THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN TEXAS

**Texas Peace Corps Volunteers**

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

**5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN TEXAS**

1. In 2019, Texas ranked fourth in the nation, sending 368 Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Over the past decade, Texas annually ranked among the top ten states in sending volunteers abroad, often ranking in the top five.

2. The University of Texas, Austin ranked 11th among large colleges and universities in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas in 2019. Peace Corps has educational partnerships with twelve universities across Texas, including Texas A&M, Texas Tech, the University of Houston, and the University of Texas, El Paso.

3. Texas is home to four National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups. They include the North Texas Peace Corps Association, the Heart of Texas (Austin) Peace Corps Association, the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of San Antonio, and the Gulf Coast Council of RPCVs (Houston).

4. In 2019, the Heart of Texas Peace Corps Association co-hosted Peace Corps Connect, the annual conference of the National Peace Corps Association, bringing hundreds of members of the Peace Corps community to the University of Texas, Austin.

5. The Houston-based Gulf Coast Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers raised $600 at their 2019 holiday party to support a Peace Corps Partnership Project in Nepal.

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

"Peace Corps, for me, was and is the experience of a lifetime. I can't think of anything to compare it to. I learned that simple is not always easy, that I can do so much more than I dreamed I could, and that investing a part of my life in the Peace Corps was valuable beyond words."

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