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Peace Corps Kicks Off 47th Anniversary Celebration During Peace Corps Week: February 25–March 3, 2008

_____, _____
(town) (date)

_____ in _____ will get a firsthand
(name of organization or school) (location)

account of life in another country during Peace Corps Week, thanks to a visit by former

Peace Corps volunteer _____. Having served in _____
(former volunteer's name) (country of service)

from _____ to _____, _____ will give a presentation about
(service dates) (former volunteer's name)

his/her experiences there. Currently a resident of _____,
(former volunteer's hometown)

_____ will visit _____
(former volunteer's name) (name of host)

as part of the Peace Corps Week celebrations.

The Peace Corps invites communities across the United States and overseas to join in celebrating the enduring legacy of Peace Corps service at home and abroad during its 47th anniversary celebration, which kicks off during Peace Corps Week—February 25 through March 3, 2007, and runs through the end of the year. In commemoration of the founding of the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961, thousands of current and former Peace Corps volunteers—along with their families and friends—will celebrate the agency's anniversary by conveying the knowledge and insights gained from their overseas experiences to their communities.

Peace Corps Week provides an ideal opportunity for thousands of returned or currently serving volunteers and their family members to give presentations or plan events in classrooms, libraries, or other community venues to show how they or their loved ones have helped, or are helping, citizens across the globe. The success of Peace Corps programs abroad is based on the work of more than 190,000 Peace Corps Volunteers who have served in 139 countries throughout our 47-year history. Returned Peace Corps Volunteer's ongoing support of the agency's third goal—helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of all Americans—helps us to foster cross-cultural understanding and mutual respect.

Today, Peace Corps volunteers work in such diverse fields as education, health, HIV/AIDS education and awareness, information technology, business development, the environment, and agriculture. For information about joining the Peace Corps, call 1-800-424-8580 (press 1) and speak to a local recruiter. To learn more about Peace Corps Week, call 1-800-424-8580 (press 2, then ext. 1961); or e-mail pcweek@peacecorps.gov; or, visit the Peace Corps website at www.peacecorps.gov.