Message from the President

Fellow RPCVs and friends;

One thing that nearly every RPCV will agree on about their Peace Corps experience is that there has never been another time in their lives when they have spent more time reading. Peace Corps is full of book trading and sharing, conversations about which book was great and which isn’t worth reading, and so much time to read!

Despite my busy schedule, I am still an avid reader. Recently, at a Friday night RPCV social, a number of us were discussing Greg Mortenson’s book, Three Cups of Tea. I was reminded of how much I enjoy discussing the books I read with others and how much I enjoy recommending good books and having books recommended to me.

In the spirit of reading and Peace Corps, I am organizing a Book Club with an international focus. The options are endless—from the many books about Peace Corps service to non-fiction books about different countries or events to fictional books set in different countries and cultures or written by international authors.

Char Thompson has graciously offered to host our first gathering and the book we have chosen is Greg Mortenson’s Three Cups of Tea. We will meet on Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 to discuss the book, drink tea and to create our book queue.

If you are interested in being part of the Book Club, please contact me (mafeutz@uwalumni.com). I will create an e-mail list of all interested members and will send you more information about the first meeting.

Read On!

Mary Ann

Here are some of my reading recommendations: (Remember I served in Africa!)

Nine Hills to Nambonkaha: Two Years in the Heart of an African Village by Sarah Erdman

Power Lines: Two Years on South Africa's Borders by Jason Carter

King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa by Adam Hochschild

We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda by Philip Gourevitch

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay

July's People by Nadine Gordimer

Our Wednesday, April 16th meeting will be devoted to considering grant proposals for the proceeds of the 2008 International Calendar sales. Proposals begin on page 8. Please review them and note questions or concerns prior to the meeting.

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First Thursday International Dinner

April’s restaurant is Lulu’s (2524 University Ave.) on April 3 at 6:30 P.M.

Call Tom Brodd, 251.6193, if you have questions or need more information.
Meeting Minutes

We met March 19, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Langdon Room in the UW Memorial Union.
16 were present.

President Mary Ann Feutz called the meeting to order. Ken Coffeen needed to leave, so he reported that we continue to sell calendars and have about 50 left.

Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Ana Zambie presented the treasurer's report.
Calendar sales $2,252.83
Calendar balance $123,662.83
Membership checks $160.00
Sent to NPCA $140.00
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Archiving Update
Meredith Lowe, graduate student in library science, is possibly interested in taking on RPCV of Madison archiving as a project. RPCVs would like to have access to information regarding past activities and would like to have someone develop a manageable record-keeping system. Lowe would do this as an independent study project, but she needs to check with her advisor to see if the time commitment would fit her program.

If she agrees to take on the project, she will be interested only in paper records, not photographs. In the meantime Judy Stadler will collect information, records, etc. from members.

Secretary Nomination/Election
Rich Carr has agreed to serve as Secretary until an election is held. Buck Trawicky was thanked for all he has done as Acting Secretary.

Membership
There were originally seventeen pages of onetime members who had not renewed over the past several years. At the February meeting members took twelve of those pages with the intent of writing or calling those listed to invite them back into RPCVs of Madison. Five pages of names remained; members took those with the same intent.

Kate Schachter and Judy Stadler reported on their efforts to contact the names on their lists. Both found enthusiasm for staying in contact among those they reached, even from former members now living in other states.

Constitution
The Scholarship Committee, represented by Greg Pepping, decided that no changes need be made to the existing language on scholarships. Members agreed to accept the Committee recommendations.

Website Update
Mary Ann Feutz reported from Kim Thompson that they have switched to a new server and “she should have something to show us soon.”

T-Shirt Update
T-Shirts are here.

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary
Discussion continued from the February meeting on holding an event similar to the 40th Anniversary Celebration—a dinner-dance event that includes Minnesota RPCVs. Laura Buchs made a case for dedicating a portion of the calendar proceeds before the 50th Anniversary toward the building of a school in a country and area needing such funding (She suggested $20,000 as a possible amount.). Laura discussed the possibility of partnering with an organization that oversees such activities; Building with Books was identified as the probable best bet for such a venture.

Discussion ensued regarding other possible 50th Anniversary-related projects. Judy suggested a communication project and referred to the PBS program Wisconsin Stories, which profiles people and places in the state. In her view, PBS would be “all over” a story about local RPCVs. At Mary Ann’s suggestion a 50th Anniversary Committee was formed to pursue ideas further.

Book Club with an international focus—Mary Ann suggested forming a book club in which those interested would read a book with international and Peace Corps connections. The group would meet to discuss a selected book; Three Cups of Tea was suggested as a possible first choice. More will come on that—book, date for meeting—later.

Educational Posters—Char Thompson identified the March 31 WCSS/IEC conference as a good chance for getting ideas on developing marketable posters.

By-Laws—Kate distributed a draft of the RPCVs of Wisconsin, Inc. Resolution to Amend the Constitution. She noted that it was a draft “only for review,” the final draft will need to be mailed out before September. She will bring it back to the May meeting once she has incorporated suggested changes.

Discussion centered on the voting process for amending the Constitution. Would a 2/3 majority of those present at the General Meeting in September be enough for an amendment? Or should there be a voting mechanism for...
those who cannot attend the meeting? Most who spoke favored some form of the latter.

**Final—Mary Ann reminded everyone that the April meeting (4/16 in the Red Gym) would be devoted to funding issues only. Greg asked for help in getting a fuller list of RPCVs on campus and in the general area and thanked everyone who participated in the Peace Corps Week events; all such events were well attended. The May 4 Family Brunch will be the next gathering to bring together nominees, their families, and RPCVs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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**Calendar News**

Meeting January 27th, 2008 in the Memorial Union

- Congratulations to the Committee on selling out the calendar!! 32,500
- Website Update: Sent out invitations to 3 web developers and only 1 responded. Group decided to go with that person. Our domain will be RPCVCalendar.org. Goal is June 1st, 2008 for website to be up and running.
- Logo update: The spaces in-between the roots of the tree will be in the form of the continents.
- Photos: Discussion on Tibet photos. No decision made.

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**Freeze for Food**

*(27th Annual) Report*

At the danger of missing a few, here are the names of the brave, hardy souls who stood against the elements once again for the 27th Annual FFF. Mary Ann Feutz, Deb Stapleton, Sarah Galanter, Conrad Rubinkowski, Buck Trawicky, Jack Laun, Rick Row, Erin Morris, Rich Carr, Ken Coffeen, Heather HG, Heidi Busse, Andy, Marc Brand, Helene Pesche, Walt Zeltner, Troy Rutter, Karl Starks, and of course Rick Lackey. It was great to have Lee Row and Tom Brodd back from the tropics. Mike Read was not there for the first time, but he called on the phone to make sure we were doing our duty. There were several volunteers from Colombia Support Network (CSN). Also Travis Bashaw and Paul Turpin helped us out with timing and other functions. Paul and Travis are from MARS (Madison Area Race Series). There were 16 MARS participants in the 5K and 19 MARS participants in the 10K, or roughly 42% our participants. A heartfelt thank you to all.

We raised $2085 for the people of San Jose de Apartado, Colombia. The people of Colombia continue to suffer dramatically. You can get more information from Cecilia at CSN. Most of the monies raised were from our entrance fee, but we had a number of generous contributors. Most notable is Rich Christopherson, who has donated and run with few exceptions for 27 years.

We had 83 participants for an average of $25.12 per runner/walker. Not a bad take considering it was 0 F at race time, with wind up to 20 mph. It was our highest income per runner for the FFF. The weather was tough, 0 F, with packed snow and ice on the ground. Footing was not easy, and runners had to be careful. The wind off of Wingra coming into the last half mile was brutal.

We had a total of 27 volunteers, and were easily able to pull it off. Everybody knows what to do, and I have less and less to do each year. My time and Rick’s time probably totaled 15 hours, and each of the other 25 volunteers averaged about 4 hours for a total of 115 hours. With revenues of $2085, that works out to $18.13 per volunteer hour. Previous race “wage” estimates have been between $10 and $25. Expenses were medium, as we had to buy race numbers this year. The total expenses were $551.19, while
some previous years have been over $700. We are getting more efficient financially, as email and website do most of the publicity. The Isthmus continues to give us a free ad which is valued at $815. We got very good coverage from the Wisconsin State Journal, Daily Page and Channel 15, without press releases. We print fewer brochures and get more donated food. MARS contributed a significant number of runners. Their people are hard-core runners, several doing both the 10 and 5 K.

As usual, the race could use more organization and publicity. The average age of our runners keeps rising. We need more promotion in the high schools and running clubs. I'm always interested in turning this even over to some new blood. The 28th FFF will be probably be Jan 24, 2009. I'd like to have a brief meeting with interested parties in June 2008. I'm working towards a paperless race, where our publicity is primarily via the web. Anyone interested in getting in on the ground floor of a great event, let me know via email or phone.

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**Donation Reports**

**From El Terrero, Nicaragua**

When two of our Sister City Project (SCP) board members visited El Terrero in November, at the end of the rainy season, they were taken to the village through some high water by oxcart. They reported that the people of El Terrero expressed enthusiastic thanks for the 20 latrines. Previously, during the rainy season, the few latrines they had would flood, and with the addition of the poop in the woods, there would be poop everywhere! The pigs would eat it and get sick and there would be sick people, too. This year, in spite of the unusually high water, there has been very little illness of people and livestock. "El Hermanamiento Wisconsin (SCP) was declared a 'gift from God' with much evangelical prayer."

And we of the SCP extend that thanks to you, the RPCVs - the donors of the funds for about half of the new latrines. Our experience of working with El Terrero has been very positive. The community members dug the holes for the latrines very promptly. The preformed seats and floors were delivered by the Santa Teresa municipal truck, and all the latrines were built quickly. (As is the custom for latrines provided by aid agencies, each latrine has "Hermanamiento Wisconsin" stenciled on the door.)

El Terrero is located in the buffer zone at the edge of Santa Teresa's Chacocente Wildlife Refuge. It is a community of poor subsistence farmers shared between three different municipalities, each in a different Nicaraguan department (state). Because it is a divided community, none of the municipalities give it any attention. The latrine project was the first time any outside organization worked with El Terrero. For this reason the people especially appreciated our help.

The project in the Chacocente village of La Chota, for which the RPCV donated $1000 in 2006, was also successfully accomplished in 2007. The original grant proposal was for piping a spring, which turned out to have insufficient flow to be useful. Instead the community of La Chota decided to build several latrines for the families that lacked them, install 10 rope pumps in wells, and make cement well covers for all the community wells.

SCP Nicaraguan facilitators Marlon Palacio and Alma Susana Chavez coordinated the projects in both villages. We appreciate the RPCV’s support in providing clean water and better health for rural Nicaraguan people.

Jane Furchgott
Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City Project

**From Nakpanduri, Ghana**

It started with Carl Allen’s Peace Corps Partnership proposal: “The new girls’ dormitory project at Nakpanduri Business Secondary School (NABSS) will provide housing for 80 female students. The majority of the school’s female population of 120 girls live outside the immediate area and must find accommodation in town during the school year. Some stay in a make-shift building borrowed from the local Presbyterian church, while others seek shelter with relatives some distance from the school.

Recently, the Presbyterian church asked the girls to vacate their premises so it can be transformed into a vocational school. It is therefore necessary for NABSS to build a girls’ dormitory on the school grounds. A new dormitory at the school would fulfill their urgent need for basic accommodation and would offer them a closer, safer, and more educationally supportive option. NABSS, the board of governors, and the PTA have each already committed 100% of their available resources to begin this project.

We need YOUR help to fund the rest.”

Kate Schachter - and perhaps other WI RPCVs - donated through our group. Carl has done a fabulous job of keeping us all updated through his blog at

http://ghanagirlsdorm.blogspot.com

The dormitory in March 2008
NPCA News

Anne Baker, NPCA Vice President, reports that as of Friday, March 21st, 70 groups reaffiliated, 25 are in progress, 20 say it is "coming" or pending a merger, and 24 are unaccounted for as of yet. To check our group status (we were so prompt this year!), go to www.rpcv.org/groups/2008status.xls.

Funds we've donated to NPCA are being used for Regional Group Leaders Meetings. These will be held:
Saturday, March 29 in Atlanta, GA
Saturday, May 3 in Seattle, WA
Saturday, October 3 in San Francisco (in conjunction with the Group Leaders Forum)

Date TBA for a "virtual" meeting NPCA acknowledges our contribution on the Group Leaders Meeting page. To see for yourself, go to rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=1852.

NPCA has a number of useful resources. Check out the website at rpcv.org/index.cfm.

Peace Corps at 50: An Anniversary Story Project

A group of RPCVs has launched Peace Corps at 50: An Anniversary Story Project. The idea is for all Peace Corps volunteers, in-country staff and trainers to submit their best stories to a four-volume anniversary collection. Complete information on the project, the editors, and writers’ guidelines is available at http://www.PeaceCorpsAt50.org.

"We are all aware that the Peace Corps experience was not always rosy or uplifting," said series editor Jane Albritton (India 67-69).

"Sometimes volunteers can’t avoid scary, ethically murky situations. We are prepared to include well-told stories that recount those parts of the Peace Corps experience along with the more familiar memories of just what do you do when presented with a plate of freshly fried crickets by a smiling girl from Chad?"

The series will include four volumes, each with its own editor: Africa and the Middle East edited by Dennis Cordell (Chad 68-70); Asia and the Pacific edited by Jane Albritton; South America, Central America and the Caribbean edited by Pat Alter (Paraguay 70-72); and After the Cold War: Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia edited by Jay Chen (Kazakhstan 05-07).

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.

"These four books and the stories in them will document that we in this country can engage fully with other cultures, have our preconceptions smashed to smithereens, and live to tell the tale."

First deadline for submission is January 2008.

Resources

This one’s fun, you learn something, and you help feed hungry people! http://FreeRice.com

It’s a vocabulary game and when you choose the correct definition of a given word, you donate 20 grains of rice to be distributed by the World Food Program (http://www.wfp.org/). Since last October, 24,809,255,710 grains of rice have been donated. Please see the website for information on how it works and to play the game!

Here’s another great site with resources for schools of all sorts, set up by Greg Mortenson’s organization, the Central Asia Institute. http://penniesforpeace.org

Explaining that “A penny in the United States is virtually worthless, but in Pakistan and Afghanistan a penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy,” this website offers resources for parents and teachers who, like Mortenson, value cross-cultural understanding and want to have more of it. The site provides directions on how to get started collecting Pennies for Peace, resources for teachers, information about schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, photos, and more.

Got Stories? Suddenly it seems everyone wants to hear yours. Kim’s working on our new website (http://rpcvmadison.org) and would like to include your Peace Corps stories there. Please see the NPCA column for an opportunity to share your stories with other RPCVs in an effort for Peace Corps’ 50th birthday.

And now there’s the Peace Corps Wiki, the “Collaborative Institutional Memory” (http://peacecorpswiki.com/). We are all invited to contribute and improve this site. Begun by recently returned volunteers, the site has been set up to accommodate as many stories, recollections, project accounts and site reports as you can type into it.

The site explains, “You are even encouraged to create a page about yourself! What country did you serve in? What projects did you work on? What was in like serving in Venezuela in 1962, or being one of the 21 total volunteers who served in Bosnia-Herzegovina from 2000-2002? We even made it easy for you - on the main page is an ‘Add Volunteer’ box - just type in your name and the hard part is done for you!

So, go have a look at your country of service and if there’s nothing there, grab the opportunity to write history from your point of view.

While you’re in the neighborhood, you may want to check out Peace Corps Journals (http://peacecorpsjournals.com), a related site. See what current Volunteers are doing in your country of service, give advice, and catch up on the goings-on.
Peace Corps Unveils 50th Anniversary Website
Director Ron Tschetter Announces Interactive Site to Celebrate the History of the Agency

Washington, D.C., March 14, 2008 - Peace Corps Director Ron Tschetter today announced the launch of the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary website, dedicated to commemorating the agency’s 50 years of service: www.peacecorps.gov/50. The Peace Corps will officially celebrate its 50th anniversary on March 1, 2011. The 50th Anniversary website highlights historical information about the Peace Corps’ long record of service. It also provides ways in which participants can join in on the worldwide celebrations leading up to and throughout 2011. The site includes a listing of 50th Anniversary events planned in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere around the U.S. The website also contains a list of in-country activities that are part of the commemorative 50th Anniversary Partnership Program.

Said Director Ron Tschetter, “The Peace Corps is very excited about celebrating its fiftieth anniversary and sharing Peace Corps’ rich legacy around the world through 2011. The 50th Anniversary website will be a great way to keep everyone informed as the plans for celebrations and events unfold, both in the U.S. as well as in our Peace Corps countries worldwide.”

As the website is further developed, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will also have a venue to submit stories and photos from their service, or donate artifacts to the 50th Anniversary Archive through the website.

House for Sale by Owner...Madison...1102 Southridge Dr

$250,000
*2,058 sq ft
*3 bedroom (Master suite w/ full bath & walk-in closet)
*2 full/2 half bath
*Attached 2 car garage with built in shelves and storage attic
*Green Built/Energy Star
*Full finished basement (office/home theater/playroom/1/2 bath/extra storage room)
*Chemical-free Yard with Small Fenced-in Garden (rabbit/deer proof)
*Fenced yard/Deck with Veranda/Lot with Mature trees and View of Madison skyline
*Across the street from Glacier Hill Park (with soccer fields, playground equipment, basketball court, and soon tennis courts and softball), and near Dog park
***Great location if you travel (10 min to airport) and only 10 min from UW Campus!

The nearly $40,000 in upgrades and new updates turn this house into a home you'll fall in love with. We love our house and Madison, but an out-of-state career opportunity has us selling our dream home and saying goodbye to the RPCV Madison group.

Imagine summer and relaxing on your custom deck watching the sun set over Madison skyline, while enjoying the fenced in backyard or entertaining your friends and family in the newly finished basement with your entertainment center or just enjoying the morning paper in your sunny kitchen...this home has it all...and don't forget the master bedroom has its own walk-in closet and private master bath. Call today for a showing! 249-3545

Photos available at: www.1102southridgedrmadisonwi.com and www.fsbomadison.com ID# 12487

Summary of Three Cups of Tea
In 1993, Greg Mortenson, to honor his deceased sister Christa's memory, attempted to climb K2, the world's second highest mountain, in the Karakoram range of northern Pakistan. After more than 70 days on the mountain, Greg and three other climbers had their ascent interrupted by the need to complete a 75-hour life-saving rescue of a fifth climber. The rescue took too much out of Mortenson, forcing him to accept failure and descend the mountain.

After getting lost during the descent, he became weak and exhausted. Two local Balti porters took Mortenson to Korphe, a small and unremarkable village built on a shelf jutting out from a canyon. He was greeted and taken in by the chief of Korphe, Haji Ali.

To pay the community back for their compassion, Mortenson promised to build a school for the village. After a frustrating time trying to raise money, Mortenson convinced Jean Hoerni, a Silicon Valley pioneer, to found the Central Asia Institute, which was tasked with building schools in rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Co-author Reлин recounts Mortenson's efforts in fascinating detail, presenting compelling portraits of the village elders, con artists, philanthropists, mujahideen, Taliban officials, ambitious school girls and upright Muslims Mortenson met along the way. As the book moves into the post-9/11 world, Mortenson and Reлин argue that the United States must fight Islamic extremism in the region through collaborative efforts to alleviate poverty and improve access to education, especially for girls.

Faced with challenges of raising funds, death threats from mullahs, separation from his family, and a kidnapping, Mortenson succeeding in building more than 55 schools in Taliban territory. Award-winning journalist Reлин recounts the slow and arduous task Mortenson set for himself, a one-man mission aimed particularly at bringing education to young girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of WI-Madison
Project application form to be completed by Member in good standing

RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor: Mike & Marcy Read
Telephone: 920-918-2220  E-mail: readsontheedge@earthlink.net

Project Title: The Umbuntu Project

Project Description (About 100 words):

"The mission of this project is to ensure that those children of Ghana, West Africa, who have been negatively impacted by the loss of parents as a result of HIV/AIDS, receive a safe and stable environment, including proper shelter, adequate nutrition, education and respect in a loving home. The project will provide a safe, nurturing and responsible home for children ages 4 to 18 who have been left without proper resources to receive the necessary growth and development. In addition to the Mission the Vision is to reduce the number of children living homeless while increasing community awareness of support to children who are negatively impacted by societal challenges, particularly the negative impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic." The above words were written by Donna Lee Soderquist, the project developer, former RPCV (Sout Africa 2002 to 2004) and recent graduate of the Masters in Social Work at NMSU. Marcy and Mike Read are pleased to sponsor her application for funds from our group. This project is in the development stages; Donna will travel to Ghana in August to gather more information and cooperation from local Ghanaian people. The earliest these funds would be needed is in the fall and contingent on Donna providing further information and the proper charitable tax papers, etc. At this stage Marcy and Mike are requesting the group hold $2000 to be released when appropriate.

Contact Person for Project: Donna Lee Soderquist
Project address: 4026 Mary Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88001
Project phone and e-mail: 575-680-0985

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed?
Applications will not be considered if this information is not provided
For all projects state:
✓ Who the check or money order should be made out to: Project Account c/o Donna
✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent: As above

For overseas projects
We do not mail checks overseas. If money must be sent, money orders or bank drafts are preferred. Hand carried checks are a possibility in some situations.

Project Categories (Check all that apply)

Geographic location
Africa X  Asia/Pacific  Latin America  U.S.A. (except WI)  Wisconsin/Madison

Type
Cross-cultural  Economic Development  Environment  Health X
International Education  Peace  Other (Specify) ____________________________

Amount Requested: $2000 or Equal Share □
Application Date: 3/10/2008
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of WI-Madison
Project application form to be completed by Member in good standing

RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor ___________ Brad Hinkelss ___________
Telephone 608 242 9573 E-mail ianbrad@chorus.net

Project Title Request for Barbed Wire for Homesteads in El Terrero, Nicaragua

Project Description (About 100 words)

We are asking for $750 for barbed wire to build fences encircling the yards of 13 families in El Terrero, Nicaragua. (We will match this amount for the other 13 families.) Each family will receive 2 rolls of barbed wire, and build their own fence. This is part of a farm improvement program. The yards will be located around the wells, where reforestation in the form of fruit-bearing and native timber trees will be started. Other villages that RPCV has helped us support have had good success planting orchards near their wells. The intention is to safeguard the water source and prevent the livestock from damaging the established plants. El Terrero is in the buffer zone rather than within Chacocente Wildlife Refuge. The laws that limit livestock raising in the refuge do not apply in the buffer zone, and cattle, sheep, and other animals are numerous. SCP facilitator Alma Chavez will be in charge of the project.

Contact Person for Project Jane Furchgott ___________
Project address P.O. Box 483; Richland Center, WI 53581
Project phone and e-mail 608 583 2431 jfurchgott@yahoo.ca

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed? Money will be part of a bank-to-bank electronic transfer from the SCP account in Richland Center to a Nicaraguan account jointly held with the Santa Teresa Mayor’s Office. Applications will not be considered if this information is not provided.

For all projects state:

☑ Who the check or money order should be made out to Richland Center-Santa Teresa SCP
☑ Address to which check or money order should be sent: Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City Project, c/o Stein Goering, Treasurer, P.O. Box 483, Richland Center, WI 53581

For overseas projects

We do not mail checks overseas. If money must be sent, money orders or bank drafts are preferred. Hand carried checks are a possibility in some situations.

Project Categories (Check all that apply)

Geographic location
Africa ☐ Asia/Pacific ☐ Latin America X U.S.A. (except WI) ☐ Wisconsin/Madison ☐

Type
Cross-cultural ☐ Economic Development X ☐ Environment X ☐ Health X
International Education ☐ Peace ☐ Other ☐ (Specify)

Amount Requested $750

Please return completed form to Project Grants, RPCVs of WI-Madison, P.O Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of WI-Madison
Project application form to be completed by Member in good standing

RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor Brad Hinkfuss
Telephone 608 242 9573 E-mail iamrad@chorus.net

Project Title: Request for School Roof and Floor in El Terrero, Nicaragua

Project Description (About 100 words)
We ask for $400 to fund materials for improving the school in El Terrero. (We will
match those funds for this $800 project.) A new roof and a real floor are badly
needed. Our board members who have visited El Terrero have commented on the
poor condition of the school. The Ministry of Education has no plans to repair it.
According to our Nicaraguan facilitator, Alma Chavez, who will be coordinating this
project," The school roof is totally deteriorated, so that during the rainy season the
children get wet, and are hit by the sun in the dry season... The other problem is the
school floor, causing health problems for the children, since in the dry season much
dust is released in the air, and in the rainy season the dirt floor stays wet, causing
respiratory illness." The repairs, which will be done by the El Terrero community
members, will consist of a new "zinc" metal roof, and a brick and cement floor and
sidewalk. The $500 roof budget includes 40 12-foot sheets of zinc and 15 pounds of
nails. The $300 for the floor and sidewalk will buy 690 bricks and 23 bags of cement.
We agree with Alma, who says "These projects are of the highest importance, since
by improving the conditions where the children have classes, they will improve the
quality of their education." El Terrero, which was a new community working with us
last year, was outstanding in its participation and quick work on the latrine project.

Contact Person for Project Jane Furchgott
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electronic transfer from the SCP account in Richland Center to a Nicaraguan account jointly held
with the Santa Teresa Mayor's Office.
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✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City
Project c/o Stein Goering, Treasurer; P.O. Box 483, Richland Center, WI 53581

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Type
Cross-cultural Economic Development X Environment X Health X
International Education X Peace X Other X (Specify)

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor _______ Brad Hinkfuss _______
Telephone _______ 608 242 5573 _______ E-mail _______ iambrad@chorus.net _______

Project Title _______ Request for Wells and Well Covers in El Terrero, Nicaragua _______

Project Description (About 100 words)

We are asking for $600 to fund materials for wells and well covers in El Terrero. (We will match your funds for this $1200 project. Money for one of the new wells was raised by a Richland Center grade school class) Last year the El Terrero community decided its priority was to build latrines with our funds, and this year they have decided to focus on wells for the families that lack them, and well covers for everyone’s well. Although most of the families already have wells, there are 5 families who still need them. These 5 wells will be dug and constructed by community members. Each well will cost about $120 for the bricks and cement needed, $600 in all. As part of the health and sanitation improvement begun with the latrines, the El Terrero community would like to make cement well covers for all of its 26 wells. The covers will keep out animals, dirt, and plant debris that could contaminate their water. The cement for these covers will cost about $600. The community’s enthusiasm and quick completion of last year’s latrines gives us confidence in their ability to carry out this project. SCP facilitator Alma Chavez will be coordinating this project.

Contact Person for Project _______ Jane Furchgott _______
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Project phone and e-mail _______ 608 583 2431 _______ jfurchgott@yahoo.ca _______

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Type
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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor Judy Miner
Telephone (608) 250-9240 E-mail info@wrpj.org
Project Title MASCOP Eco-Friendly Fair Trade Initiative

Project Description (About 100 words)
The Madison-Arcatao Sister City Project aims to increase its ability to engage in fair trade with women's sewing and embroidery cooperatives in its sister city and other Salvadoran coops. MASCOP hopes to provide artisans access to larger markets by purchasing environmentally friendly items, e.g. cloth napkins, aprons, bags, and handkerchiefs, and selling them in the Madison area. The project would also work with members to expand the types of items produced. The project would have the twin benefits of enhancing sales for coop members while encouraging use of reusable products locally. The project would also purchase items from weaving, woodworking, and pottery coops. Goals of the project are to become self-sustaining and to grow. Funds generated through sales would be used to increase future orders and to offer small grants for regional workshops or other innovations.

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Madison, WI 53705
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✓ Who the check or money order should be made out to MASCOP
✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent P.O. Box 259205
✓ Madison, WI 53725-9205

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Type
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International Education ✓ Peace □ Other (Specify)

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor: Ann Evansen
Telephone (715) 843-1548 E-mail annie.freeburg@cssw.org
Project Title Club Femenino

Project Description (About 100 words)
This group of Hispanic Women has been meeting weekly for about 1 ½ years with the help of Latinos Unidos and the Women’s Community. Many of the Hispanic women in our area have limited connections to each other and the community. This group brings them together and they choose projects and topics to work on and discuss. Recently they worked with an art teacher at the Women’s Community to make self-portraits and followed up with a bus trip to Minneapolis for the Frida Kahlo exhibit.

Many of the activities are provided free by local agencies. The Women’s Community provides space and a staff coordinator for the group.

The women have sold food to gain funds for the group, and do pay for some materials as necessary. Most are poor and we are conscious of their situation. These funds would be used to help offset the cost of a Red Cross First Aid CPR class, instructional materials and supplies for classes in financial literacy, childcare provider education and to start a local Ballet Folklorico.

This group provides support for those far from traditional support. The women are empowered by learning information and skills that help them at home and in our community.

Contact Person for Project: Ligia Pineda and Ann Evansen
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Wausau, WI 54403
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✓ Who the check or money order should be made out to: Community.... (see next page)
✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent: Ann Evansen, 1106 E Crocker St

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor Ken Coffeen
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Project Title Gaza Mental Health Library

Project Description (About 100 words)
The occupation and siege of the Gaza Strip has resulted in a severe health crisis for its inhabitants. Most of the residents have experienced the death or incarceration of at least one family member. Most, if not all, the children show signs of post traumatic stress disorder.

At the request of Manel Awad of the Gaza Community Mental Health Programmed (GCMHP) the Madison-Rafah Sister City Project is purchasing and sending mental health textbooks to GCMHP. Ms. Awad provided us with a prioritized list of 50 textbooks that GCMHP requested. We decided to purchase and ship the first 25 books on the list. The estimated cost for this shipment, including purchase, shipping, taxes and customs fees is $2146.00.

We will consider buying and shipping the remaining books later, possibly next year, depending on the desires and needs of the GCMHP.

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Madison, WI 53705

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Type
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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor  Rose Ann Scott
Telephone  (608) 241-0845  E-mail  roseannscott@yahoo.com
Project Title  Atwood Community Center

Project Description (About 100 words)
The Atwood Community Center is currently remodeling an old farm implement building into a community center that will be large enough for a very diverse community in which many of our members live. The money would go to the building fund.

They have a program where we may donate money, $5,000 or $10,000 over 5 years, and have a room named after us. Ever since I worked on having the Peace Highway in Wisconsin, one of my goals has been to have more things named in the honor of Peace. (To offset all the war memorials.) So having a room in honor of Peace Corps Volunteers or RPCVs would be very desirable.

Contact Person for Project  Atwood Community Center
Project address  2425 Atwood Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
Project phone and e-mail

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Type
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International Education  □  Peace  □  Other  (Specify)  Community Development

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor Mary Ann Feutz
Telephone (262) 224-3753 E-mail mafeutz@uwalumni.com
Project Title Ecuador Community Environmental Health Assessment

Project Description (About 100 words)
Four UW-Madison graduate students will travel to Lalo Loor Dry Forest in rural Ecuador to conduct first-phase community health assessments in several communities. We will conduct household surveys to gather baseline data on the main health-related problems of the area, and determine with community leaders what the health priorities are. We will be working with Ecuadorian graduate students (to whom we will offer Human Subjects Training certification) to help conduct the research and administer surveys to the local people. Additionally, we plan to provide health education on such topics as such as first aid, oral health, hygiene and nutrition.

We will also focus on evaluating local environmental health issues such as water quality, pesticide use, erosion, land-use and sanitation. Data collection and GIS work will result in the creation of a community map and photo log of the current water sources, agricultural activities, and environmental health risks. This information will be useful for second phase projects as the communities and future UW students build a relationship with the common goal of improving the quality of life.

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Type
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International Education Peace Other (Specify)
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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor    Kate Schachter
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Project Title    Fitchburg Fields land purchase

Project Description (About 100 words)
A donation to the Fitchburg Fields sustainable village will be used to purchase 250 acres for a project to include: a School of Organic Agriculture, a Four Seasons Farmers Market, a Bike and Breakfast Inn, Community Gardens as an extension of existing Hmong gardens, a Carbon Neutral Eco-Village, a Public park with restored wetlands and prairie, and a Bike and Hike path connecting to the Capital City Trail. This parcel is bordered by Larson Rd on the east, Goodland Park Rd on the south, and Highway MM on the west.

Although this 250-acre parcel is the preferred location, if the group is unable to purchase it, all contributions will be used to buy approximately the same acreage in another location in Fitchburg (because of its proximity to the UW-Madison and groups that would participate in the project). They would then transfer the entire organic farm school and eco-village concept to the new site and adjust the plan to the physical layout. Fitchburg Planning Commission member John Freiburger has estimated that the group will need to raise between $20.6 million and $24.2 million. Total development costs will be almost $34 million, and about $9.6 million can be financed. They have developed an Internet site (www.fitchburgfields.org) for fund-raising, and have leads on other grant opportunities.

Every $500 of donation includes an engraved brick with our group name or appropriate phrase, to be used in a walkway or building.

Contact Person for Project    Phyllis Hasbrouck
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Madison, WI 53725-9876
Project phone and e-mail    608-223-9571 - fitchburgfields@gmail.com - www.fitchburgfields.org

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed? Applications will not be considered if this information is not provided
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✓ Who the check or money order should be made out to Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent P.O. Box 259876
    Madison, WI 53711

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Type
Cross-cultural X  Economic Development X  Environment X  Health □
International Education □  Peace □  Other X (Specify) organic agriculture community

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor M. Susan Hundt-Bergan
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Project Title Emergency obstetric care in rural Guatemala

Project Description (About 100 words)
Nueva Esperanza-Chacula is a rural community in northwestern Guatemala that has a small health clinic staffed by nursing assistants and registered nurses. This health clinic provides care for women in the surrounding mountainous region in addition to caring for the population of Chacula itself. Care is provided primarily by health promoters in the rural areas and health promoters and RNs in Chacula. The clinic has a small birth center, although most women give birth at home with traditional midwives. KGAP has had a 14 year sister-relationship with this community beginning with accompaniment on the villagers' return to Guatemala our of refugee camps in Mexico where they lived for 13 years. Every January we visit the community and many of our delegations have included health-care providers from southwestern Wisconsin. An assessment of the needs of the clinic and staff conducted in January, 2008, identified the need for training in appropriate emergency measures to prevent morbidity and mortality associated with post partum hemorrhage in otherwise healthy women. This proposal outlines a project to train and supply rural birth attendants in emergency obstetric care. (see attachment)

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor: Rochelle Goedken
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Project Title: HIV Prevention & Lifeskills Training Camp, South Africa

Project Description (About 100 words)

African Youth Outreach (AYO) is planning two winter camps in Ingwavuma, South Africa for July of 2008. We are applying for funding of the camps, which will last one week each. They will be held in the community, using the regional offices of Ingwavuma Orphan Care. Each camp will host 50 children, 12-17. We will be teaching HIV prevention, sexually transmitted infection prevention, sexuality and rape (including condom use and negotiation), and drug and alcohol use and abuse. Art therapy projects will give the kids a chance to express themselves. The children also have time to play sports, sing songs, and just be kids. We will also provide counseling for the children to deal with the trauma they have experienced.

Our budget for each camp is $800 (X2=$1600), which includes the cost of the camp, food, school and art supplies, and sports equipment. The remaining $400 covers the cost of medications, medical supplies, and school supplies for the local schools (donation and transportation). Covering any part of the request would greatly help us continue the camps. Thanks for your consideration!

Contact Person for Project: Alexander Kendzierski
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Monona, WI 53716
Project phone and e-mail: 608.219.0254

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✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent: Mailed to above address, hand-carried

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor: Kenneth Coffeen
Telephone: 224-1164  E-mail: kcoffeen@tds.net
Project Title: Salasaca Library Project

Project Description (About 100 words)

Three years ago, I began helping with a project to create a library in the Andean community of Salasaca, Ecuador. I am working with a local organization called Rhumy Wara. Their goal is to raise the standard of living by improving healthcare and education while at the same time preserving their indigenous language and traditional way of life.

There is a significant lack of educational materials in the schools. Basics like paper and pencils are in short supply. The library will be a resource center serving teachers, elementary and high school students, and members of the community. Construction of the building was completed in January 2008.

Now that the building is finished, we will need bookshelves, desks, and tables and chairs. All of which will be made locally. Since very few high school students can afford to buy textbooks, we would like to buy multiple copies of math, social studies, and science textbooks for study in the library. The cost is about $20.00 each. I am requesting $800.00 for furniture and $500.00 for textbooks.

I recently met with the director of international programs from the West Madison-Middleton Rotary Club and am working on a grant proposal to also ask for their help with the library project.

Contact Person for Project: Lisa Benitez

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874 Sky Ridge Drive
Madison, WI 53719

Project phone and e-mail: 608-278-1798  lbenitez@charter.net

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor  Helene Pesche  Cameroon 79-82 Comm. Develop.
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Project Title Kenya School Project

Project Description (About 100 words)
$1.50 - Electrical wiring per meter
$15.00 - Meat goat
$40.00 - Milk goat
$45.00 - Wheel barrow for school garden
$75.00 - 100 kg of soil-safe fertilizer to increase food production
$80.00 - Maize and vegetable seeds for a women's group
$85.00 - School clothes for a dozen orphans
$100.00 - 90 chicks
$125.00 - Fabric for sewing classes
$150.00 - Sewing machine for vocational class
$500.00 - Uhola Primary School Feeding Program
Displaced families: partnering with Help Self Help Centre, Kenyan nonprofit since 93: newsletter

Contact Person for Project  Mary Stusek
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Menasha, WI 54952
Project phone and e-mail  920-731-9358  website: info@kenyaschoolproject.org

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Menasha, WI 54952

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor: Richard F Rundell
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Project Title: Sterna Welfare Society

Project Description (About 100 words)
→ An Indian woman from Delhi began a school to "lift the slum dwellers through education, income generating schemes and vocational training. These programs are open to normal as well as physically challenged children and adults. Currently, medical aid, in the form of inoculations and vaccinations is being provided to the children. The funds would be used to employee teachers, purchase tools for teaching handicrafts, school supplies, construction and maintenance of centers and celebrations during festivals in the form of special meals.

Contact Person for Project: Aparna Ghosh
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New Delhi, India 110019
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✔ Who the check or money order should be made out to: Sterna Welfare Society
✔ Address to which check or money order should be sent: 1270 Perry Dr (Richard Rundell)
        Platteville, WI 53818

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RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor __________ Erin Conway __________
Telephone __________ 608.718.0808 __________ E-mail __________

Project Title __________ Ru K'ux Na'oj – El Corazón de Conocimiento Community Library Project __________

Project Description (About 100 words)
Santa Catarina Palopó is an indigenous village on the shores of Lake Atitlan in the country of Guatemala. In 2006 their community library was founded by a group of university students fulfilling a social service requirement. Unfortunately, the original resources donated were books in English. Since 2005, the board of directors, composed of local community members, has worked with local private schools and other interested parties in expanding their resources in order to address a growing educational need in the community. The library shares a small space donated by a local women’s rights organization and operates using a small quantity of books and other educational materials such as maps, diagrams, and other visual aids and students from the two primary schools, middle school and local chapter of CONALFA use the library to complete homework assignments and meet for other community projects and youth sports activities. This is a sustainable and community directed project. Through its cooperation with the women’s organization, Ru K’ux Na’oj is a safe space that encourages youth participation, leadership, responsibility and respect. Money raised will be directed toward the purchase of research and didactic materials as well as a large portion to the purchase of children’s picture books in order to continue encouraging an appreciation for reading. I plan to continue work on this project through visits to the village and workshops with both library staff and teachers. For more information, see attached brochure.

Contact Person for Project __________ Silvia Mencu, ADEMKAN __________
Project address __________ Ru K’ux Na’oj __________
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Santa Catarina Palopó, Solola, Guatemala
Project phone and e-mail __________ 011-502-772-396-70 __________

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed?
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For all projects state:
✓ Who the check or money order should be made out to __________
✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent Options: 1) Money gram to Banrural in Panajachel, Guatemala in name of Silvia Mencu 2) Erin can hand-carry money in May 3) Check to Friends of Guatemala, PO Box 33018, Washington, D.C. 20033

Project Categories (Check all that apply)
Geographic location __________ Africa ☐ Asia/Pacific ☐ Latin America X ☐ U.S.A. (except WI) ☐ Wisconsin/Madison ☐
Type __________ Cross-cultural X ☐ Economic Development ☐ ☐ Environment ☐ ☐ Health ☐ ☐
International Education X ☐ ☐ Peace ☐ ☐ Other ☐ (Specify) __________
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of WI-Madison

Project application form to be completed by RPCV- Madison member in good standing

RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor: Lee Row
Telephone: (608) 232-9065 E-mail: leerow@sbcglobal.net

Project Title: Playground for the Jenin Refugee Camp

Project Description (About 100 words)

A Madison chapter of Playgrounds for Palestine has recently formed. Our first project is to raise $12,000 in 2008 for a playground in the Jenin Refugee Camp in the West Bank. Nearly 50% of its population of 12,000 is under the age of 15, many of whom are traumatized from the extreme violence their community experienced in 2002 and the continuing hardships they suffer.

The playground will be constructed in Palestine and will be designed from a concept developed for a PIP-sponsored design competition in Gaza. All the designs draw on Palestinian cultural elements. To maximize the economic impact, we will take bids from local contractors, who will take the designs and make architectural plans. There are local fiberglass and metal factories that will make masts and pieces. Raw materials will most likely come from Israel since they control the flow of materials that are not native, i.e., steel and aluminum. Any stone will come from local producers, as will other natural materials. Local partners have helped us identify the specific site.

Not only will we be providing fun, safe equipment for children, but we will be helping the devastated local economy as well.

Contact Person for Project: Judith Siers-Poisson
Project address: PO Box 5091 Madison, WI 53705-0091
Project phone and e-mail: 608-345-8659 pfpmadison@gmail.com

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed?
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For all projects state:
✓ Who the check or money order should be made out to: Playgrounds for Palestine - Madison
✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent: PO Box 5091 Madison, WI 53705-0091

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Type: Cross-cultural ☐ Economic Development ☑ Environment ☐ Health ☐ International Education ☐ Peace ☐ Other (Specify) : Children

E-mail completed form and any desired supporting information to zeltner@chorus.net. Hard copy of supporting information can be sent to Project Applications, Welt Zeltner, 393 Lake Kegonsa Rd, Oregon, WI 53575.
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of WI-Madison

Project application form to be completed by Member in good standing

RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor  Judy Reed
Telephone  (608) 233-0775  E-mail  (608) 233-0775

Project Title  A School for Cow Field, Liberia

Project Description (About 100 words)  
This project is construction of a building for the Child Welfare School in Cow Field, Liberia. In spite of 15 years of war in the country, the school has existed for 10 years, with Jessie Kekula serving as principal. The school has 180 students and eight teachers but must meet in a rented building heavily damaged during the war.

The school will be built in three stages over three years. Mr. Kekula will provide the land for the new school and parents and students will provide labor by making bricks for the walls. Judy Reed, a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia in 1964-66, and Jane Scharer, visited Liberia last spring and are committed to helping construct the school. Each is willing to put up $2,500 to get the project started. With an additional $1,700 in support from the Return Peace Corps group in Madison, the first stage (of the foundation, walls and roof) can be begun in September, at the beginning of the dry season, and can be completed in approximately six months. (Mr. Kekula has indicated that classes could be held in the building at this point.) We will immediately begin fundraising for stage two, which will include installation of windows and doors, painting of the walls, and completion of two bathrooms.

Contact Person for Project  Judy Reed
Project address  4001 Hiawatha Drive
                Madison, WI 53711
Project phone and e-mail  (608) 233-0775; judyreed42@yahoo.com

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed?
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For all projects state:
✓ Who the check or money order should be made out to: Lyn and Jim Gray (who live in Liberia)
✓ Address to which check or money order should be sent: Wachovia Bank, Georgetown Financial Center, 2901 M ST NW, Washington, D.C. 20007; deposited to account number: 1010190589802; account routing number 053000219

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Project application form to be completed by Member in good standing

RPCVs of WI-Madison Member Sponsor Judy Reed
Telephone (608) 233-0775 E-mail judyreed42@yahoo.com
Project Title Mimeo machine for Tubman School in Gbonkonimah, Liberia

Project Description (About 100 words)
We are asking that the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison pay for a manual mimeograph machine for Tubman School in Gbonkonimah, Liberia. A mimeograph and a typewriter were recently identified as the two major needs of the school, so the teachers will no longer have to travel 20-30 miles to make copies for classroom lessons and exams.

In the spring of 2007, Jane Scharer and Judy Reed visited Gbonkonimah, where Judy taught school as a Peace Corps volunteer in 1964-66. We found the school intact after 40 years, including 15 recent years of war. However, teachers and students had few of the tools needed to run a school. While in the country, we bought textbooks, maps, globes, chalk, paper, pencils, reading books, soccer balls, etc. but we knew much more needed to be done. After we left, the school and village leaders met to discuss how we can help them. With their suggestions, we have purchased the typewriter, as well as gardening tools, some chickens for a Heifer-like project in the village, and have provided money to set up a susu to pay for people to travel to a medical clinic. One of Judy’s former students, who recently retired, has served as liaison with the school and village and made the purchases and delivered them for us. A manual mimeograph machine costs approximately $900-$950 in Monrovia. Having one at the school would make a great difference in the education of the students in Gbonkonimah.

Contact Person for Project: Judy Reed
Project address 4001 Hiawatha Dr. ________________
Madison, WI 53711 ________________________
Project phone and e-mail (608) 233-0775; judyreed42@yahoo.com

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  ✔ Address to which check or money order should be sent Wachovia Bank, Georgetown Financial Center, 2901 M ST NW, Washington, D.C. 20007; deposited to account no: 1010190689602; account routing no.: 053000219

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Project Categories (Check all that apply)
Geographic location

Please return completed form to Project Grants, RPCVs of WI-Madison, P.O. Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701
## Project Proposal Worksheet

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**Please keep in mind:**
- We do not fund overseas travel, even for projects that are otherwise approved.
- Legally, we cannot fund Peace Corps Volunteers in the field. If a PCV collaborates with a local agency or individual, we can directly fund that agency or individual. Our strong preference is for the PCV to submit a project to the Peace Corps Partnership program, and then alert us to the funding opportunity.
- Generally we do not fund relief projects with calendar proceeds unless they have a significant development component. If you feel strongly about providing money to a relief project, consider organizing an educational fund-raising event for the entire community. Ask members of the group to help provide some ideas.
- We generally do not fund scholarships in the US or support living expenses for foreigners working in the US. A couple of years ago, several members indicated a preference for providing start-up funding to help projects get established, rather than funding projects on an ongoing basis. If you request funds, it would be best to consider the funding to be for two years at most.
All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison members receive a monthly Newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer members pay through September of the year joining, then pay for a full year membership in September. Members joining between September and December should pay $15; members joining between January and April should pay $10; members joining between May and August should pay $5. Reduced rates are available for those in extreme financial circumstances. You can also join the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) through us by paying an additional $35. We encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

Please note that overseas rates do not include NPCA membership. See above for calculations

___ Individual - $15/$10/$5
___ Overseas Individual - $24/$16/$8
___ Joint - $20/$14/$7 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
___ Overseas Joint - $29/$20/$10
___ I am also enclosing $35 for each NPCA membership
___ I do not want to join, but would like to receive World Roots and am enclosing $7 ($15 for overseas) to cover costs.
___ I’m Moving! Please change my mailing address.

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