THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN VIRGINIA

Virginia Peace Corps Volunteers

| VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961 | 8,315 |
| CURRENTLY SERVING VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS | 382 |

*Based on Peace Corps data as of September 30, 2019.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN VIRGINIA

1. In 2019, Virginia ranked third in the nation, sending 382 Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. The Northern Virginia/Washington, DC area ranked first among major metropolitan areas in sending volunteers abroad.

2. The University of Virginia ranked second among large colleges and universities in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Among medium colleges and universities, the College of William and Mary ranked fourth in sending volunteers abroad.

3. Virginia is home to four National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups. They include the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of Greater Washington, the Northern Virginia RPCVs, the RPCVs of Richmond, and the RPCVs of Hampton Roads.

4. Annual activities of the Northern Virginia RPCVs include quarterly trail clean ups, organizing an information table at the Reston Multicultural Festival, and supporting the local refugee community.

5. The 19th director of the Peace Corps, Carrie Hessler-Radelet of Falls Church, is President and CEO of Project Concern International, working with families and communities in 16 countries to enhance health, end hunger, and overcome hardship. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Samoa in the early 1980s.

*Based on data from Peace Corps, “A Call to Peace,” and other National Peace Corps Association surveys.

My Peace Corps experience has allowed me to see life through a broader lens; once that sees all sides of a coin before formulating an opinion about a situation, group of people, or individuals. My Peace Corps experience allowed me to see that with the right attitude you can accomplish many things with very few resources.

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