

# JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN FOR A BIGGER, BETTER AND BOLDER PEACE CORPS



MorePeaceCorps is a grassroots campaign launched in 2008 by the National Peace Corps Association and supported by M + R Strategic Services calling for a **bigger, better and bolder** Peace Corps - one that is **doubled in size by 2011**, the 50th anniversary of the founding of Peace Corps

## WHY DOUBLE THE PEACE CORPS?

The contributions of more than **190,000 volunteers who have served in 139 countries since 1961** have changed the lives of millions of people around the world in immeasurable ways.

- Volunteers leave an indelible impression of courage and self sacrifice by working for 27 months to advance education, water access, health, agriculture, environmental conservation, business, community development, and information technology for millions in far corners of the world.
- Peace Corps volunteers collectively speak thousands of languages - many of which are not commonly spoken - greatly enhancing US capacity for engagement with other countries.
- Peace Corps volunteers typically remain committed to public service. They go on to become senators, members of Congress, governors, heads of U.N. agencies, ambassadors, university presidents, business leaders, religious and spiritual leaders, and more.

## THE ARGUMENT FOR MOREPEACECORPS

The Peace Corps remains too small. The number of volunteers sent each year, **4,000, is half the total sent four decades ago**, when the population of America was just 180 million.

- The Peace Corps remains a symbol of "America at its best" at a time when our global standing has declined in many regions of the world. Peace Corps is uniquely positioned to help boost America's image as a cooperative partner and trusted friend.
- With a budget of \$331 Million, the Peace Corps operates at approximately \$1 per capita - less than a tenth of one percent of the military budget.
- Demand for volunteers exceeds supply; more than 20 additional countries have requested Peace Corps volunteers, and some countries that currently have programs seek even greater numbers.

## WHAT THE CAMPAIGN HAS ACCOMPLISHED

- Built an Advisory Council of 100 members including former U.S. and world presidents, past Peace Corps directors, members of congress, writers, university presidents, business and nonprofit leaders, and scientists.
- Hosted 117 house parties in 42 states and 17 countries attended by thousands around the world on September 6, 2008
- Launched a sign-up drive to get 5,000 supporters in all 50 states by the September 11, 2008 ServiceNation Summit

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