A Towering Task: The Story of the Peace Corps

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The idea:

• The idea to make the documentary came in 2013 after a community screening of *Green Fire*, a documentary about conservationist Aldo Leopold. The team, who had also produced *The Greatest Good* (a public television documentary on the 100-year history of the U.S. Forest Service) came to know that three members of the team were Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. They then started discussing the possibility of a big-picture documentary on the history of the agency, and the work started there.

Interviews & resources:

- The documentary team has interviewed current and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, current and former staff, scholars and journalists, community members and leaders around the world. We gathered archival materials, music, graphics, and narration to build out the story of the Peace Corps.
- Voices of the Peace Corps: <u>https://www.peacecorpsdocumentary.com</u>.

The goals:

- To preserve the legacy of the Peace Corps while maintaining an independent, objective approach to the filming.
- To catalyze dialogue about what it means to be an American, both in the U.S. and as part of a broader global community.

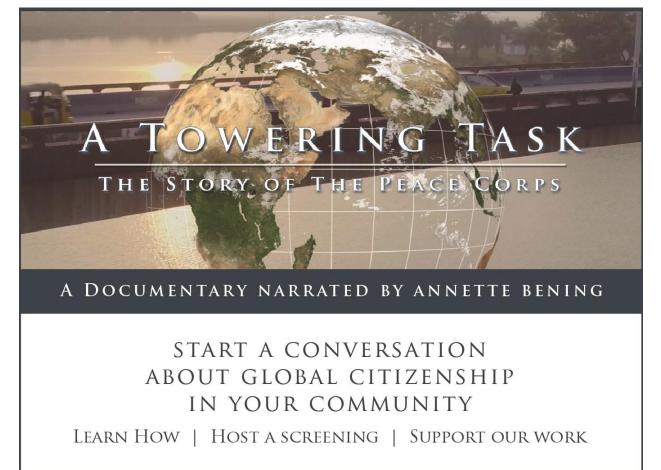
Distribution:

- *A Towering Task* is being widely distributed nationally and internationally. Broadcast, streaming, and community screenings will make up the backbone of distribution.
- The documentary team is also developing in parallel a lesson plan, so the story of the Peace Corps can be taken into the history, political science, sociology, global studies, and economics departments of universities and colleges across the country, as well as middle and high schools. PBS Learning Media is hosting lesson plans and a media gallery for middle and high school students.

For those wishing to host a screening in their community:

- Hosting a screening is a great way to start conversations about what it means to be a global citizen. It is also a good way to introduce new people to the Peace Corps.
- There are fees to host a screening to help cover the screening license. And if you'd like to host the documentary's director, Alana DeJoseph, for your screening, contact us to find out what that entails. Email: <u>info@peacecorpsdocumentary.com</u>.

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