

Survey of Family Consumer Science/Home Economics International Service/American Peace Corps, 2011

Dear Colleague,

Help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of the American Peace Corps in 2011 by highlighting the contributions of the Family Consumer Sciences/Home Economics to international development! The first step is to identify those from our profession who have served in the Peace Corps...thus this communication to you. A second step is to share this list and keep expanding on it to include others who have worked abroad in the field. And finally the American Association of Family Consumer Sciences "Global Perspectives" community and International Federation for Home Economics-US are sponsoring a special session at the 102nd AAFCS Annual Conference and Expo in Phoenix AZ to highlight the various contributions of our profession to the Peace Corps and other international efforts. The dates for that conference are June 23-25, 2011. So if you, or someone you know has served or is serving in the Peace Corps or in another international capacity, please share the following information:

1. Name, including name when in-service, country of service, years of service, any local languages used.
2. Mailing address, e-mail address, telephone (land line and cell)
3. Your educational background; degrees/institutions/majors
4. Title or assignment in the Peace Corps or other international organization, location of service and a general description of your work.

Comments about the following: Please write a narrative responding to these items, or any one item:

- How is/was family consumer sciences/home economics viewed in that setting, key contributions to development, key successes.
- How were you changed by the experience?
- How has international service influenced your career/professional life/professional aspirations?
- How has international service influenced your personal life, values/goals?
- Most satisfying contributions of your work in-country and/or later as a result of the international experiences,
- Have you returned to your host country/site or continued to interact with folks there? List key interactions.
- How have you contributed to the third goal of the Peace Corps—to educate Americans about the world we live in? Explain.

If you have any written material/websites/blogs about your service, please share them with us.

THANKS!

Lastly, if you know of other RPCV's or people with significant international experience with FCS/HE training; please provide their names and any addresses available to you so that we may contact them....or send this communication to them directly! Send responses and additional comments to:

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