

1-26-15 From our Southern Tier Rep: Angie Harris

Sign Up for March 5th National Day of Action!

Calling all advocates for a strong and vibrant Peace Corps! Help us launch the National Peace Corps Association's (NPCA's) 2015 advocacy activities by planning to take part in our Thursday, March 5th National Day of Action in Support of the Peace Corps. Find out more here: <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/advocacy/>

The advocacy program is an important part of NPCA's mission, and since the Peace Corps is a federal agency, they cannot advocate for themselves. So we must! **Please consider making a donation as little as \$10** towards to the Southern Tier National Day of Action Advocacy Team: <https://www.crowdrise.com/SoutherTier/> And I've already got us started. :-)

If you are not familiar with Crowdrise, I have **attached a tutorial**, created by our NPCA advocacy chair and board member, Kristina Owens.

NPCA Board Nominations

There are three member-elected seats up for a vote this spring, one in each of these three regions:

- Northeast
- Mid-Atlantic and Nationwide
- Europe, North and East Africa

If there is an individual that your group feels would make a good candidate, we encourage you to submit a nomination. The nomination window runs from now until February 20, 2015, with final paperwork due in by February 27. We encourage you to share this announcement, as some of your members may also fall under one of the other regions listed above. For more information about NPCA's Board of Directors and to download the nomination packet, please visit the Board of Directors page of the NPCA website: <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/about/board-of-directors/>

Join Peace Corps and NPCA on Linked in!

Starting this week, the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) and the Peace Corps join forces with a **co-branded, co-administered Peace Corps Network** LinkedIn Group. This site offers up-to-date news and opportunities for all of us! If you are not already a member, sign up today!

Mark your calendars for the next Peace Corps Connect, hosted by NorCal RPCVs at UC Berkeley, CA in June 5-6! We saw many of you in Nashville and we are excited to connect RPCVs again on the West Coast. We look forward to a weekend of engaging speakers, dynamic workshops and opportunities for participants to network and share their Peace Corps stories! Find out more and register here: <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/annual-gathering/berkeley-2015/> Cannot wait!

It's not too late to get your award-winning 2015 RPCV calendar for only \$13.95 each. Visit <http://www.rpcvcalendar.org/>

Host Country Heroes

Who do you wish Americans knew from your Peace Corps country? Submit a 2-minute video on your HOST COUNTRY HERO- the host country national in your community that was a total ROCK STAR in your eyes! Check out the link for more information [!http://www.peacecorps.gov/.../thirdgoal/pcweek/videochallenge/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/.../thirdgoal/pcweek/videochallenge/)

Peace Corps Photo Search

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, the Peace Corps needs your help. Peace Corps has a photo archive with decades of incredible images. Yet there are 12 countries where Peace Corps Volunteers have served, for which there is a very small photographic record, or even no photos at all. If you served in any of these countries and have photos you are willing to share, Peace Corps' digital team would be deeply grateful. <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/2014/11/peace-corps-photo-search/>

Thanks for all you are doing. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and/or changes to your group's leadership. And keep the good news coming!

As always, happy to represent our tier.

Sincerely,

[Angie Harris](#)

RPCV, Papua New Guinea 1991-1993
NPCA, Board of Directors, Southern Tier
NPCA, Advocacy Committee
Peace Corps Connect, Nashville Chair

Crowdrise Tutorial

Step 1:

Go to this link: <https://www.crowdrise.com/AnnualNationalDayofAction>

Read the information about our 'Event'

Step2:

Find your relevant Fundraising team and click on it. For example, if you live in Boston, sign-up for the Northeast team, if you live in San Francisco sign-up for the Western States team

Step3:

Once on the page look to the lower right hand side where it says: 'Fundraise for this campaign' also below it there is another link to 'Join team' it's the same thing

The screenshot shows a fundraising page for the "NATIONAL PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATION'S FUNDRAISER: NORTHEAST PEACE CORPS COMMUNITY TEAM". At the top, there are two tabs: "ABOUT THIS CAMPAIGN" (selected) and "THE TEAM". Below the tabs is a photograph of four people standing in front of an American flag and a Peace Corps flag. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "BENEFITING: National Peace Corps Association", "EVENT: Annual National Day of Action", and "THE STORY: National Day of Action is destined to be the most effective, and most inclusive day of action the Peace Corps Community has seen in the last ten years!". Below this is the "ACTION" section, which includes: "Join the team! Join the Northeast Team, if you live in: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware", "Create your fundraiser or donate as little as \$10 towards making this Annual Day of Action sustainable and accessible to the Peace Corps Community.", and "Sign-up to Advocate on March 5, 2015 Join nearly 100 RPCVs on Capital Hill to talk to your representatives about the importance of the Peace". On the far right, there is a "DONATE TO THIS FUNDRAISER" button, a "\$0 MONEY RAISED" display, and a "FUNDRAISE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN" button. A "See More" link is visible at the bottom of the page.

Step4:

If you have not signed up for an account it will prompt you get signed up. Signing up is pretty standard. And creating your fundraising page should be easy as well. Once you sign-up for the team it knows that you are sign up and those links will disappear!

Step5:

Invite friends through Facebook, Twitter and Email. The link of your page is unique to your fundraiser: For example your link will be like this:

<http://www.crowdrise.com/yourteam/yourname>

Other questions? Contact Crowdrise, they are superhelpful and good humored!