



Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, D.C.

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Tom Hebert

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Dear Mr. Hebert,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we have reviewed your January 4 draft proposal for an adaptable public-private partnership to create a settlement house in Ward 8 and believe that such a project would be feasible and in keeping with the spirit of the Peace Corps. The volunteer opportunities it outlines would likely find support among our members, and the presence of a physical location serving the community could streamline the planning and implementation of Third Goal activities.

We also recognize the challenges involved in making this idea a reality, and stress the need to achieve complete support from stakeholders at all levels. While we are willing to assist with volunteer recruitment and project publicity, the majority of our members work full time jobs, or are looking to do so, so we urge that Peace Corps House be professionally staffed, independently managed and responsive to strategic partnerships.

We applaud you for offering up constructive, heartfelt solutions to the deprivations and injustices we witness every day in our own communities, and welcome any idea that draws on our experiences abroad and uses them to improve the lives of our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Chris Robinson, Jamaica '07-'09

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