

Kathryn Hanowell -- DR 21 1967-1969 Family Planning and Maternal Child Health

As for most of us, Peace Corps was a life changing experience. I served in DR 21, 1967-1967 working in Family Planning and Maternal Child Health. With an influx of A.I.D. funding after the civil war, our group of women volunteers worked within the Dominican public health and hospital system to get family planning clinics up and running. We were markedly successful with well attended clinics in Los Minas, Centro Sanitario of Santo Domingo, Santiago, and then Mao, Monción, and Monte Criste.

After Peace Corps and graduate school, I continued to work in Maternal and Child Health on the Navajo Reservation, with teen parents in Seattle, with the small Northwest Indian Tribes, and then built a human resources career with the City of Bellingham.

Raised at the foot of the Olympics and now living rural along the North Cascades near the Canadian Border, my husband Tim McMurry and I are true north westerners. We have a small commercial hazelnut orchard. I continue volunteer service as board member of our award winning Bellingham Farmers Market as well as political work for progressive causes. I am glad to support the work of the Friends in continuing service to the DR.