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Peace Corps:
Good for the World
Good for Illinois

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(Peace Corps) impacted my entire adult life by providing me with a career direction that I had not considered before my Peace Corps experience. It also provided me with a world perspective I would never have developed, an empathy for a region and its people that has continued to grow over time.”

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THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN ILLINOIS

Illinois Peace Corps Volunteers

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CURRENTLY SERVING ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS

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

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN ILLINOIS

1. In 2019, Illinois ranked seventh in the nation, sending 279 Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. The greater Chicago region ranked third among major metropolitan areas in sending volunteers abroad.

2. Among medium colleges and universities, Loyola University Chicago, the University of Chicago, and DePaul ranked in the top 25 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas in 2019. Peace Corps has educational partnerships with ten universities across Illinois, including Illinois State University, Western Illinois University, and Knox College.

3. Illinois is home to the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association (CAPCA), a National Peace Corps Association affiliate group.

4. CAPCA coordinates a variety of community service projects that give Returned Peace Corps Volunteers an opportunity to continue their volunteerism with groups such as H.O.M.E., Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago Public Schools, Friends of the Chicago River, and Chicago Cares.


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