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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

February 2017

## 18th Annual Everglades Outing



Kids are great, and the Everglades are special. Put the two together, and you've got an excellent day. On Saturday, January 28th, RPCVSVF, the Kiwanis Club of Biscayne Bay, and the Everglades National Park hosted 80 children from three homeless shelters in the Miami area. After breakfast, the kids went on a nature walk. Sighting of 20 alligators were reported. Afterwards, the children had a picnic lunch outside. Many filled out the educational booklet and became Junior Park

Hangers, complete with swearing-in and badge. When it was time to say good-bye, each child received a goodie bag. For more information and pictures from the event, visit our [website](#).

## Call for Volunteers



The poster for the #StreetArtMankind Exhibition features a vibrant pink and black background. At the top right, social media icons and the handle @StreetArtMankind are displayed. The main title, '#StreetArtMankind Exhibition', is in large white font, followed by the subtitle 'A CALL OUT FROM STREET ARTISTS TO STOP CHILD SLAVERY'. Below this, a black box contains the exhibition details: 'EXHIBITION', 'FEBRUARY 10TH - 20TH', '10AM TO 6PM', and '7401 NW MIAMI CT, MIAMI 33150'. The central image is a detailed street art piece showing a woman's face with a large, colorful flower on her cheek. At the bottom, a dark blue banner lists activities: 'A gigantic street art maze', 'Art classes with talented street artists', and 'Creativity workshops and messages of hope'. The 'STREET ART FOR MANKIND' logo is in the bottom right corner. A row of logos for sponsors and partners, including Delta Air France, KLM, Virgin Atlantic, and others, is at the very bottom.

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DELTA AIRFRANCE KLM virgin atlantic foxca uni MITCHELLS PENCIL BARTON & GUNTER American F1 Truck Win Deauville SAGAMORE CIRCA ZENOTELE bakerly aggreko MAERSK LINE

If you're looking for a way to help stop child slavery, consider volunteering with [Street Art for Mankind](#). They're a Miami-based nonprofit and a world-first street art movement on a mission to stop child slavery. They're looking for volunteers to help throughout the exhibition.

Contact Audrey [adecker@streetartmankind.org](mailto:adecker@streetartmankind.org) or visit the website for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### Southwest Florida Library Presentation

Tuesday, February 7th

Meet other Returned Volunteers from the Southwest Florida area and share your experiences with future volunteers. Join us at 2 p.m. at the South County Regional Library, 21100 Three Oaks Pkwy, Estero (Ft. Myers), FL 33928. Email [shunsicker@peacecorps.gov](mailto:shunsicker@peacecorps.gov) if you can attend.

**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami Blitz Build 2017**

Wednesday, February 15th

Help us build 10 homes in 12 days. We invite you to help us install insulation and drywall from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help build homes for low-income families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

Register [here](#) and use join code **RPC** when prompted.  
Please email [Jackie.Ilerena@miamihabitat.org](mailto:Jackie.Ilerena@miamihabitat.org) with any questions.



## Peace Corps Partnership Dinner

Saturday, February 25th



Meet us at 5 p.m. at **Shilla Korean BBQ** for the first [Peace Corps Partnership Program Dinner](#) of the new year, featuring delicious Korean BBQ, *kimchi*, and other Korean favorites. Learn more about Korean culture and hear an update on current events there. \$30 includes dinner, tax, and tip, plus \$10 donation toward the Peace Corps Partnership Program. Plus, coffee from the Fair

Trade market will be available for purchase. [RSVP](#)

## Jupiter Library Presentation

April 4, 2017

Meet other Returned Volunteers from the northern Palm Beach County area and share your experiences with future volunteers. Join us at 2 p.m. at the **Jupiter Branch Library**, 705 Military Trail, Jupiter, FL 33458.  
Email [shunsicker@peacecorps.gov](mailto:shunsicker@peacecorps.gov) if you can attend.

## Family & Bon Voyage Picnic

April 23, 2017



Congratulate the newest Peace Corps volunteers as they prepare to begin their service overseas. The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida host the [Bon Voyage picnic](#) every year.

Join us at the Manatee Pavilion at [Oleta River State Park](#) for the picnic from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
[RSVP](#)

## Cinco de Mayo Party



May 6, 2017

It's time for our annual [Cinco de Mayo party](#)! join us at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and BYOB. There's a kid-friendly pool and there will be piñatas and mariachis around 7:30 p.m. For more information, or to help with set-up or clean up, please contact Helene [helenedudley@yahoo.com](mailto:helenedudley@yahoo.com) . The party will include an informational display about The Colombia Project (TCP), which provides micro-loans in Colombia. Plus, the Fair Trade Market will be here! [RSVP](#)



## Travel Corner

There are some exciting trips coming up in 2017. Please contact [travel@rpcvsf.org](mailto:travel@rpcvsf.org) if you are interested in any (or all!) of them and would like to learn more.

### Namibia II

August 19–September 1, 2017

Book by March 1st!  
Hurry, space is limited!

Safari to Namib Naukluft, Swakopmund, Damaraland, Etosha, and Okonjima. [Details here.](#)

### Botswana

July 2017

Visit Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, the Okavango Delta, and the Caprivi strip. Details coming soon.

### Chile and Easter Island

Fall 2017

## Fair Trade Market

The Fair Trade Market wrapped up 2016 with sales of \$6,502, profits of \$2,329, and support to fair trade producers via inventory purchases in the amount of \$3,148 — it was a good year! The profits were distributed as follows:

**\$1,601 to [Haitian Education and Leadership Program \(HELP\)](#)**

**\$266 to [Global Mamas](#)**

**\$462 to our [Spirit of Service Learning Award](#)**

Would you like to help with the Fair Trade Market? We



are always looking for events — community, church, other organizations.

Some events require helping hands. If you know of a good fit or would like to assist with sales, please

## Peace Corps Week

February 26 – March 4, 2017

Join us for one or both of these local events at Florida International University on



**Monday, February 27th.**

### Around the World with Peace Corps

Love talking about your PCV experience? Tell others about your host country. [Volunteer to staff a table](#) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Email [shunsicker@peacecorps.gov](mailto:shunsicker@peacecorps.gov) if you are willing to participate.

### Free Film Screening *Girl Rising*

This incredible film follows nine unforgettable girls living in the developing

Visit Santiago and Valparaiso in Chile, plus explore Easter Island. Details coming soon.

assist with sales, please email Linda Whitmyre [lindawhitmyre@gmail.com](mailto:lindawhitmyre@gmail.com). Thanks so much! Happy shopping!

living in the developing world who pursue their dreams, despite the odds. The [screening](#) is at 6 p.m.

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