More than 15,000 Volunteers are serving in 139 countries. Historically, this is the highest number of Peace Corps Volunteers.

**1960s**

- **June 1966**
  - Lillian Carter, 68, the mother of President Jimmy Carter, departs for service in India.

- **September 1966**
  - Barbara Jo White (RPCV/Dominican Republic, 1969) creates the first World Map Project. Volunteers continue to use the project as an educational tool worldwide.

- **July 1, 1971**
  - With Executive Order 11603, President Nixon folds the Peace Corps into a new federal volunteer agency called ACTION. However, the Peace Corps’ original Congressional mandate remains unchanged.

- **November 1974**
  - Carol Bellamy (RPCV/Guatemala, 1964) becomes the first RPCV to be appointed as Peace Corps Director.

- **October 1977**
  - President Carter signs an executive order that grants the Peace Corps full autonomy.

**1970s**

- **September 1970**
  - The Peace Corps commits an additional 1,000 Volunteers to fight HIV/AIDS as part of legislation signed into law.

- **September 1971**
  - The first group of Peace Corps Volunteers to serve in Central and Eastern Europe depart for Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, and the Slovak Republic.

- **October 1979**
  - Crisis Corps (known today as Volunteer Peace Corps) is re-opened.

- **November 1987**
  - Peace Corps Volunteers to serve in the Peace Corps’ six sectors.

**1980s**

- **1987-1989**
  - Crispus Attucks High School in Boston, Massachusetts creates the first Peace Corps Volunteers to serve in Central and Eastern Europe.

- **1988**
  - Barbara Jo White (RPCV/Dominican Republic, 1969) creates the first World Map Project. Volunteers continue to use the project as an educational tool worldwide.

- **March 1990**
  - The Peace Corps Volunteers in 2011, with 117 college campuses enrolled.

- **1990s**

- **May 1993**
  - The first Camp GLOW (Girls Leading Our World) is established in Romania. Camp GLOW continues to encourage young women to be leaders in their communities.

- **September 1995**
  - Peace Corps re-opens three historic Peace Corps posts.

- **December 1995**
  - Twenty-five Peace Corps Volunteers depart to work with teachers in post-apartheid South Africa.

**2000s**

- **May 2003**
  - The Peace Corps commits an additional 1,000 Volunteers to fight HIV/AIDS as part of legislation signed into law.

- **March 2011**
  - Director Aaron S. Williams participates in a commemoration of President Kennedy’s historic campaign speech at the University of Michigan.

- **2011**
  - The Peace Corps commemorates 50 years of promoting world peace and friendship with special events in the U.S. and throughout the world.

**2010s**

- **2010**
  - Peace Corps re-opens three historic Peace Corps posts.

- **2010s**
  - Peace Corps Volunteers participate in a commemoration of President Kennedy’s historic campaign speech at the University of Michigan.

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  - The Peace Corps commemorates 50 years of promoting world peace and friendship with special events in the U.S. and throughout the world.