PCC4Refugees E-Newsletter!

PCC4Refugees at Peace Corps Connect in Austin!

Please visit our table and say hi to our members at the upcoming Peace Corps Connect Conference in Austin, Texas June 20-22. We love to hear from the community about refugee support efforts! We'd be happy to share what you're doing and help you connect more.

Latest News

NPCA President, Glenn Blumhorst, Volunteers in El Paso

There is a great need for Spanish-speaking volunteers to serve in hospitality centers at the southern border. NPCA President Glenn Blumhorst (Guatemala 1988-91) recently took a leave of absence to lend a hand. Here's his story and how you can volunteer with Annunciation House in El Paso. He worked alongside dozens of dedicated and caring volunteers to help ease the transition for the predominantly Central American refugees arriving to the United States.

RPCV volunteering in Lesvos, Greece

Eirene Chen (Uzbekistan 2000-2001), one of the first volunteers in our initiative for RPCVs aiding refugees and asylum seekers in Lesvos, has found her work so rewarding that she has extended her original three-month assignment for another two months, through June 2019. She volunteers on Lesvos with HIAS Greece, an NGO providing free legal aid to the most vulnerable asylum seekers, including sexual
minorities and survivors of torture and sexual violence. You can read more about her experience on our website here.

RPCVs to Honor Guatemalan Filmmaker Luis Argueta with Global Citizen Award

Luis Argueta, an internationally acclaimed Guatemalan filmmaker, will be honored by Returned Peace Corps Volunteers later this month in both Washington DC and Austin, Texas, with showings of *ABRAZOS*, one of his latest documentaries on immigration.

Argueta, recipient of the 2019 Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award from the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), will attend the DC showing of *ABRAZOS* on Monday, June 17 at 6:30 pm at New York University’s DC auditorium at 1307 L Street NW. Attendance is free. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of the D.C. area will co-host the event with NYU-DC and NPCA. You can read more and RSVP for the showing here.

RPCVs Needed in El Paso

The Catholic Bishop in El Paso, Texas has invited RPCV’s to volunteer. They are looking for people willing to stay for a minimum of six weeks serving in a wide range of capacities. Spanish language ability would be a tremendous help, but is not required. They need people to do everything from cleaning, to making contact with sponsor families, to driving families to the bus station, to coordinating shelters. The diocese can provide housing and meals. You can learn more on our website here.

Volunteer in Lesvos, Greece

Three RPCVs are currently in Greece volunteering with local organizations that serve refugees and asylum seekers. To volunteer or learn more, please see more information here.

Find your local resettlement network on our
Unsure of where refugee and asylum seeker service agencies are in your community? Check out our interactive map to see what agencies are near you!

Please update your address with us

We've shared two dozen local advocacy issues and updates tailored to our members in certain states since January. So PCC4Refugees can target important advocacy issues, we request members to please update their addresses in SilkStart, and/or the state and U.S. Congressional legislative district. To do so, please visit our website and Login to the platform.

We're becoming more active in advocacy on refugee and immigration issues, and hope to communicate further. Thank you in advance!

Community Support Efforts

Learn what others in the Peace Corps Community and NPCA Affiliate Groups have been doing to support refugees in our featured Articles.

Articles

Are you serving refugees in your community? We would love to hear what you're up to! Your answers help us stay connected to Peace Corps Community efforts by sharing stories and experiences with others through outreach. Please take a short survey!

Helpful Resources

Find helpful resources for supporting refugees

Resources
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