



Tennessee Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

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Dear TNRPCVs,

As you know, the Tennessee Returned Peace Corps Volunteers group give us an opportunity to socialize with our peers, give back to the Peace Corps community we love both by contributing to the Peace Corps Partnership and through promoting the Peace Corps' third goal.

It's with great pleasure and honor that I am serving as our Tennessee Returned Peace Corps Volunteer President in 2019. I served as PCV in El Salvador in 2004 to 2007. The Peace Corps experience is one I treasure, and I know you do too. Please check out our website to see our list of our Board members and the leadership team with pictures and bios for all.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful non-profit. We just had our 2019 Board Kickoff/Planning Session and I wanted to share some of what we have planned. We had a great 2018 giving away \$10,000 to the Peace Corps Partnership Program to celebrate our 10-year anniversary. This year, we have set a more modest, \$5,000 giving goal and have planned some exciting events for the year.

Our Knoxville Chapter is going strong with regular monthly socials. They are supporting UT-Knoxville's Peace Corps Prep program for aspiring Peace Corps volunteers and holding a Peace Corps Prep Dinner on January 25th. Check out our Facebook page for more information.

Memphis and Chattanooga are still working to create local chapters, and I'd personally love to see an East Tennessee Chapter in the Johnson City/Kingsport area get started. If you happen to live in one of these three areas, the TNRPCV Board wants to help you create a local chapter in your area.

The Nashville Chapter is planning to continue to hosting the monthly iDat dinners this year. We are going to change up the policy and not require RSVPs and see how that goes this year. In addition to iDat, we will be hosting quarterly socials, a summer picnic, and a couple of fun, fundraising focused events as well as a quarterly service activity. Also, our Knoxville folks are planning a statewide camping trip in the Spring – let's hope the weather cooperates this year! We hope to see you at many of these upcoming events.

Peace Corps Week is coming up Feb. 24 to March 2. Be on the lookout for celebrations and activities that week in Nashville and Knoxville. I hope everyone will do a little something to help us celebrate and support the Peace Corps.

Thank you all for your continued support of this organization. One of our goals this year is to partner more with other international focused organizations and to provide support to recently returned Peace Corps volunteers. If you have ideas or want to contribute in some way, by sharing ideas or helping us plan an event, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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