

Humanitarian Projects Funded with Distributions from the Beryl Brinkman Memorial Fund:

2009:

1. Bore Hole Project, Kumasi, Ghana

PCV: Michael Simpson
Award: \$750

Funds will be used to drill a bore hole water well to serve a hostel for 400 women who live in Kumasi apart from their families and seek work often as water carriers. Funds will also be used for the renovation of the hostel which was once a warehouse and is in rundown condition.

2. Students Helping Street Kids International (SHSKI), Recife, Brazil
<http://www.helpthekids.org/>

Director of the program, Bob Crites
Award: \$250

SHSKI is a nonprofit NGO that funds the private school education and pays for some additional expenses of children living in poverty in Recife, Brazil. As a rule these children are identified in elementary school and are supported through high school. Much of the organization's funding has come from the support of American school children, especially in the Eugene/Springfield area, where the director, Bob Crites, worked for many years as a school counselor. Bob was a PCV in Brazil, 1964-66, is a longtime WCPCA member and now lives with his wife in Recife and Eugene, spending six months of the year in each city.

2010:

3. English Resource Center, Ukraine

PCV: Margot Paulson
Award: \$300

The students in this gymnasium in Central-Eastern Ukraine strive to learn English and understand its importance in their futures. Unfortunately, the limited current materials that schools can access are not sufficient and do not allow for the students to reach their full potential in English education.

The addition of an English Resource Center will allow students to enhance their English skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. It will also help build teamwork and organizational skills, as students will be required to use these materials to complete regular small-group projects that will be presented in English to their teachers and peers.

The money from the Partnership Program will buy texts and textbooks by native English speakers and a CD-player for listening to dialogues and English songs that will be interesting and engaging for the students.

4. Antsikory Well Project, Antsikory Nord, Madagascar

PCV, Maya Rao
Award: \$700

The rural village of Antsikory is located in the commune of Antsirabe Nord, about a two hours walk from town, or an hour's walk from the main road. The village is comprised of roughly 2,200 people, about 600 of them children under 5. There is a local primary public school and a local Antsikory Women's Group.

This project is to build two wells for public use by the community, and to carry out health education targeted at mothers and children concerning proper hygiene, sanitation and other prevention measures for diarrhea and schistosomiasis.

The project is being carried out by Peace Corps Volunteer Maya Rao, in cooperation with the Antsirabe Nord Women's Group, with involvement from the local Antsikory Women's Group, local leaders and village members.

2011:

5. Sustainable Cookstoves, Peru

PCV, Nikki Eller, a resident of the state of Washington
Award: \$1,000

The project's goal is to lower the incidence of respiratory disease the now affects 60% of the population in the project's vicinity by helping residents construct adobe stoves of a particular design in their homes.

6. School of Leadership - Afghanistan (SOLA)
<http://www.sola-afghanistan.org>

Director of SOLA, Ted Achilles
Award: \$500

This grant was made in memory of Artis Spriggs who was a member of Beryl's Peace Corps group, Beryl's longtime friend, and a member of WCPCA at the time of her death in 2010.

SOLA, a word meaning "peace" in Pashto, is an American non-profit NGO with 501 (C) (3) status established in 2008 to prepare outstanding Afghani female high school students for study in the U.S. so that, once educated, they may return home to become leaders of Afghanistan.
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