraine are no different. And thanks to the fantastic work of local Peace Corps Volunteers and their community partners, hundreds of Ukrainian teens can look forward to exciting camps. Over the past few summers, Volunteers and community leaders in the Ukraine have done an amazing job to create fun camps that pass on incredibly valuable skills. This summer Ukrainian students have five exciting camps to look forward to. The oldest is Camp Big Bang. Designed to impart an explosion of learning, Camp Big Bang gives students studying English a change to immerse themselves in the language and explore important issues facing the Ukraine. Since 2003 over 500 students have taken advantage of this wonderful camp. In addition, this summer the Peace Corps is proud to have four other camps in the Ukraine, Camp Lets Go and Camp Legend serves to deepen students English language skills, Camp HEAL will discuss the vital issues of HIV/AIDS and Human Trafficking, and Camp GLOW and TOBE will stress gender development and empowerment. Peace Corps Ukraine shows how much fun learning can be.

Below: Excited youths in Nicaragua get their first look at the new park and recreation center that local Peace Corps Volunteers and community members have created.



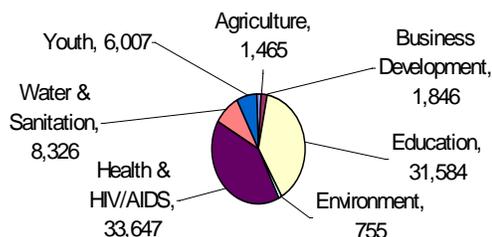
\$25,000 Matching Gift Challenge

To help the Peace Corps Partnership Program inaugurate the Water and Sanitation Fund, the Wallace Genetic Foundation has opened the Fund with a \$25,000 donation. They have also laid down an exciting challenge for supporters of the Partnership Program. The Foundation has committed to matching dollar for dollar the next \$25,000 raised. This is a great opportunity to double the value of your donation. The Partnership Program wants to thank the Wallace Genetic Foundation for helping us kick off this wonderful new fund and we encourage those interested in giving communities around the world the precious gift of clean water to take up their challenge.

The Water and Sanitation Fund is a Special Fund dedicated to helping exceptional Volunteer projects dedicated to providing clean and accessible water supplies to communities all over the world.

Peace Corps Partnership Program Stat Box

Between Oct. 1, 2006 and May 15, 2007, 83,630 people in host country communities benefited from PCPP projects. Here is a look at how different project types impacted their local communities.



Partnership in Bulgaria

The Peace Corps Partnership Program has been proud to work closely over the last few years with the Bulgarian-American Society. Started in 1992, the Society's mission is to support educational, cultural and humanitarian activities in Bulgaria. Since 2003 it has been intimately involved in collaborating with Peace Corps Volunteers on numerous projects throughout Bulgaria. The BAS has been able to create a vibrant partnership by working directly with Peace Corps staff on the ground in Sofia. As Peace Corps Volunteers are living and working in the communities, they are ideally placed to identify vital needs and generate excellent projects along with local leaders. Consequently, PCV projects are an excellent avenue for the BAS to help those living in Bulgaria. Over the last four years the Society has contributed a significant amount to many wonderful projects, including the renovation of a community center, a multi-ethnic children's summer camp, and refurbishing an orphanage (a picture of this can be seen below). The Peace Corps is pleased by how fruitful our partnership with the Bulgarian-American Society has been and we look forward to working with them on many more excellent Bulgarian projects in the future.



Above: Children in Bulgaria enjoy playing in an Orphanage playroom refurbished by a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Matching Gifts

Matching Gifts are a great way to increase the value of your donation. Many companies will include this in their community service strategy. So if you are thinking of getting involved with the Peace Corps Partnership Program, check with your company and see if they want to get involved as well.

In Kind Donations

Do you have books, school supplies, sports equipment or other useful items gathering dust in your garage or attic? Consider donating them to the Peace Corps as an In-Kind donation. We will work with you to try and put your donation to good use. If you are looking for help in delivering your donation out to the field you might want to talk to local service organizations in order to find sponsors for the shipping.

We do everything at 100%

Did you know that 100% of your contribution to the Peace Corps Partnership Program does directly to Volunteer projects in the field?

In addition, 100% of your donation to the Partnership Program is tax deductible.

In order to donate, find out more about us, or see a list of projects in need of funding, contact us at:

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