

ALTERNATIVES TO PEACE CORPS

DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/>

National Office of Volunteers
Division of Youth Involvement
8111 Gatehouse Rd. 2nd Floor
Falls Church VA, 22042
(703) 206-8375

Claretian Volunteers and Lay Missionaries.

<http://www.claretianvolunteers.org/>

One-year assignments in the United States and 2 ½ -3 year assignments in Guatemala, as well as a summer program for college students. Volunteers need not be Catholic but must be willing to live in a Roman Catholic Community; married couples accepted. All expenses covered.
205 West Monroe St.
Chicago IL 60606
(312) 236-7782

Corporation for National Service

<http://www.cns.gov/>

CNS is the umbrella organization for the US sponsored AmeriCorps VISTA, the Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America.
1201 New York Ave NW
Washington, DC. 20525
(800) 942-2677

Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.habitat.org/>

Habitat is an ecumenical, Christian-based organization dedicated to eliminating the effects of poverty through the construction of inexpensive, quality housing. Skilled and non-skilled persons are welcome.
121 Habitat St.
Americus GA 31709
(229) 924-6935

InterAction

<http://www.interaction.org/>

Coalition of over 150 US based non-profit organizations, both domestic and international, working to promote human dignity.
1717 Massachusetts Ave NW
Suite 701
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 667-8227

Student Conservation Association

<http://www.sca-inc.org>

National Corps of environmentally-minded people of all ages over 18 who commit to three months to one year to provide service in national parks and other conservation organizations in the US.

SCA Internship Recruitment
689 River Road
PO Box 550
Charlestown NH 03603
realinternships@thesca.org
(603) 543-1700 ext. 597

Teach for America

<http://www.teachforamerica.org/>

National Corps of outstanding and diverse recent college graduates, of all academic majors, who commit to two years to teach in under-seven urban and rural public schools.

Teach for America Admissions
315 W. 36th St.
6th Floor
New York, NY 10018
(800) 832-1230 ext. 225

International Programs

Africare, Inc.

<http://www.africare.org>

Works to improve the quality of life in rural Africa by conducting self-help programs to cultivate the land's full potential, develop water resources, etc.

440 R Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 462-3614

Amigos de las Americas

<http://www.amigoslink.org>

Participants go to Latin America for terms of one to two months. \$3,300 fee covers room, board, and transportation. Public health projects. Minimum age 16.

Amigos de las Americas
5618 Star Lane
Houston, TX 77057
(713) 782-5290 or (800) 231-7796

Brethren Volunteer Service

<http://brethren.org/genbd/bvs>

Volunteers for Latin America, Asia, Africa for terms of two years. Room, board, stipend, insurance provided. Projects in many fields including education, health, construction, social concerns. College degree or equivalent experience required.

BVS Recruitment
1451 Dundee Ave.
Elgin, IL 60120
(800) 323-8039

Catholic Relief Services

<http://www.catholicrelief.org>

Catholic Relief Services gives assistance based on need, regardless of creed, race, or nationality to people in more than 80 countries around the world.

Catholic Relief Services
209 West Fayette Street
Baltimore, MD 21201 – 3443
(800) 235-2772

Citizens Democracy Corps

<http://www.cdc.org>

Clearinghouse for organizations working in Eastern Europe.

CDC, Suite 1125
1400 St. NW
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 872-0933 or (800) 235-2772

Church World Service

<http://www.churchworldservice.org>

Provides emergency relief, technical assistance, refugee resettlement, and interchurch aid.

475 Riverside Dr.
New York, NY 10115
(800) 297-1516

Earthwatch Institute

<http://www.earthwatch.org>

Offers short term volunteer expeditions to 40 countries to assist scientific researchers with projects in the field. This is actual research work. Some financial assistance is available.

Global Citizens Network

<http://globalcitizens.org>

Volunteers spend 1-3 weeks in rural communities around the world working on projects initiated by people in the local community. Project example: setting up a library, teaching business skills, building a health clinic, or planting trees to reforest a village.

130 Holwell St.
St. Paul, MN 55104
(800) 644-9292

Global Volunteers

<http://globalvolunteers.org>

Volunteers spend 1 to 3 weeks in a developing nation and do what the villagers need done such as building school houses, teaching English, digging latrines, or providing health care to women.

375 E. Little Canada Rd.
St. Paul, MN 55117
(800) 487-1074

HECUA – Academic-Community Partnerships for Social Change

<http://www.hecua.org>

Off-campus educational experiences focused on social justice issues. Earn college credit with hands-on experience. Programs internationally and in the US.

2233 University Ave. W., Suite 210

St. Paul, MN 55114

(651) 646-8832 or (800) 554-1089, info@hecua.org

Heifer Project International

<http://www.heifer.org>

Assists farmers in 85 countries to produce more protein food and income for themselves by providing them with quality livestock and training.

P.O. Box 8058

Little Rock, AR 72203

(800) 422-0474

Institute for International Cooperation and Development (IICD)

<http://gemini.berkshire.net/~iicd1/frameset.htm>

IICD is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting global understanding and international solidarity through programs to countries in Africa and Latin America. The program is 6-20 months long and includes preparation and follow-up periods at the Institute in Massachusetts.

PO Box 520

Williamstown, MA 02167

(413) 458-9466

Institute of Cultural Affairs International

<http://www.icaworld.org>

Offers volunteer assignments of 9 months or longer in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Pacific. Volunteers work in teams on village based community development projects.

4750 North Sheridan Road

Chicago, IL 60640

(773) 769-6363

InterAction: American Council for Voluntary International Action

<http://www.interaction.org>

Provides multinational middle-level technical assistance team (or individuals) to public and private agencies in developing countries.

1901 Pennsylvania Ave. NW (5th Floor)

(800) 373-4483

International Executive Service Corps (IESC)

<http://www.iesc.org>

IESC seeks retired business executives and professionals to volunteer as business development advisors abroad.

333 Ludlow St., PO Box 10005

Stanford, CT 06904

(203) 967-6000

International Partnership for Service Learning

<http://www.ipsl.org>

Volunteers to Latin America, Asia, and Africa for 3 months to one year term. Fee covers room and board. Projects in many fields including education, health, and child care. Study component included.
815 Second Ave., Suite 315
New York, NY 10017
(212)986-0989

International Voluntary Services (IVS)

<http://www.interaction.org/members/ivs.html>

Provides multinational middle level technical assistance teams (or individuals) to public and private agencies in developing countries.
1901 Pennsylvania Ave. NW (5th Floor)
(800) 373-4483

International Volunteer Programs Association

<http://www.volunteerinternational.org>

An alliance of nonprofit, non-governmental organizations based in the Americas that are involved in international volunteer and internship exchanges.
P.O. Box 381161
Cambridge, MA 02238
(617) 496-8414

Operation Crossroads Africa

<http://www.igc.org/oca> or <http://www.operationcrossroadsafrica.org>

Operates programs in several countries in Africa. Has cooperative, summer work study projects, mainly for students.
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1366
New York, NY 10027
(212) 870-2106

Student Partnership Worldwide USA

<http://www.spw.org>

Operates in Africa, India, and Nepal using a development model of host country national and American volunteers to empower youth with particular reference to adolescent reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention.
SPW USA, P.O. Box 2835
North Conway, NH 03860
(603) 356-2765

US Agency for International Development

<http://www.usaid.gov>

USAID is the independent government agency that provides economic development and humanitarian assistance to advance US economic and political interest overseas.
Recruitment Branch, Ronald Reagan Building
Washington, DC 20523
(202) 712-4810

US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps

<http://www.usphs.gov>

Public health service organization for health care professionals. Through the US Department of Health & Human Services.

Program Support Center-Commissioned Personnel Service

5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4A-15

Rockville, MD 20857-0001

(800) 279-1605

Volunteers for Peace, Inc. (VFP)

<http://www.vfp.org>

VFP is an international volunteer work camp organization that has been organizing programs worldwide since 1981. The program's aim is to promote citizen diplomacy by maximizing personal contact with local people.

1034 Tiffany Road

Belmont, VT 05730

(800) 259-2759

Visions in Action

<http://www.visionsinaction.org>

Visions in Action is an international nonprofit organization committed to alleviating poverty in the developing world through the participation of self-reliant volunteers.

2710 Ontario Road NW

Washington, DC 20009

(202) 625-7402

Volunteers in Asia, Inc.

<http://www.viaprograms.org>

Private, nonprofit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to increased understanding between the United States and Asia.

PO Box 4543

Stanford, CA 94301

(650) 723-3228

World Relief

<http://www.worldrelief.org>

World Relief offers 1-2 year assignments through its Open Hands program in Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific. Volunteers must be Christian and active in a local church. A college degree and/or language skills are required. Couples with dependents are sometimes accepted. Expenses are not always covered. In some cases volunteers are responsible for travel and part of their living expenses.

PO Box WRC

Wheaton, IL 60189

(800) 535-5433

World Teach

<http://www.hiid.harvard.edu>

World Teach is sponsored by Harvard University. It sends 250 volunteers around the world for one year to teach English in Africa, Eastern Europe, Central and South America, and Asia. In Africa, some math and science courses may be taught. A fee paid to Harvard University covers transportation, insurance, room, and stipend.

Harvard Institute on International Development

1 Elliot St.

Cambridge, MA 02138

(800) 4-TEACH-0

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