The Peace Corps Community in New Jersey

New Jersey Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

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5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in New Jersey

1. In 2023, New Jersey ranked 13th in the nation in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. In recent years, the New York-Newark-Jersey City region ranked 2nd among major metropolitan areas in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas.

2. The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Rutgers University, Monmouth University, William Paterson University, Seton Hall University, and the College of New Jersey.

3. National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of New Jersey.

4. The RPCVs of New Jersey take part in a longstanding volunteer project involving potato planting in April and August at the Howell Living History Farm in Lambertville. The produce is donated to Trenton area soup kitchens and food pantries, averaging one ton per year since 1986.

5. At Rutgers University, a plaque has been placed at the first training site for Peace Corps Volunteers. On June 25, 1961, the first volunteers headed for Colombia converged on the Rutgers campus to begin their training.

*Based on data from Peace Corps, National Peace Corps Association, and other news sources.