



## Fund for Southern Communities E-Newsletter

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### Good News Friends!

We're happy to offer new ways to support social justice without even writing a check. The Fund for Southern Communities (FSC/the Fund) has partnered with Capital One Card Lab Connect to create a custom credit card for our newest fundraising program AND we've begun a very special Facebook Cause!



Through Lab Connect, 1% of every purchase with the card will be donated to FSC. We'll also receive a \$50 bonus donation when you make your first purchase between now and December 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a great way to support valuable social justice work through your everyday purchases. We know you're probably gearing up for holiday shopping so now is a great time to sign up! [Click here!](#) to learn more about the card!



You can support the Fund by joining our Cause on Facebook! [Click here!](#) to donate directly to our Cause! Can't donate directly? No problem, there's an even easier way to support our Cause on Facebook - without even making a direct donation! Just join our Cause, download the Causes search toolbar, and start web surfing. For every search performed, \$.01 will be donated to FSC. [Click here!](#) to download the toolbar!

Soon we'll award grants for our Media Justice Initiative, Reproductive Justice Initiative and our Fall General Grant Cycle. Your donations will help us to fulfill our grantmaking commitments. Please consider a new way of donating today.

*Your support is deeply appreciated. Have a wonderful Holiday season!*

Reproductive Justice for All!

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The first year of our Reproductive Justice Funding Initiative is nearly over. We will announce our first round of grantees soon. Grantee partners will consist of organizations led by women of color that are addressing reproductive health disparities by creating solutions and policies that best serve the needs of their communities.



FSC was selected to be one of only 13 foundations in the nation to receive a matching grant from the Catalyst Fund of the Tides Foundation, a national program to build a stronger and more unified movement for reproductive justice. Reproductive justice organizations, which operate using a winning strategy framed by cooperation, justice and inclusivity, are drastically under funded. These groups make essential contributions to the success of the whole reproductive rights and health movement.

Thank you to the supporters who have already donated to this initiative. We still need your help in the struggle for reproductive justice. Every dollar you donate will be matched, up to \$100,000. Please help support reproductive justice organizing across the south. Your contribution will make certain a woman's right to comprehensive reproductive health includes her safety, economic prosperity and protection from toxins. As President Obama stated, **"It is not just an issue of choice, but equality and opportunity for all women."**

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## Welcome Aboard Elizabeth!



The Fund for Southern Communities would like to welcome newest staff member, Elizabeth Reynolds, of the AmeriCorps VISTA program. Elizabeth, a graduate of Wofford College, joined the Fund in September. She will assist with development and program tasks. Elizabeth holds a bachelor's degree in English. As a native Georgian, she is excited to work with an organization that fuels social change in her community and throughout the South.

AmeriCorps VISTA is a federally funded program working to fight poverty with a passion. VISTA members serve for one year within a nonprofit or local government agency to build the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations that foster economic development and/or social change within the community.

## Office Space Update!

As you may have read in previous newsletters, the Fund for Southern Communities has been seeking a new location. Due to the state of the economy, we knew we would not be able to renew our lease. In order to survive and continue to serve the southeast with grantmaking, we had to be proactive in reducing or eliminating portions of our over-head costs.

Thankfully, we were able to reduce costs without relocating. FSC is now located in the same office, but we are only renting

part of the space. Through some creative organizing, we were able to downsize from nearly 1,000 square feet to 584. We are happy that this reduction will allow us to keep our doors open and continue working for social justice.

