



July 7, 2011

Ms. Dorothy Soper
President
West Cascade Peace Corps Association
P.O. Box 5462
Eugene, OR 97405

Dear Ms. Soper and Members of the West Cascade Peace Corps Association,

Thank you for the tremendous job you did celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps in Eugene. We are impressed with the level of professionalism and enthusiasm that went into the special features in *Eugene Weekly* and *Eugene Magazine*, along with the events you've organized this year. What a wonderful way for each of you to share your unique Peace Corps experiences in a meaningful and powerful way.

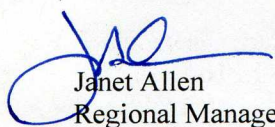
As the Peace Corps celebrates its 50th anniversary during 2011, there have been hundreds of activities around the world. However, **your group has gone above and beyond** the typical Third Goal activity, and for that we are sincerely grateful. It is the spirit of returned volunteers like you that makes us proud to be a part of the Peace Corps family. We salute your service both abroad and here in the U.S.

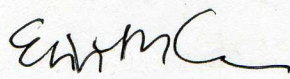
Included are copies of the **Peace Corps 50th anniversary commemorative print** for you and key RPCVs who assisted with your group's 50th anniversary activities. The print is by prominent artist Shepard Fairey, an American contemporary artist, graphic designer, and illustrator who is known for his various works, including the "Hope" print he created for the Obama Presidential campaign. On a personal note, Mr. Fairey's sister served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo.

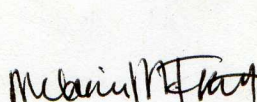
The print is based on a 2009 photograph of a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, and is symbolic of the work of more than 200,000 Peace Corps volunteers who have served in 139 countries since 1961. A limited number of these prints are available so we hope you see this as a sign of our appreciation and display it with pride.


Thank you for your leadership and dedication. You have set an excellent example for returned volunteers everywhere.

Sincerely,


Janet Allen
Regional Manager


Erin Carlson
Recruitment Supervisor


Melanie Forthun
Public Affairs


Linda Zahava
Regional Representative

