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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida is *your* group—please join us for fun get-togethers, community service activities, job/life networking, great events, stimulating conversation, and much more. Read on and get involved!



Newsletter

November 2017

After the Storm

Help Florida Farmers

Due to Hurricane Irma, many farm workers lost their homes and their livelihoods, especially in **Immokalee** and **La Belle**. RPCVSF is collecting **monetary donations** which will be sent to the [Redlands Christian Migrant Association](#) (RCMA) to **help children and families in rural communities** in Florida.

RCMA has been serving rural farmworkers in Florida since 1965. You can **contribute** two ways: **in-person** at our upcoming pool party or **through our website**. If donating online, please write "RCMA" in the "Purpose of Donation" box. Thank you for helping us support our local farming communities.



Donate

Volunteer Opportunity



Branches
Grow Deeper, Climb Higher

applications for **disaster relief assistance** and **public benefits**. Help people help themselves with federal and state programs available to them. Call [305-442-8306](tel:305-442-8306) or visit their website for more information

[Branches](#) is a local organization dedicated to helping poor families and their children **break the cycle** of generational poverty. In the wake of Irma, they are looking for **volunteers** to provide help to our neighbors completing

visit their website for more information.

More Information

Got Calendars?



With fewer than 60 days left in 2017, it's that time again. Calendar time! What, were you thinking of the holidays? Our fellow RPCVs out in Madison, WI made this **gorgeous calendar**. Purchase online for \$16.75 (includes shipping) or pick one up at an event for \$14. You can buy one or a dozen. They make great gifts. Order yours today!

Order

Upcoming Events

Potluck Pool Party

Saturday, November 11th

Barb and Daryl Wall are once again opening their home to the RPCVSF community. Join us from 2 to 5pm at [1453 Biscaya Drive, Surfside](#) for a beautiful afternoon. There will be



[Schedule](#) for a beautiful afternoon. There will be fishing from the dock, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, a cocktail cruise with Captain Daryl on his power boat, and of course, swimming in the pool or in the small bay. **Bring a dish to share** and BYOB. The BBQ grill will be available if anyone wants to use it. Kids are more than welcome. **Lots of fun** for kids of all ages! BONUS: Donate to RCMA and/or pick up your 2018 RPCV calendar while you're there!



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More Information

Syrian Supper Club...for Lunch!

Monday, November 27th

After all the Thanksgiving festivities, switch up your food game and feast on home-cooked **Syrian food for a good cause**. Sponsored through [Project Motherpath](#), the Syrian Supper Club works with 18 families. Women from two of the families will cook the meal. Every family struggles to make ends meet, and these fundraisers are a major (and in most cases, the only) source of income for the women. The meals are intended to **empower women** and **build community**. The cost is \$55 and the proceeds benefit the families. The event will be held Monday, November 27th from noon to 2:30 p.m. at [2151 SW 17 Street, Miami, FL 33145](#). Contact [Helene Dudley](#) by email or phone ([305 856 5573](#)) for more information and how to register.

Email Helene

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 2nd



While it might not feel like fall is in the air, the holidays are almost here. RPCVSF wants to **celebrate** with you. From 6 to 9 pm at Ana Ciereszko's home at [7550 SW 61st Street, Miami](#). BYOB, a dish to share, an unwrapped toy for a needy child, and a wrapped gift for our traditional white elephant **gift exchange**. This is also a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping at our **Fair Trade Market**. In addition to all the wonderful fair trade

items, the 2018 RPCV-Madison calendar will be available. Happy holidays!

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More Information

19th Annual Everglades Event

Saturday, February 3rd



Gators and kids are not usually two things you want to put together, but our Everglades Event is different...and special. Mark your calendars for our flagship event. **Over 100 local children** from local shelters, group homes, and other community-based programs will have the opportunity to learn about the amazing and **unique ecosystem** right in our backyard! The event starts at 8:30am and we need volunteers for different jobs throughout the day. Register today.

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Market Corner

Our **Fair Trade Market** is excited to be working with a new vendor, [Global Crafts](#), begun by RPCV (Kenya) Renice Jones and her husband, Kevin. They also operate a Fair Trade retail store, [Gifts with Humanity](#), in New Smyrna Beach. As a result, we have some wonderful new items: craft jewelry from **recycled bomb shells and bullets** from **Cambodia**; handmade jewelry made from fused glass called **tili glass** from a family-owned business in **Chile**; **painted metal art** from independent artisans in Haiti; and jewelry incorporating **alpaca silver**, stones, and resins from a women-owned cooperative in **Mexico**.



Supporting fair trade provides opportunity, education, training, and stability for many families. Contact [Linda Whitmyre](#) for more about the incredible pieces available and the stories behind them.

The Fair Trade Market will be at [Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden](#) on

November 10, 11 and 12th for their Ramble event. They will also be at the **RPCVSF Holiday Party on December 2nd**. Hope to see you soon! The market has these items for a limited time only, so buy before the end of the year!

Email Linda

Travel Corner

Safaris

Travel is planning a safari to Botswana and Zimbabwe in early 2018. Stay tuned for more details and let us know if you're interested.

Your Country of Service

Want to go back? Bring a care package to your host family? See the sites you missed? We can help organize a group visit to your country of service.

Travel Tip

Looking for a bargain? **Overseas Adventure Travel** (O.A.T. Travel) has your back. Their **Last Minute Deals** will plant that travel bug even more firmly in your mind. New deals are posted two or three times a week. They have many satisfied RPCVs customers. Why not see for yourself?

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