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### **The VISTA Volunteer**

In the late '60s VISTA printed a monthly magazine known as *VISTA Volunteer*. In this installment of the Viewfinder, we have digitized the March, 1969 issue of the *VISTA Volunteer* for your reading pleasure. Consider the legacy you're a part of...

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**Of note:** Harris Wofford, who writes the “Beware of Hidden Hippies” piece, went on to become a U.S. Senator for Pennsylvania from 1991 to 1995 and CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service from 1995 to 2001. You may also recognize Sen. Wofford from his relationship with our current president - he introduced then Senator Obama at the National Constitution Center before the “A More Perfect Union” speech.

Also, below the Table of Contents in the Editorial pdf, you’ll see reference to *A Year Towards Tomorrow*, VISTA’s Academy Award winning film, which can be [viewed on the Campus](#).

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## Editorial

By Acting VISTA Director Padraic Kennedy

Historically, in America, voluntarism has been a concept rooted in the tradition of noblesse oblige. But times have changed. Volunteer action is rapidly becoming a central theme in the nation's effort to deal with poverty. And VISTA is a key part of that effort.

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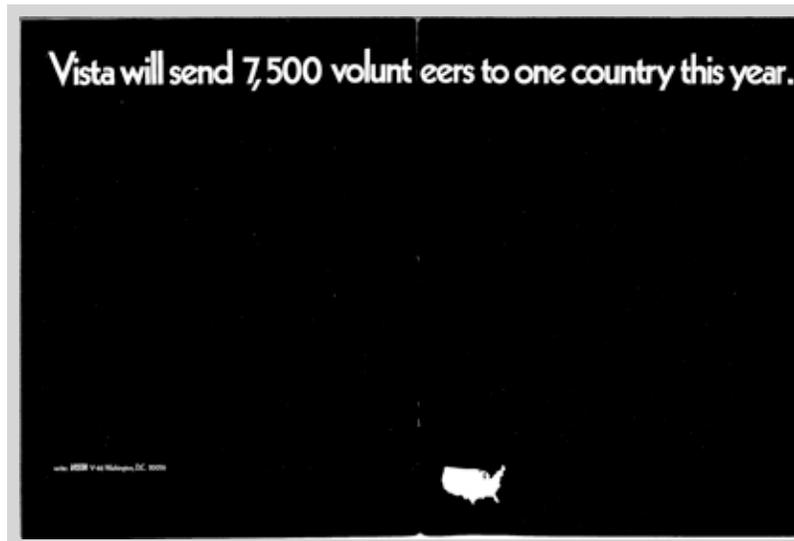
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## Help Wanted: Inquire Within

By Robin Williams

Never volunteer for anything. That's what they say in the army, and they've been saying it for years. If you're poor, it's your own fault. That also has been said for years. But some people haven't listened; some people volunteered years of their lives to work with the poor and the needy. They understood that people are usually in need through no fault of their own, but because of wars, natural disasters, illnesses or flaws in human societies.

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## Beware Of Hidden Hippies

By Harris Wofford

Not long ago the spectre haunting America was the Organization Man, an acquiescent, conforming, programmed bureaucrat in a gray flannel suit. But a funny thing is happening to us on the way to 1984. The advanced technological society seems to have produced its own antibodies. There is a new spirit of independence, non-conformity, and spontaneity abroad in the land. Indeed there appears to be a world-wide revolt of the clerks underway, at least among a younger generation that is trying to find – or itself to be – an antidote to bureaucracy and the bureaucratic life.

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## **Where Is The Independent Sector?**

By Richard Cornuelle

The American does not like big government, but he is not “conservative.” He wants to live in an orderly, humane society where the streets are clean and the poor are cared for, but he is not “liberal”.

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## **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

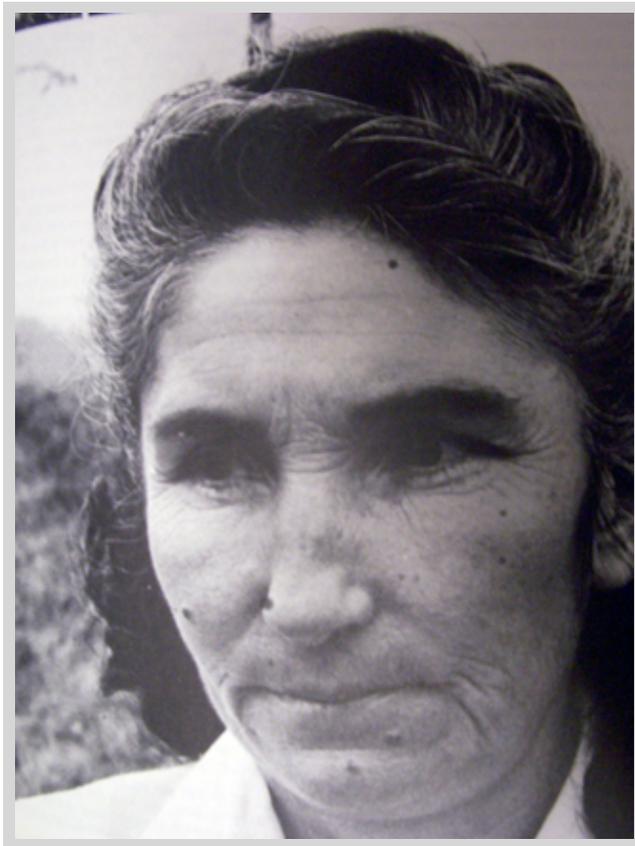
By John Coyne

I first heard of the Peace Corps a few days after Senator John F. Kennedy defined it to a group of students at the University of Michigan during the presidential campaign of 1960. I took the Peace Corps Placement Test that next summer, and one year later, after graduate school, was off to Georgetown University to train with the first Volunteers to Ethiopia.

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## **Ruth Pearce: Rockcastle County, Kentucky**



Ruth Pearce is a country woman. She lives in a house that she and her husband, Roy, built and are still adding on to. The house stands on “half an acre, more or less” across the road from Ruth’s father’s 50 acres in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

Since June of 1968 Ruth has been a VISTA Volunteer. Before that time the Pearce’s lived on a small pension and Ruth’s garden. “A family can save upwards of \$1000 a year if they know how to grow a garden.”

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**Francis Tighe:  
Cass Job Corps Center**



Francis Tighe is a 71-year-old VISTA Volunteer who has spent almost two years teaching and welding at the Pine Knot Jobs Corps Center in Kentucky and the Cass Job Corps Center in Arkansas. Mr. Tighe retired in 1963 from his job as machine shop superintendent in a large plant in Torrance, Calif.

I don't feel qualified to discuss the broader aspects of a Vista Volunteer's experience since my twenty-three months in Vista have been as a welding instructor in three different Job Corps Centers.

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## Footnotes

So that the rest of America can enjoy "down home" cooking VISTA Volunteers at the Peter Maurin Neighborhood House in West Oakland, California, have collected recipes for dishes like chitterlings, yams, and greens and published a Soul Cookbook.

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**Ben Sheldon**  
Boston, MA

**Ben**, e-mail [VISTAOutreach@cns.gov](mailto:VISTAOutreach@cns.gov) with your address and shirt size, and we'll send you a VISTA hoodie!

**VISTAs and alumni**, keep posting “V is for” photos and stories to enter the contest. Remember, winners are chosen at random so upload a photo today! You only have to post once to be eligible for every issue. For more information, visit the [VISTA Campus](#).

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## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q: What is the Viewfinder?

*A: VISTA means view-looking out on a broad expanse. The viewfinder, a toy that all generations of VISTAs recognize, was a kind of binocular that focused on points of interest, highlights, and snapshots in living color. The VISTA Viewfinder surveys in the landscape and zeroes in on service.*

### Q. Why the Viewfinder?

*A. Here's your direct link to connecting with other VISTAs, learning what they are doing, and helping to spread the message of VISTA and national service!*

### Q. How can I contribute?

*A. Have a story to tell? Submission ideas? Contact [vistaoutreach@cns.gov](mailto:vistaoutreach@cns.gov). Use the Viewfinder to highlight your VISTA service and share your experiences with others across the country!*

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