

# PEACE CORPS TUNISIA

THE LEGACY  
1962-1996



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\*This list represents the most accurate records of Peace Corps Volunteers who have served in Tunisia. Some names may not appear due to insufficient information. Please accept our regrets for missing names.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1996

Warmest greetings to all those commemorating the departure of the Peace Corps from Tunisia. It is with great respect and admiration that I congratulate all who have contributed to the success of the Peace Corps in Tunisia over the past 34 years.

Since 1962, Peace Corps Volunteers have worked in genuine partnership with Tunisians, striving together to improve education, health, and agriculture, to promote urban development, and to encourage opportunity for youth. You can take great pride in your support of the people of Tunisia during a time of dramatic transition. Your experience will enrich our nation and continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship and mutual respect that Americans and Tunisians have developed over the last three-and-a-half decades.

Peace Corps Volunteers are an inspiration to all who seek to improve our world through peace and international understanding. I salute all of you for devoting a part of your lives to this worthy endeavor.

*Bill Clinton*



THE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 30, 1996

Dear Friends of Peace Corps/Tunisia:

After 34 years of successful partnership, the Peace Corps concludes its program in Tunisia. Since 1962, more than 2,000 Americans have been honored to serve as Peace Corps Volunteers in communities throughout Tunisia. They have worked side by side with their Tunisian counterparts as architects and educators. Together, Americans and Tunisians have helped create new opportunities for young people and helped keep families healthy.

Just as importantly, the Peace Corps' presence in Tunisia for so many years has made it possible for Americans and Tunisians to learn much about each others' cultures, languages, values, and the histories of our two peoples. Volunteers and Tunisians have established friendships that will last a lifetime. Peace Corps Volunteers have brought their experiences in Tunisia back to the United States, enriching our country's understanding of an important country and proud people.

On behalf of all of those who served as Peace Corps Volunteers in Tunisia, we are grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of its progress. We wish the people of Tunisia a bright and promising future.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Gearan  
Director

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# INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE CORPS

The Peace Corps was established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 as a means to promote world peace and friendship, as well as to encourage the spirit of public service among Americans. Since then, more than 145,000 Americans have responded to this call to service by joining the Peace Corps and serving as Volunteers in 131 countries. Today, the Peace Corps stands as a proud example of how the power of an idea can help change and improve the human condition.

The men and women who serve as Peace Corps Volunteers reflect the rich diversity of our country, but they share a common purpose: to help make the world a better place. For two years, they pursue a life that requires determination, self-motivation, patience, and sacrifice. They are afforded no special privileges and often live in remote, isolated communities. Volunteers receive intensive language and cross-cultural training in order to become part of their communities. They must speak the local language and adapt to the cultures and customs of the people they serve. Volunteers work with teachers and parents to improve the quality of, and access to, education for children. They work with communities to protect the local environment and to create economic opportunities. Volunteers collaborate with people in developing countries to grow more and better food and keep families healthy. Their larger purpose, however, is

to leave behind skills that allow people in developing countries to take charge of their own futures.

At the same time, Volunteers learn as much, if not more, from the people they serve. When they complete their service in the Peace Corps, Volunteers bring the world back home and strengthen America's understanding of different countries and cultures.

Through the work and contributions of Volunteers, the Peace Corps has emerged as a model of success for efforts to promote sustainable development at the grass-roots level. The Peace Corps, however, is much more than a development agency. Volunteers embody some of America's most enduring values: hope, optimism, freedom, and opportunity. Volunteers bring these values to communities around the world not to impose them on other people or cultures, but instead to build the bridges of friendship and understanding that are the foundation of peace among nations.

The Peace Corps is fulfilling its promise by sharing America's most precious resource with the rest of the world: its people. Volunteers have helped pave the way for progress for countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

## THREE GOALS OF THE PEACE CORPS:

1. To provide Volunteers who contribute to the social and economic development of interested countries;
2. To promote a better understanding of Americans among the people whom Volunteers serve; and
3. To strengthen Americans' understanding about the world and its peoples—to bring the world back home.



*Former Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba at a reception he held for the first Volunteers and staff at his palace in Carthage. To the President's left are former Peace Corps director Dick Graham and former American Ambassador Francis Russell.*

# PEACE CORPS IN TUNISIA

The Peace Corps concludes its program in Tunisia after 34 years of working hand-in-hand with the people of Tunisia. Over the course of this long and productive relationship, Volunteers have responded to John F. Kennedy's challenge. Through their commitment, they have helped Tunisia make significant advances in agriculture, education, health, and urban planning. Over the past quarter century, Tunisia has made remarkable economic and social progress.

Volunteers from the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s are educating America about Tunisia, its people, its culture, and its history. In doing so, they help us transcend cultural barriers and open America to a truth of human nature: friendships build peace.

Tunisia was only five years into its nationhood when President Habib Bourguiba came to the U.S. in May 1961. As the first head of State to visit newly-elected President Kennedy, one of the first items on Bourguiba's agenda was the Peace Corps. President Bourguiba had established himself and Tunisia as reform-oriented and forward-moving by placing a high priority on women's rights, education, and employment. At this first historic meeting, Bourguiba asked President Kennedy for America's help in fulfilling the goals of his ambitious plans for economic development.

Tunisia became the first Arab country to request and receive Peace Corps Volunteers. Entry into Tunisia was groundbreaking and it would help pave the way for Peace Corps Volunteers to work in many other nations of North Africa, the Middle East, and the Islamic World. Much of the experience in language training and cross-cultural understanding first gained in Tunisia would go on to help the Peace Corps prepare and train Volunteers for work in countries such as Morocco, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Turkmenistan.

What started in 1962 became a partnership between two countries that spanned 34 years and enabled 2,382 Americans of all ages and walks of life join forces with the people of Tunisia in a common endeavor to improve the human condition.

*"One of the greatest deeds that will keep the memory of President Kennedy eternal is this successful institution called the Peace Corps.... Our relations will continue to develop in harmony, not only within the diplomatic scope but within the personal and human scope—the best ties and the best means for drawing peoples nearer. I hope to see these Peace Corps Volunteers act as volunteers of friendship between the Tunisian and American peoples."*

President Habib Bourguiba  
Tunis  
January 4, 1964



Volunteers are able to point to the tangible and the intangible to document their part in the evolution of a nation. Chicken coops, beehives, mosques, and roads stand as visible structures erected with the assistance of Volunteers. These structures can be seen, touched, and measured. Volunteers have left an imprint on Tunisia and Tunisians, an imprint that is invisible to the eye, but felt in the hearts and minds to all those who worked together. Volunteers recall a nation of people with whom they worked, lived, and laughed.

## THE SIXTIES TO THE NINETIES: A BROAD SWEEP

Negotiations for the Peace Corps project began in late June 1961. Representatives of the American Embassy in Tunis, led by John Condon, introduced the goals and objectives of the Peace Corps and offered ways in which Volunteers could assist Tunisia. An agreement between the two governments was signed in February 1962.



The first group of 65 Volunteers arrived in Tunisia on August 14, 1962. The first Volunteers were skilled as mechanics, architects, town planners, building and construction supervisors, and physical education teachers.

Volunteer assignments evolved over the four decades as Volunteers listened and responded to the needs of their Tunisian counterparts. Job descriptions were altered so Volunteers would be more useful and effective. The Peace Corps learned to better train Volunteers in language. For example, the primary language taught to Volunteers shifted from French to Arabic as the need for competence in Tunisia's first language became clear. Male and fe-

male Volunteers developed means to integrate into a culture of segregation vastly different from their own. Tunisian counterparts were brought in as trainers to instruct Volunteers on Tunisia's culture and customs, and to train them in needed technical skills for their assignments.

The Peace Corps learned a great deal from 34 years of cooperation with Tunisia. Staff learned that Volunteer projects needed to be implemented over the course of several years. They learned to measure effectiveness, monitor progress, and build on successes. They learned to work closely with Tunisian counterparts at the ministerial level, with the leadership at the regional level, and with their Tunisian counterparts in schools, youth centers, and health clinics.



*"I only wish that I touched some lives with an impact as enduring as Tunisian lives touched mine. Not only in the work that I was fortunate to do, but in the colleagues and friends, the wonderful food, fascinating places and myriad adventures. I was blessed to discover Tunisia."*

Cyndi Reeser  
Peace Corps Volunteer  
Tunisia 1973-76



Over the course of the Peace Corps' presence in Tunisia, 15 Country Directors served. Under their direction and with the tremendous dedication of the Tunisian staff, Peace Corps Volunteers experienced both success and failure, while gaining insight into the culture through language and cross-cultural exchange. Some Volunteers were medically evacuated, some departed early, others extended their stay for an additional tour in Tunisia or took their newly-found skills to another Peace Corps country or into other branches of service. Some Volunteers married, started families, and made Tunisia their home.



1991, when the program was suspended at the outset of the Persian Gulf War. Volunteers left behind friends, co-workers, and neighbors as they, and the rest of the American community living in Tunisia, were evacuated by the U.S. Embassy.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said that a mind stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions. With the Peace Corps' departure from Tunisia, every Volunteer touched by their experience has grown in immeasurable ways.

The collaboration will always serve the United States and Tunisia, as Volunteers return to pursue the third goal of the Peace Corps and share their unique knowledge about Tunisia, its culture, and its people with Americans. The lessons gained in serving two years abroad continue to increase understanding and promote peace.



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Peace Corps Volunteers and staff celebrated remarkable successes, such as the development of the first Special Education school in Djerba. Volunteers and staff supported each other through difficult periods, such as when PCV Steve Butler was killed in the explosion of the Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988. Perhaps the most difficult period came in



# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Among the first Volunteers to go to Tunisia were architects, town planners, and construction supervisors. Sousse and Monastir are two coastal cities whose planning and development were assisted by Volunteers. These early Volunteers were highly skilled Americans working in specialized areas. As Tunisia began to provide its own skilled architects and engineers, the Peace Corps was able to move away from such highly technical, ministry-based assignments and move into more grass-roots initiatives such as the Self-Help Housing project sponsored by the Ministry of Housing. This project focused on providing construction and design guidance to Tunisians seeking loans to build their first homes.



Jacques Ullman, Peace Corps architect, presenting model of grammar school to President Bourguiba on January 4, 1964.

## Erik S. Mustonen Architecture 1968-69

*"I was assigned to work for the Service of Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites on a historic preservation planning study of the medina of Sfax. The project was intended to document what was there and then lead to recommendations of how to improve it for its inhabitants without destroying its historical significance. This was a living historic environment. It contained 15,400 people living in an area only about 400 by 600 meters (about ten acres) with most buildings being only one, two or three stories tall. "Streets" were only two to four meters wide which kept the cars out and made for a natural pedestrian environment.*

*I later learned at the Habitat Forum conference in Vancouver, 1976, that the Tunisians had in fact, been seriously preserving their medinas and were even using old craftsmen to teach traditional building techniques to young men who would then restore old buildings and build new ones inspired by the indigenous architecture we had been seeking to preserve. When I returned to Sfax in 1980 there was a renewed interest in traditional architecture by Tunisians partly because of a realisation of its value for attracting tourism and partly because of an increased appreciation of traditional Muslim and Arab culture and values."*

## MILESTONES

- 1960s – Government of Tunisia (GOT) focuses on infrastructure.
- 1962 – 13 PCV architects arrive.
- 1964 – PCV architect numbers triple.
- 1967 – University of Tunisia opens School of Architecture.
- 1972 – First Tunisian Architects graduate.
- 1989 – GOT effort to improve urban housing.
- 1989 – Peace Corps initiates Self-Help Housing Project.

# BUILDING HORIZONS THROUGH EDUCATION

## MILESTONES

- 1964 – First PCV junior and senior high school teachers arrive.
- 1964-1980 – Over 50,000 Tunisian students taught by PCVs.
- 1970 – Phase-out of English Education begins as Tunisian English teachers emerge.
- 1981 – Volunteers enter Special Education centers (UTAIM).
- 1981 – First Sports Day established, leading to participation in Special Olympics.
- 1986 – Model training facility opened on island of Djerba— first of its kind.
- 1987 – PCVs with Special Education background begin serving in Tunisia.
- 1995 – PCV Special Education team sent to Malta to provide technical assistance.

Although teachers were not among the first Volunteers to go to Tunisia in 1962, Volunteer educators soon followed. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, English education was a primary focus in the developmental plan of Tunisia, and as a result, of Peace Corps Volunteers. English education remained a primary focus for several years until the 1980s, when skilled Tunisian educators took over the job as teachers in primary and secondary schools. Later Volunteers concentrated on English education at the university level where future Tunisian English teachers are taught.

Special education Volunteers initially worked directly with disabled children at centers run by the Tunisian Union to Aid Mentally Handicapped (UTAIM). The project was reorganized in 1987 to in-

crease the skill level of the Volunteers provided and to focus on teacher training. Volunteers made home-visits to families with special-needs children to offer guidance on care and socialization for disabled children.



### **“Visit to El Alia School for the Handicapped” Baudouin de Marcken, Country Director May 1996**

The Country Director, after a visit to a PCV site, highlights a successful collaboration.

*“Everyone who works with or cares for the Peace Corps should have a chance to participate in an event such as the gathering at the El Alia School. It was a superb reaffirmation of the validity of the concepts that underlie the Peace Corps — partnership, a sharing not only of work but also of culture and personal relationship, a people-focused effort, the building of a locally based institution. One needed to spend only an hour at the school in El Alia last Saturday to know that Elizabeth has been an extremely successful Volunteer. The formula for success held no magic but rather the basic elements we know so well — but that can be difficult to gather together: a challenging job that needs to be done, a job that responds to community needs; a Volunteer with a solid professional foundation in the field s/he is asked to address; a Volunteer who has benefited from an effective language training program and who can confidently build her mastery of the local language through growing relationships with her colleagues and friends in her community. Elizabeth did her part. She brought commitment, a genuine professional respect for the work and a willingness to share her skills and build her colleagues’ professional talent. There is no doubt this association enjoys a sufficiently strong commitment from its membership and from a few community leaders to continue to exist into the future, long after Elizabeth will have left.”*

## DEVELOPING YOUTH

Tunisia's attempt to focus on the nation's youth created another opportunity for Peace Corps programming to be refashioned over the years. Peace Corps Volunteers have been credited with bringing basketball to Tunisia through the sports project that started in the 1960s. By 1992, the Peace Corps' involvement with youth through sports had evolved to the participation in a national initiative, under President Ben Ali, to raise the participation of Tunisian youth in society through support of rural youth centers.



**Jessica Jordan**  
**Youth Development**  
1992-94

*Jessica J. Jordan started a sewing co-op for girls in the small town of El Metbasta. With donated equipment and supplies, Jessica kept 15-20 girls busy making textile products that were sold at a local tourist crafts shop and in a community crafts fair. Because so many of her students were illiterate, she devised visual aides to teach quality control, basic accounting, marketing, and purchasing of materials. Six months after she left Tunisia, Jessica learned her friends were no longer sewing, they were learning to read and write instead.*

**Geri Daily**  
**Sports**  
1962-64

*"I was with the first Peace Corps group that went to Tunisia. I was a physical education teacher at the Melleque village. I worked with Jerry Fit and Pat Merits. We taught physical education and coached young boys ages 4-16 who were either orphaned or abandoned on the streets of Tunis. Melleque was an original workers camp for those working on the Melleque dam. It was a beautiful setting in the mountains with the river, lake, and dam to add to the natural beauty.*

*"I loved working with the boys, my Tunisian counterpart Monseph, the Tunisian workers in the village, Pat and Jerry. There were about 6-8 large cabins which held about 25 boys and an adult monitor in each.*

*"Besides teaching and coaching, we also played on the local teams. Jerry was an excellent basketball player in college and instilled his skills to all in the village. My presence on the men's team was quite a shock at first but was accepted gradually."*

## MILESTONES

- 1966 – First Youth PCVs arrive.
- 1963 – PCV Dan Noack appointed assistant coach of National Basketball team.
- 1960-70s – Youth needs addressed by Sports, Education, and Nursing PCVs.
- 1988 – Youth PCVs return via the Tunisian National Sports Federation.
- 1991 – Tunisian Year of the Youth.
- 1992 – Peace Corps initiates the Youth Project based in rural youth centers.

# KEEPING FAMILIES HEALTHY

## MILESTONES

- 1963 – First hospital and clinic-based PCV nurses arrive.
- 1967 – GOT focuses on educating new mothers and family planning.
- 1968 – 35 PCV nurses arrive to assist with family planning.
- 1970s – PCVs focus on nutrition, health education, water/sanitation.

Peace Corps Volunteers made important contributions in health education, family planning, nursing, and laboratory technology, and assisted Tunisia in raising life expectancy levels and lowering infant mortality rates. The earliest assignments were for nurses, who worked in hospitals and infirmaries in the 1960s and 1970s. These early Volunteers helped to redefine the role of nurses in Tunisia, who previously had received very little training. By the 1980s, Tunisia's improvements in health care allowed Peace Corps Tunisia to concentrate in other areas of social service, such as special education.



### Margaret Gallen Health 1963-65

One Nurse Volunteer, Margaret Gallen, worked in a World Health Organization Clinic outside Tunis that treated nearly 200 infants daily for malnutrition and acute dehydration. While the Peace Corps Health program focused initially on improving the quality of care in city hospitals, it eventually expanded to include rural public health and family planning.

In 1967 the Government of Tunisia focused attention on the problem of population growth. One of the major elements of the Tunisian National Family Planning program was the bedside education of new mothers in maternity hospitals. The Peace Corps medical Volunteers had previously demonstrated the feasibility of this approach, and in 1968, 35 Tunisian nurses were trained to perform this work. This began continuous family planning education in Tunisia.

# TRANSFERRING SKILLS AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Peace Corps Tunisia Volunteers worked in agriculture, fisheries, and mechanics. The Volunteers who worked in these areas made great strides in transferring skills and helping Tunisia gain self-sufficiency.

In a demonstration dairy project, four Volunteers—Russell B. Morrison (1979-81) from Ohio, Kurt Beach (1979-81) from Tennessee, John A. Craven (1979-80) from Connecticut, and Michael Lanza (1979-81) from New York—helped local farmers triple the milk production of their small herds.



## MILESTONES

- 1960s – PCV mechanics provide assistance and training.
- 1970s – Vocational PCVs offer training at technical centers and marine fisheries.
- 1980s – Agricultural extensionists teach farming methods.
- 1990s – PCVs provide outreach through secondary projects such as tree planting.

### Michelle Iseminger Youth 1993-96

*"One of the most exciting new dimensions of the project is the entrepreneurial element. The micro-business idea began by me reading in the journal *Beekeeping and Development*, about how beekeepers could expand their income generation possibilities by marketing by-products of beekeeping. Instead of depending exclusively on the honey harvest sales, I learned on my own how I could teach others how to use their beeswax, which they usually burned every autumn anyway, in a variety of products. The sale from these products could lengthen their income-earning time, after the honey was all gone. I designed a solar wax melter from a standard box hive and this pattern will enable farmers to duplicate the melter with little cost, since they can use a spare box instead of buying new wood.*

*"So now, in October 1995, we have opened three micro-enterprises that sell lip balm, foundation wax sheets, candles, and soap. The lip balm is distributed from four businesses throughout the country and is bought by Americans as well as Tunisians. And no, I don't have an MBA nor was I trained to do small enterprise development—but so what! Any Volunteer who has the determination and motivation can leap into other sectors of development and come out on top. It's all for the benefit of the host country nationals you're serving. My friend Hedi, who lives in a hovel in the mountains with his wife, mother, and 13 children now earns 70-80 dinars a month, whereas before he earned only 30-40 dinars. He is rather glad that I took the risk to learn about beeswax products and try my hand at business."*



## THE THIRD GOAL

The technical assistance that Peace Corps Volunteers bring to developing countries is only part of the Peace Corps' mission. On June 19, 1996, as President Bill Clinton observed in a Rose Garden Ceremony celebrating the Peace Corps' 35th Anniversary:

*"...the truest measure of the Peace Corps' greatness has been more than its impact on development. The real gift of the Peace Corps is the gift of the human heart, pulsing with the spirit of civic responsibility that is the core of America's character. It is forever an antidote to cynicism, a living challenge to intolerance, an enduring promise that the future can be better and that people can live richer lives if we have the faith and strength and compassion and good sense to work together."*

*"Let us always remember that the truest measure of the Peace Corps' greatness has been more than its impact on development. The real gift of the Peace Corps is the gift of the human heart . . ."*

President Bill Clinton  
White House Rose Garden  
June 19, 1996

through two years of living and working within host country communities.

This was the case in Tunisia. After only two years, President Bourguiba said that, in addition to the technical assistance rendered by Peace Corps Volunteers, the Volunteers would also serve a dual mission to acquaint the United States with other people.

*"[The collaboration] allows the opportunity to the peoples of the developing countries to know the United States, not through leaders, ministers and ambassadors, but through the people themselves who struggle, suffer, live and hope like the American people."*

The announcement of the closure of Peace Corps Tunisia in 1996 has led many Volunteers to reflect on what was one of the most important events in their lives. The Peace Corps Tunisia Country Director and various staff have received countless letters and phone calls from past Volunteers who remember the most significant aspects of the days when they lived, worked, prayed, laughed, and played in Tunisia.





# PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

The following excerpts are from letters, articles, and Peace Corps Tunisia publications provided by Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Because each Volunteer experience is unique, each excerpts provide a different picture and an individual memory of Tunisia.

### Regis Lemaire 1962-64

*"... as I was getting out of the truck one of the village administrators came to me in a somber manner saying in Arabic, as best as I could make out, that President Kennedy was dead. At first I did not take him seriously thinking, he was confused, but as I watched the others in the village around me, I could tell they looked uncomfortable....I took a chance tuning (the radio) to a station out of an Air Force base. The first sounds were of somber music then the dreaded words 'This afternoon in Dallas ...'*

*"Something from myself had been taken away. 'Peace Corps Volunteer' had meant little to the people in the village, they could not relate to this. But 'Les Enfants de Kennedy', 'Kennedy's children' this they related to very well ... Early the next morning a knock came to the door. Opening it I found some of the children lined up to offer condolences. They brought me bread for breakfast. Then came the director of the village and some of the counselors and teachers. For the rest of the day a steady stream of people, some from the hills came to offer their sympathy ... From my window I could see the Tunisian flag flying at half mast."*



*The assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963 had a profound effect on every Volunteer who had felt compelled to enter the Peace Corps in response to JFK's challenge to America's youth.*





**Sally Utz Young**  
**Education**  
**1966-68**

*"I was a Volunteer in Tunisia assigned to the Gabes project to teach "headstart" and family planning education . . . We watched children develop and blossom over the course of the year. They went from having no idea how to hold a pencil to creating wonderful child-like drawings — they learned songs and games and how to get along together.*

*"My Peace Corps experience has altered my life immeasurably. I've maintained a close connection to Tunisia and Tunisians and an interest in the Arab world. It has influenced the choices I've made in how I live my life. As a result, my life has been full of connections and friendships with people from other parts of the world and my current work is in international education and inter cultural communications."*



**Brad Hinkfuss**  
**Self-Help Housing**  
**1991-93**

*"How have I felt? What have I done? What have I been? I have been mute and illiterate all over again, and walked a year-long road to being able to communicate with the people I came to work with. I've eaten food so hot I thought my mouth would bleed and my whole body spontaneously combust, although I like it now. I am the fourth little pig, having built and lived in my own house. I am a giant, tallest person in my first town for a year-and-a-half and even now seeing few who even come close. I'm the hottest dinner ticket in town, as everyone asks the American to eat their couscous. I'm an ogre, old women crossing to the other side of the street and some kids falling nervously silent as I walk by. I might be Muslim, Catholic, Hindu or atheist, depending on what I'm trying to do. Sponging sauce up with bread and Arabic rolling off my tongue, I've even had a few people who thought I just might be Tunisian — but that I've never been. What makes it all so big, whether that feels good or bad, is being an outsider and learning so much because of it. "*



**Cyndi Reeser**  
**Health**  
**1973-76**

*"Twenty years after I left Tunisia, I reflect on the immense impact those three and a half years have had on my life. If it could be summarized in one word, it would be one of the most beautiful words I have ever learned, whose spelling, but not meaning, is difficult to capture in English. Barakallah fik. While it rolls off the tongue with ease, it originates in the heart. In English, the closest we come to this word is 'God bless you.'*

*"I feel very blessed by the opportunity to have lived and worked in Tunisia. I will always remember how shocked I was to see the emaciated little bodies of the poor children brought to the clinic. Although I helped provide weaning foods through malnutrition clinics, I knew that my efforts and those of the organizations I was working with were limited by factors we could scarcely impact.*

*"I found my calling to the profession of nutritionist in the Peace Corps. I am grateful for the many learning opportunities which were available to me to build skills which I have shared with others since that time. I only wish that I touched some lives with an impact as enduring as Tunisian lives touched mine. Not only in the work that I was fortunate to do, but in the colleagues and friends, the wonderful food, fascinating places and myriad adventures. I was blessed to discover Tunisia."*

**Lynne Panian**  
**Special Education**  
**1987-89**

*I could write a book about my service here. I will say that I have found Tunisians to be warm, friendly, hospitable and generous. The first visit to my especially close family here is still very vivid in my mind. I was sitting next to ummi (my mother) admiring a small, silver ring with the initial 'M' on it, which she was wearing. At that very moment, she took it off, placed it on my finger and said (in Arabic, of course) 'Now I am your mother while you are in Tunisia'."*



## THE LEGACY OF PEACE CORPS

The Peace Corps and the Volunteers who served in Tunisia from 1962 to 1996 have made a difference. The assistance provided by individual Volunteers may seem small and difficult to measure. Added together, the work of Peace Corps Volunteers contributed to the overall goals of the Government of Tunisia's plan of advancement. Countless Americans and Tunisians have profited from this exercise in collaboration. Lessons have been learned and many anecdotes have been shared that will forever tell the story of a small North African nation, its people, and the adventurous Americans who traveled there to help.

Many Americans who served as Peace Corps Volunteers in Tunisia have moved into positions of diplomacy, scholarship, education, and service. Their experience as Volunteers launched them into positions where they contribute to international understanding and change. Mary Pendleton (1966-68) rose through the ranks at the Department of State to achieve ambassadorship. Ambassador Laurence E. Pope (1968-69) serves as Ambassador to the North African nation of Chad. Shaun E. Donnelly (1968-70), now Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Trade, Policy and Programs, was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Tunis from 1989 to 1992.

Lewis I. Cohen (1964-66) served as Chief Economic Officer at the Embassy in Tunis from 1986 through 1988. Elizabeth White (1964-66), who returned as Country Director for Peace Corps Tunisia in 1990, has moved on to a deputy director position in the Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration at the Department of State.

The field of Middle Eastern Studies is also populated with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers from Tunisia. Laurence O. Michalak (1964-66) is Vice Chair of the Middle East Center at the University of California at Berkeley. His scholarship of the Middle East region carries him back to Tunisia to conduct anthropological tours and to participate in international conferences on Middle Eastern studies. Fred Huxley (1965-67), who with Gerard Hennigan (1965-67) started the Friends of Tunisia, studied and taught anthropology at the American University in Beirut. He also taught anthropology and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Michigan at Dearborn and the University of California at Davis. His work in this field has brought him to the United States Information Agency where he works on Middle Eastern affairs. Jerry Lampe (1965-67) is a professor of Arabic at Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C.

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## ...IN TUNISIA

Peace Corps Volunteers have also written about Tunisia and the Middle East. Julie Clancy-Smith (1972-74) is a professor of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona at Tuscon. She is the author of an award-winning book entitled *Tunisia and Algeria in the 20th Century*. Friends of Tunisia head Phil Jones (1966-68) set his novel, *Lions in Tunis*, in Tunisia. Michael Sells (1972-74), a professor of literature at the University of Chicago, has translated several Arabic classics into English.

Many Peace Corps Volunteers have brought Tunisia home through their work for the Peace Corps. Josephine K. (Jody) Olsen (1966-68) who was Chief of Operations at the Peace Corps under Director Paul Coverdell, is Executive Director of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, which administers Fulbright grants. Gary Garrison (1966-69) who returned to Tunis to work with the American Institute for Maghrebi Studies also works at the Council for International Exchange in the Middle East division. Bruce Cohen (1967-69) served as Country Director for the Peace Corps in Senegal and Zaire. He also served during the start-up phase of AmeriCorps and currently works

for an international volunteer organization that promotes sending Jewish-Americans to serve abroad. Richard E. (Dick) Wall (1965-68) served as Peace Corps Country Director in Chad and continues to provide development consultation. Frank Tizedes (1989-91) and Parin Shah (1993-95) are both Peace Corps recruiters. With tales of Tunisia and recollections of their Tunisian counterparts, they are recruiting the next generation of Volunteers. Helen D. (Kelly) Brest Van Kempen (1964-66) sits on the Board of Directors of the National Peace Corps Association, and her husband, Gustaaf F. Brest Van Kempen (1964-66), frequently travels to Tunisia to provide expert consultation in urban development and architecture for the World Bank.

Early Volunteer architects have gone on to head architectural programs where they enlighten their students to the design concepts of the Arab world. Bruce J. Abbey (1966-69) is Dean of the School of Architecture at Syracuse University, and Stanley I. Hallet (1964-66) is Dean of the School of Architecture at Catholic University.

Tunisia Volunteers have created a legacy of Tunisia and the Middle East in their writing . . . Many Peace Corps Tunisia Volunteers have brought Tunisia home through their work for the Peace Corps.





## CONCLUSION

As with every transition in life, the closure of Peace Corps Tunisia brings both a sense of nostalgia and a sense of celebration. Volunteers are nostalgic about their past experiences and proud of the legacy they helped to create. They know the coastal resort towns designed with Volunteer assistance still stand. Volunteers know basketball is now as a national sport in Tunisia. Special Olympics will continue after the departure of Peace Corps Volunteers. Volunteers know an entire cadre of Tunisian English teachers — many first taught by Volunteers — educates the next generation of Tunisian teachers. And most importantly, Volunteers know that their Tunisian-American friendships—built on mutual respect, understanding, and

simple camaraderie—will continue long after the departure of the Peace Corps.

When the Peace Corps embarked upon its mission in Tunisia, the goal was for each Volunteer to work his or herself out of a job. The Peace Corps never intended to remain in Tunisia forever. Indeed, Peace Corps Volunteers have been witness to the rapid development of Tunisia and can take pride in their participation in it. Volunteers who have served there, staff who have generously supported them, the government, and the people of Tunisia, can congratulate each other on the lasting success of their partnership.

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### DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

Steven Butler  
PCV  
May 1988 - December 1988

Gary Reynolds  
PCV  
1965-68

Terri Phipps  
Administrative Officer  
1986-88

