

**The Peace Corps
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If I had \$50,000 to promote peace I would donate it all to the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps is an organization that promotes world peace and friendship. The organization started when John F. Kennedy challenged some students to travel to many countries and work, in the cause of peace. They helped various people in the countries to do different tasks. They taught women how to care for their babies better, and they taught farmers how to grow crops better.

They have been doing these tasks ever since then. One example of a Peace Corps worker today would be Sharon. Sharon currently gives food to local village children. She mostly gives snacks, figs to be more specific. Also, some ways that Peace Corps workers could show people how to farm better would be to show them the proper way. They could show them how to properly irrigate the field, and how to properly fertilize the plant, in order to get the best harvest. They showed people how to do many other tasks as well. Ever since John F. Kennedy challenged those students, over 190,000 people from the Peace Corp have gone to 139 countries to serve and teach.

The Peace Corps strives to do three things: they want to help the people they are serving get a better understanding of Americans, they want Americans to get a better understanding of the people they are serving, and they want to help people in certain countries in meeting the amount of trained people they need. They have also started to teach students different computer skills. The Peace Corps went to Ghana first in 1961. Ever since then they have been in 46 African countries. The Peace Corps enjoy sending people to Africa because the Africans like the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps has sent 60,000 volunteers to Africa and 48,250 volunteers to Europe, Asia, and the Mediterranean. They have sent many others to different locations. They sometimes help out the government and communities of the countries they go to.

Organizations like this one are run off of donations. They don't get paid or anything. All of the people that work there are purely volunteers. That is why I would donate \$50,000 to the Peace Corps. They are working out of the goodness of their heart, they are great people.

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