



Peace Corps Community for Refugees

Connecting the Peace Corps Community to Refugee Support Opportunities

PCC4Refugees E-Newsletter!

Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions: 30,000

President Trump's decision on September 17 represents the lowest number set by any administration since the refugee program was established in 1980 and it continues the administration's relentless effort to dismantle a community-based system of local resettlement agencies that have served our nation extremely well. This decision is also a major setback for all Americans who believe our nation has a moral obligation to assist refugees fleeing war, conflict and persecution around the world. Below is a short sample letter to the editor and a fact sheet on the refugee resettlement issue that might be helpful.

[Here's a link to a story in the New York Times](#)

We strongly urge you to take a few minutes this week to write a short letter to your local newspaper expressing your opposition to President Trump's announcement today that his administration will limit the number of refugees admitted to the U.S. to 30,000 during the next fiscal year beginning October 1.

Latest News



PCC4Refugees will host event featuring Mandy Manning!

For those in the Washington DC, Area, please join the Peace Corps Community for Refugees on Tuesday evening October 9 and show your support for refugees and immigrants.

Following an informal reception, we will hold a one-hour forum in the auditorium of New York University's Washington D.C. building to encourage local citizens to show support through volunteer activities. For those who cannot attend in person, the forum will also be available live on the web.

Our keynote speaker will be Mandy Manning, 2018 National Teacher of the Year, who has become one of the nation's leading advocates in support of immigrant and refugee students in our public schools.

Refugee and immigrant residents will share their stories, and leaders from faith-based groups and other placement agencies will discuss

successful ways all of us can mobilize local support for immigrants and refugees.

Time: 6:30 p.m. -- Informal reception with wine and non-alcoholic beverages and light hors d'oeuvres. 7:00 p.m. -- Forum

Location: NYU auditorium at 1307 L Street NW, Washington D.C.

Admission: Free!



Webinar recording for information about service opportunities in Greece!

Sponsored by NPCA's Next Step Travel program, a PCC4Refugees scout has been gathering first-hand information on the situation in Lesbos. She identified many NGO's who are doing good work and need help. Based on her report and with her help, NPCA and PCC4Refugees have worked out a do-it-yourself plan for involving RPCVs! **For more information, please check out the recording [here!](#)**



Op-Ed Letter Writing to Newspapers

Check out a recent op-ed posted by PCC4Refugees member, Don Drach, in the Washington Post entitled [We must welcome the Iraqis who helped save Americans.](#)

Eric Goldman, an active member of PCC4Refugees who was featured at our conference presentations and in webinars, had a letter published in The Salt Lake Tribune opposing Ron Mortensen's nomination titled: [Letter: Hatch and Lee shouldn't allow an immigration critic to dismantle Reagan's refugee system.](#)

Tino Calabria, a founding member of PCC4Refugees also had an op-ed published in the Washington Post entitled Stephen Miller, [the architect of family separations, should look at his own family's history.](#)

Please take a few minutes to respond to a story in your area. We encourage you to mention that you are a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served overseas. If you would like additional assistance, please contact our media consultant, Mike Kiernan, at mkiernan.media@gmail.com. Mike stands by ready to help!



Successful advocacy event in Durham, NC!

Two RPCVs co-organized an advocacy event in Durham, NC in August to bring people together around the theme of Reuniting Families in support for refugees and immigrants. It was organized by a new coalition, [Triangle Interfaith Advocates for Refugees and Immigrants](#) (TIARI).

It was very successful, with over 100 attendees who heard first-hand stories from refugees and immigrants, and then wrote over 100 postcards to their representatives. They wrote a short blog post that describes the event: <http://tiari.org/reuniting-families/>.

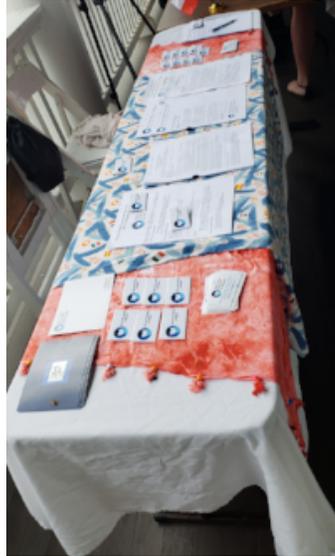
They are encouraging other groups to host similar events and are happy to share information to help! Please

email info@pcc4refugees.org indicating your interest, and we can connect you!



PCC4Refugees at Peace Corps Connect 2018

PCC4Refugees were represented at a session led by Mike Kiernan, media consultant with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) and Jonathan Pearson, Advocacy Director at NPCA. Mike presented sessions to attendees about tips for engaging with local media, and specifically about writing op-eds in local newspapers. PCC4Refugees also had a table and shared the latest in PCC4Refugees happenings!



Cincinnati Area Returned Volunteers (CARV) win Loret Miller Ruppe Award

In August at the annual Peace Corps Connect Conference, the National Peace Corps Association awarded the 2018 Loret Miller Ruppe Award for Outstanding Community Service to the Cincinnati Area Returned Volunteers (CARV). Driven by their commitment to the Peace Corps' Third Goal and guided by strong leadership, CARV has far exceeded expectations for not only an NPCA affiliate group but for any organic community organization.



Pictured: NPCA President, Glenn Blumhorst, CARV representative, Nick Hoesl, and presenter, Mandy Manning.

Cincinnati Area Returned Volunteers (CARV) has a long-standing tradition of more than 15 years of volunteer work with refugees and immigrants. Since December 2015, CARV has been working on one of its many on-going projects with refugees, the Refugee Resettlement Service Project. In this project, CARV supports Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio in Refugee Resettlement by providing transportation to recent arrivals, teaching English classes and tutoring, moving families into their new apartments, and working with refugees doing community service at a demonstration farm.

You can read more about CARV and see pictures at NPCA's website [here](#).



Host 2018 Teacher of the Year, Mandy Manning!

If you, your NPCA affiliate group, local Rotary club, or other organization is interested in hosting Mandy Manning for a visit or event, please fill out [this form](#) to request through the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the coordinating organization.



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!](#)



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