

Project Fact Sheet

Project Title: *Peace Corps at 50* (www.peacecorpsat50.org)

Purpose: To create four books of stories to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps and to maintain a website with additional stories until 2011 and beyond.

Scope: Nonfiction stories that reflect the full range of experience in the Peace Corps, from the hilarious to the grim. Each book will be divided into sections that focus loosely on **Expectations, Peace Corps Tasks, Unexpected Shadows**, and the **Context of History**. If the Peace Corps were a person, these stories would be her memoir.

Editors: Jane Albritton (India, 67–69), Series Editor, Editor for Asia and the Pacific

Pat Alter (Paraguay, 70–72), Editor for Central and South American and the Caribbean

Jay Chen (Kazakhstan, 2005+), Editor for After the Cold War (including Central Asia and Eastern Europe)

Dennis Cordell (Chad, 68–70), Editor for Africa and the Middle East

Biographical information on the editors available at www.peacecorpsat50.org

Contributors: RPCVs, Peace Corps staff and trainers from 1961 to the present

Guidelines: Writers' guidelines available at www.peacecorpsat50.org

Time frame: Deadline for story submissions, April 15, 2008, six weeks after the 47th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's executive order creating the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961. We plan to have the volumes to help celebrate the 50th.

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Peace Corps Officially Established:	March 1, 1961
50 th Anniversary Year:	2011
Total number of volunteers and trainees to date (2007)	187,000
Total number of countries served	139