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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

December 2018

## Countdown to the Everglades Outing!



Yes, the holidays are here, but don't worry, even after the last firework fades on New Year's Eve, there's still **one more event** to mark on your calendars. Our **20<sup>th</sup> annual Everglades Outing** is planned for **January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. We hope you can join us as a volunteer for the day.

Our flagship event has been going strong **since 1998** and this year is no exception. RPCVSF, in partnership with the [Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club](#), will provide about **100 kids** from local group homes, shelters, and community-based programs the opportunity to experience and learn about the unique, **amazing ecosystem** right in their backyards. The

kids have a full day, including breakfast, a nature walk, Junior Ranger initiation, and more.

Please **RSVP today** so we know we can count on you to be there. If you can't make it this year, consider [donating](#) instead. **Thanks for your support!**

**More Information**

**RSVP**

**Donate**

## Fair Trade Market + HELP

The profits from our Fair Trade Market really do make a difference. Our donation plus the matching donation to the **Haitian Education and Leadership Program (HELP)** was enough to cover room and board for **four students!** Last year, we raised enough for two students, so we are thrilled to be able to **expand our impact.** If you'd like to read more about HELP's work, check out [their quarterly report](#). A special thank you to Linda Whitmyre for her dedication to the market! And big thanks to all of you who've been shopping too! We couldn't do it without you.



## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Speaking of tradition, what holiday season would be complete without Ana's holiday party? Not this one. So, mark your calendars. Get your **white elephant gift**, your **toy donation**, and your **potluck dish** ready. Oh and our **Fair Trade Market** will be there, so you can do a little shopping for a good cause. If anyone would like to help set up or clean up, please [email us](#). See you at the party. Happy holidays!

**More Information**

**RSVP**



### Bon Voyage Picnic

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Save the date** for the 2019 Bon Voyage Picnic. The 2019 picnic will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at [A.D. "Doug" Barnes Park](#) in Shelter #3. Please bring a **potluck dish** to share. We will also supply drinks and sandwiches. If possible, please consider bringing **photos from your PC service**. As the saying goes, a picture says 1,000 words and just might intrigue someone or put their mind at ease.



The park's **amenities** include nature trails, a pool, a playground, and space around the shelter if you'd like to bring outdoor games. You are welcome to come earlier to enjoy this beautiful park. The **picnic and park entrance are free.**

The picnic will be held **rain or shine**. Glass bottles and pets are not allowed in the park. For **complete itinerary**, please see the [event details](#) on our website. Please

[register](#) so we know how many to prepare for. Email Patty at [pharespl@gmail.com](mailto:pharespl@gmail.com) if you have any questions. You'll enjoy talking with the latest Peace Corps Volunteers as much as they will appreciate talking with you!

[More Information](#)

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## Education Opportunity

### Information Session for UNC-Chapel Hill's MPA Program

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

The [Master of Public Administration](#) (MPA) program at the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is for people **looking for a leadership degree** through the lens of the **public sector**. Graduates most frequently go on to work in areas of government and non-profit organizations. The program has both an [on-campus and online format](#). Tomorrow evening, there is a web-based [information session](#) for the on-campus program at 7 p.m. EST. If you're looking for an **MPA program**, check it out.



[More Information](#)

## Grant Opportunities

### American Association of University Women: Career Development Grants

Deadline: December 15, 2018

The [American Association of University Women](#) (AAUW) offers [Career Development Grants](#) which **provide funding to women** who hold a bachelor's degree and want to pursue **higher education goals**. This organization supports women who want to change careers or re-enter the workforce. Primary





consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in a non-traditional field. The **award is \$12,000** and funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care.

Apply soon; the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup>. Good luck!

[More Information](#)

## Kids Gardening 2018 Youth Garden Grant

**Deadline: December 17, 2018**

The [Youth Garden Grant](#) through the [Kids Gardening](#) organization aims to support **school and youth educational garden projects**. Gardens can enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. A total of twenty-five programs will receive award packages. The **top five will receive packages valued at \$2,100** that include a \$1,000 cash prize, plants, tools, seeds, a \$100 gift certificate for gardening supplies, and a [Kids Gardening curriculum package](#). Another **twenty programs** will receive a similar **package valued at \$500**. Any nonprofit, school, or youth program planning a new garden program or expanding an established one and serves at least fifteen youth between the ages of 3 and 18 is eligible to apply. Bring the **power of plants** to your school or youth program next year.



[More Information](#)

## Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program

**Deadline: December 31, 2018**

The [Community Grant Program](#) through the [Walmart Foundation](#) provides awards to **support local nonprofit organizations** giving back to the communities within the service area of individual Walmart stores. Their target areas are hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, as well as women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities. The grant awards range from **\$250 to \$5,000**. Applications are accepted until December 31<sup>st</sup>.



[More Information](#)

## Travel Corner

CIE International Travel has an interesting

new **10-day package** for 2019: five days in **Iceland** and five days in **Ireland**.

If you want to check out two very cool islands that start with *i*, contact [travel@rpcvsf.org](mailto:travel@rpcvsf.org).

Happy travels!



Our former RPCVSF president Tuey Murdock (Colombia) will be moving with her foreign service daughter to **Windhoek, Namibia**, this summer for three years. She welcomes visitors there too. For more information, please contact [travel@rpcvsf.org](mailto:travel@rpcvsf.org).

Email Travel

## Oh, and one last thing...

2018 is almost behind us. Get your **2019 RPCV International Calendars** today. Visit [rpcvsf.org](http://rpcvsf.org) or email [ftm@rpcvsf.org](mailto:ftm@rpcvsf.org) for pricing and details. Thank you!

Email Fair Trade Market



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