



RPCV/W

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
of Washington, D.C.

Annual Holiday Gala & Silent Auction

Saturday December 12th 2015

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill

Program Schedule

6 - 7pm

Registration

Cocktail Reception with Board Members in the Hyatt Lounge
Professional photographer adjacent to ballroom

7pm

Ballroom open for food and drink
Bidding open for silent auction

7:30 pm

Speaking Program

Introduction: Wendy A. Owens, Paraguay '00 -'02,
RPCV/W Special Events Director

Presentation of Peace Corps Champion Award: Jalina Porter,
Cambodia '09 – '11 RPCV/W Development Director

Clintandra Thompson, Senegal '12 – '14 accepting award on
behalf of China Dickerson, El Salvador '07 – '09

Introduction of Keynote: Jason Smith, Bulgaria '07 –'09,
RPCV/W Vice President

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

Closing Remarks: Chris Robinson, Jamaica '07 – '09,
RPCV/W President

9:15 pm

Silent auction winners announced

Payments may be made on-site with cash, check or credit card

After-party

We invite you to continue the celebration after the Gala at the
Dubliner Restaurant, 4 F Street, Washington D.C. 20001.

Peace Corps Champion

Each year we honor a member of the Peace Corps Community for their dedication to service and commitment to social justice. Past honorees include elected officials, public servants and RPCV/W leaders

China Dickerson served in El Salvador from 2007 – 2009. A graduate of Howard University Law School, Ms. Dickerson has interned at the White House and Podesta Group, managed a winning DC City Council campaign, and led her own political consulting firm. She currently works as Manager of State Engagement and Development for Emily's List, as well as serving as the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Young Democrats and as a Board Member of Life Pieces to Masterpieces. China served as Communications Director for RPCV/W from 2010 – 2011 and remains active in numerous volunteer initiatives to further social justice.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is a Georgetown University sociology professor, a New York Times contributing opinion writer, a contributing editor of The New Republic, and MSNBC political analyst. His rise from humble roots in Detroit to his present perch as a world class intellectual, noted author of 18 books, prominent leader and national media fixture testify to his extraordinary talent.

Thank you to all of our silent auction donors!

Anne Baker

Bliss Acupuncture Wellness Clinic Wellness

Bob and Debi Owens

The Coupe

Crunch Gym

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Galley Foods

Gearin' Up Bicycle

Jalina Porter

Jamba Juice

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DJ Brenden Hill

National Peace Corps Association



In Memoriam

The Returned Peace Corps Community of Washington continues to mourn the tragic loss of Anita Ashok Datar in Bamako, Mali, where she was working to improve the region's reproductive health services.

Anita was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal from 1997 to 1999, specializing in health and agriculture. She went on to dedicate her life to international development and settled in Takoma Park, Maryland. She specialized in global HIV/AIDS response and founded Tulalens, an organization helping underserved women in India secure better healthcare. In addition to her colleagues and friends, she leaves behind a 7-year-old son, Rohan. She was well known and loved by our local Peace Corps Community.

We are engaged in a community-wide response led by the National Peace Corps Association to provide support to Anita's family in this time of difficulty. Please visit anitadatar.org/support and consider giving to her memorial fund.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington D.C.

(RPCV/W) is a Washington-based non-profit organization committed to the Peace Corps' Third Goal: bringing the Peace Corps experience back to our community. It was founded in 1979 and incorporated in 1990 in the District of Columbia.

Representing more than 2,500 returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Peace Corps staff, Peace Corps families and supporters in the greater Washington D.C. area, RPCV/W is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the world. RPCV/W is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and governed by an elected board of directors.

Our mission is to foster a community of RPCVs and friends in the Washington, D.C. area through social events, service projects and professional development programs that embody the spirit of the Peace Corps, and to continue our service back home.

2015 – 2016 RPCV/W Board of Directors

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Atlas Corps

Atlas Service Corps, Inc. (Atlas Corps), started in 2006, is an international network of nonprofit leaders and organizations that promotes innovation, cooperation, and solutions to address the world's 21st century challenges. Profiled as a "best practice" in international exchange by the Brookings Institution and featured in the Washington Post as a model social entrepreneurship program, Atlas Corps engages leaders committed to the nonprofit sector in 12 to 18 month, professional fellowships at organizations to learn best practices, build organizational capacity, and return home to create a network of global changemakers.

Their mission is to address critical social issues, develop leaders, strengthen organizations and promote innovation through an overseas fellowship of skilled professionals.

The RPCV/W membership selected Atlas Corps as the beneficiary of its Partnership for Peace program for 2015-17, making them the focus of its volunteer outreach and charitable activities.



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