THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN MARYLAND

Maryland Peace Corps Volunteers

MARYLAND VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961
6,506

CURRENTLY SERVING MARYLAND VOLUNTEERS
259

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

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY IN MARYLAND

1. In 2019, Maryland ranked ninth in the nation, sending 259 Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. The Washington, DC/Suburban Maryland area ranked first among major metropolitan areas in sending volunteers abroad.

2. The University of Maryland, College Park ranked tenth among large colleges and universities in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas in 2019. Peace Corps has educational partnerships with six universities across Maryland, including Johns Hopkins; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; and the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore.


4. Twelve RPCV members of the Shriver Peaceworker program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County are engaged in community service projects, working at the (Baltimore) Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services, the Center for Women in Technology, the Patterson Park Audubon Center, and the Commodore John Rodgers School.

5. Josephine “Jody” Olsen of Silver Spring is currently serving as the 20th director of the Peace Corps. Jody, who served in Tunisia in the 1960s, was previously director of the Center for Global Education Initiatives at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

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

After leaving the Peace Corps, I became an ESL teacher. I taught English to kids and adults who were new to the United States. I know that my effort was beneficial to them. I feel that I made a difference in the lives of these people. I have the Peace Corps to thank for helping me make my life meaningful to me as well as my students.”

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