

United We Serve

Peace Corps is founded on a legacy of service both at home and abroad. Peace Corps Volunteers dedicate themselves to serving the needs of communities around the world by sharing their skills and knowledge. For many, this commitment to service endures for a lifetime.

Nearly 200,000 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) have continued their service at home and are making a difference in their communities by identifying unmet needs and selflessly contributing their skills and experience. Across America, individual RPCVs and RPCV groups are engaged in grassroots projects like restoring hiking trails in Denver, providing assistance and education opportunities to refugees in San Francisco, and offering volunteer translation services for families with medical emergencies in St. Louis.

This commitment to service is why Peace Corps is proud to join President Obama's summer service initiative – United We Serve – a call to all Americans to join a volunteer effort this summer and be part of building a new foundation for America, one community at a time.

United We Serve officially began on June 22nd and runs through the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11th. Since his inauguration, the President has called on all Americans to serve their communities and be part of building a better future for our country.

The President believes that America's new foundation will be built one community at a time, through an ethic of service and volunteerism and the personal commitment of individuals willing to give of themselves to build a better future.

Whether you are considering applying to Peace Corps, have begun the application process or have been invited to serve and now await your staging date, we urge you to make your personal commitment to service now.

Visit www.serve.gov to find service opportunities near you and to post your own projects. Throughout the summer, the Obama administration will look to highlight examples of exemplary service – both in existing programs and new ones – that meet the President's call by building a community's capacity to address our most pressing problems.

You can learn more about Peace Corps United We Serve participation and share your own story of service by visiting www.peacecorps.gov/unitedweserve.

It is never too early to make a commitment to service. Thousands of RPCVS and Peace Corps Staff are contributing to United We Serve in our local communities. We hope you will join us.