



Connecticut RPCV E-News

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O,R&L Run for Refugees



*Super Bowl Sunday
February 5, 2012 10:00 a.m.
Wilbur Cross High School
New Haven, Connecticut*

**Don't miss the 5th Annual OR&L Run for Refugees
on February 5, 2012!**

**For details, please visit -
http://www.irisct.org/run_for_refugees.html**

Last year, more than 400 runners and walkers started their Super Bowl festivities early with this fun-filled event that raises funds to help refugees start new lives in Connecticut. The race begins at New Haven's Wilbur Cross High School and features a picturesque run through East Rock Park. Participants may collect

**celebration in
Dominican Republic**

International Game

**Have you paid your
annual dues? You
support helps us
stay connected!**

**Click [here](#) to join or
pay your membership
fees!**

**Stay connected through
our Peace Corps links -
just click below!**

CT RPCV Website

**Get updated news about
events and our
members!**

**National Peace Corps
Association**

**Stay connected to our
national community and
representation in
Washington!**

Peace Corps Website

**The Mother Ship – full of
information for RPCVs
from how to spread the
word to finding great job
opportunities!**

Peace Corps Encore!

**Want to do it again?
Encore! sends former
Peace Corps Volunteers
and staff members back
into the field on short-
term assignments
(typically three weeks to
three months) that match
their professional**

donations for IRIS or pay a flat entry fee. Prizes will be given to the three participants who collect the highest number of donations for IRIS!

Participants are encouraged to support their favorite Super Bowl team with jerseys and costumes. They will enjoy t-shirts and a post-race party featuring international food, live entertainment, and an exciting awards ceremony.

**Register, fundraise, or sponsor a refugee runner
at www.jbsports.com**

**For further information about Run for Refugees
sponsorship opportunities, please contact:
[Chris George](#) (203) 562-2095.**

Chris George is a CTRPCV.



CT Food Bank ...

CTRPCV will sort food on April 21

The Connecticut Food Bank annually distributes more than 15 million pounds of food to six of the state's eight counties. Donations come from the food industry, through community member and corporate contributions, and via government subsidies.

At the CT Food Bank donations are organized and sorted by products before they are distributed at the warehouses. Member programs send representatives to the warehouses to shop for food that is then distributed to those who need it most at local food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters.

CTRPCV volunteers will inspect, sort and pack non-perishable food at CT Food Bank in East Haven on Saturday, April 21st from 9 AM to noon. Families welcome... it's a great service project for kids. If you are interested: call Lois Fucci at 203-239-0169.

**Global Health & Innovation Conference 2012
Presented by Unite For Sight, 9th Annual Conference
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA
Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22, 2012**

expertise with specific social needs.

Contact Us

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Other links of interest :

Peace Corps Online

The Independent News Forum serving Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

PC Online Crossroads

Links to every Peace Corp website you can think of!

Peace Corps Writers

A site for returned Peace Corps volunteers to post their stories. Offers writing workshops, awards, publishing, and other resources; newsletter archives, etc.

Global TeachNet

The objective of Global TeachNet is to promote students' knowledge of, understanding of and respect for the people, cultures and nations of the world. Global TeachNet is this country's premier resource for global education.

Please visit <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference> for more details.

"A Meeting of Minds"--CNN

The Global Health & Innovation Conference is the world's largest global health conference and social entrepreneurship conference. This must-attend, thought-leading conference annually convenes 2,200 leaders, changemakers, students, and professionals from all fields of global health, international development, and social entrepreneurship. [Register during January to secure the lowest registration rate.](#)

Interested in presenting at the conference? [Submit a social enterprise pitch](#) for consideration.

The conference's confirmed speakers include:

Keynote Addresses

- **Sasha Dichter**, Chief Innovation Officer, Acumen Fund
- **"Mission in a Bottle: From Yale Classroom to Beverage Change Agent," Seth Goldman**, President and TeaEO of Honest Tea
- **Jeffrey Sachs**, PhD, Director of Earth Institute at Columbia University; Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University; Special Advisor to Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon
- **Sonia Ehrlich Sachs**, MD, MPH, Director of Health, Millennium Village Project, Earth Institute at Columbia University

There will also be speakers on **Global Health and ...** - Design Thinking; Education Initiatives; Environment, Energy, and Food; Film, Photography, Art; Healthcare Delivery Models; Health Policy & Advocacy; Infectious Disease; Maternal and Child Health; Non-Communicable Diseases; Organization Management; Research; Philanthropy; Social Enterprise; Social Entrepreneurship; Social Media & Marketing; Surgery; Technology; Water & Sanitation; "Advice From The Experts" Panels; and See more speakers at <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>



Hole in The Wall Gang Camp

Volunteer Project... Saturday, June 30th in Ashford, CT

On June 30th, CTRPCV's will participate in a volunteer day at The Hole In The Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT. Since 1988 the camp has served as a non-profit residential summer camp and year round center for children coping with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. All of the camp's services are free of charge. This unique camp, created by Paul Newman and his friends, provides a sense of normalcy for children who may have missed out on aspects of their childhood. We will be changing bed linens (about 150 beds) for the campers who will arrive the next day. This is truly a rewarding project and well worth our time and efforts.

Please plan to participate and bring your family (children should be 15,16 or older). If you are able to volunteer call or email Lois Fucci, 203-239-0169, lafucci@comcast.net.

WHEN: June 30th, Saturday

WHERE: Ashford, CT

TIME: 9:30 AM -12:00 (noon)

Opportunities to serve through Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven

Every year volunteers contribute over 2,500 hours of time, either individually or as part of a group, to help Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven accomplish its goal of eliminating poverty housing in the New Haven area.

Volunteers participate in a large range of activities on behalf of HfHGNNH, including volunteering on our construction sites or in the office, serving on one of our committees or working on special events.

For information about volunteering as an individual or as a group, please contact Ellen McNally, Volunteer Coordinator,

at <mailto:emcnally@habitatgnh.org> or (203) 785-0794, x.10.

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(203) 785-0794 (TEL); (203) 785-0679 (FAX) <http://www.habitatgnh.org>

Media recommendation by David Stoloff

Paul D. Coverdell Worldwide Schools, [2002]. Building bridges [electronic resource]: a Peace Corps classroom guide to cross-cultural understanding. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Education Foundation. Retrieved at

<http://permanent.access.gpo.gov/websites/peacecorpsgov/www.peacecorps.gov/wws/bridges/bridges.pdf>

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<http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/publications/culture/index.cfm>

I make use of these online texts in two of my international and cross-cultural education courses at Eastern CT State University. The Building Bridges guide is a good introductory text on culture and intercultural relations, with activities and exercises for middle and high school classrooms. The Culture Matters workbook is designed for Peace Corps volunteers and focuses on styles of communication, culture in the workplace, adjusting to a new culture, and social relationships. Both explore American culture and generalizations, diversity within our nation, and potential cultural misunderstandings for Americans living in other nations.

GrantStation membership

CTRPCV has a membership in GrantStation for one year. This enables us to search their data base to see if there are grants that we can apply for that would help us fund our CTRPCV Community Service Grant Fund. If anyone has some knowledge of how to apply for grants and would be interested in helping to search for grants, please contact Maureen Shanley at MaureenShanley@hotmail.com.



“Exotic” --- Recipes ... share yours!

At our Potluck Dinners people are always asking for the recipes of the food they just ate. Please think about making copies of your recipes to hand out. This is just another way to “Bring the World Back Home Again”! We’d love to put them on our website too!

Invitation to the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, February 7-10 of 2012

“Greetings

My name is Charlie and I am a Peace Corps Volunteer serving in the Dominican Republic. It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join current Peace Corps Volunteers, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, staff and others for the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

The 50th Anniversary celebration in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on February 7-10 of 2012 will provide you with the opportunity to reflect over your Peace Corps experience, reconnect with fellow RPCVs, and to learn about what projects are shaping the service of volunteers today. Come join us for this historic occasion where you can take part in panel discussions, an artisan fair, and one of the many excursions we have planned to reacquaint you with the sun soaked country you once called home.

Participate in the history that you helped create, and share what made your Peace Corps service memorable! For more information and to register please visit the 50th Anniversary website at <http://50th.fotdr.org/>

I look forward to seeing you in February!
Charles Thompson, Peace Corps Volunteer, Dominican Republic”



Recommended places for unwinding

Introducing a new section for the CTRPCV e-newsletter where members share a special place for unwinding in the world. The location may be in Connecticut or anywhere away from home. Please send a short description (100 words) to the [e-newsletter editor](#) with the name of place, location, cost for the rental, amenities, local places of interest and restaurants, transportation, contact information, and other details.

February 2012:

**Puerto Rico Vacation Home recommended
by [Louise Cox \(Vania\) \[davlouc@cox.net\]](#):**

The rental is in Mayaguez, the western part of PR.

Cost is:

1-4 people, 1 bedroom \$550/week . Plus \$70 cleaning fee
5-6 people, 2 bedrooms \$650/week. Plus \$75 cleaning fee
7-8 people, 3 bedrooms, \$750/week. Plus \$80 cleaning fee

We don't have specific addresses of places to eat. etc. We just explored the area (as a PCV does) and found many things. There are Walgreens around, K-mart, GPS and cell phones work fine. Mario and Mercedes are completely bi-lingual. The owners are very helpful. For more details and comments by those who have stayed there, please visit <http://www.vrbo.com/262214>.

For additional information on the properties:

<http://www.homeaway.com/search/keywords:Mayaguez%2C+Puerto+Rico> [when you click on this, look down to 'Affordable Country House in Tropical Forest'. This is where we stayed. The other is nearby, smaller, more intimate]

Louise

An International Game

So... you think you know your geography?
Take the "Pilot's" test below.

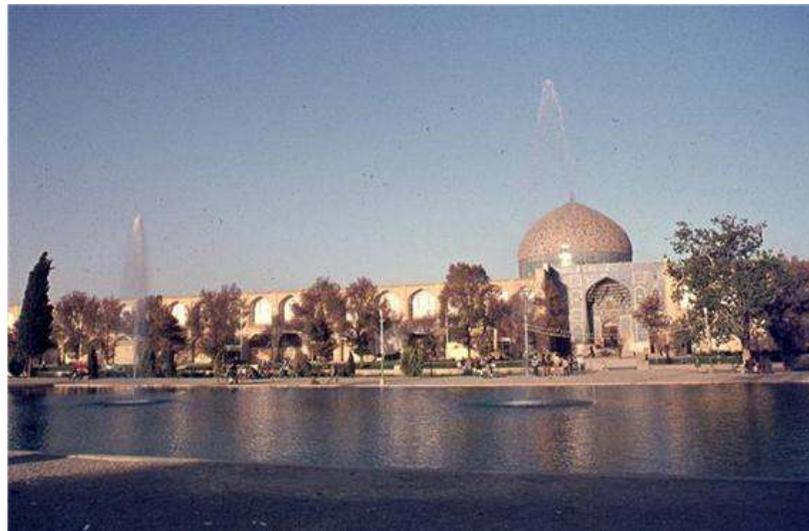
<http://www.lufthansa-usa.com/useugame2007/html/play.html>

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