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Dear Friend,

In appreciation of your support, we would like to extend a warm "thank you" for helping the Fund make it through 2009! It was a difficult year for everyone with the downturn in the economy, especially for non-profits. Many organizations had to close their doors but thanks to you, the Fund is still here! You continued supporting FSC when times were rough. We are so grateful.

Your Friends at the Fund

Reproductive Justice Matching Opportunity Update!

FSC is continuing to raise money for our Reproductive Justice Funding Initiative. Every dollar we raise will be **matched 100%, up to \$100,000**. This funding will support organizations working to ensure the rights of all women to make healthy decisions about their bodies, sexuality, and reproduction. Our grantee partners will be organizations led by women that are addressing the immediate reproductive health disparities by creating solutions and policies that best address the needs of their communities. We need your support and so do they! You can help sustain their essential work by [donating now!](#) Remember, Every Dollar Counts!

Congratulations to Our Newest Members to the Fund!

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The Fund for Southern Communities is excited to welcome our three new board members for 2009-2011.

Dwayne Patterson (GA) serves a diverse population working to create change and sustainability as a Community Organizer at the Center for Community Change. He's well established within the nonprofit and grassroots communities. Dwayne will contribute his time, talents and treasure while servicing the FSC during this economic crisis. Welcome Dwayne!

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Things To Remember

- The Fund for Southern Communities will not host our annual **Sweet Honey In The Rock She Rocks!** @ concert this year. We look forward to welcoming them back in the future.

Shanon Hart (NC) has worked with many nonprofits providing amazing Technology Consultancy. She will provide a fresh voice to the board and the organization as it relates to technology. Shanon's research expertise will assist our board in making decisions as well as providing strategic development and planning to the Fund. Welcome Shanon!

Sheila Moore (GA) has worked on many fundraising efforts for several non-profit organizations in the Atlanta area. Her fundraising expertise will be a great asset to the Fund. Sheila also served on both the FSC Board of Directors and grants committee in the early 2000's. We're glad to have you back Sheila!

Media Justice Success!



Fiscal Year 2010 will mark the end of FSC's Media Justice Funding Initiative. At FSC, we believe in the rights of all people and communities to have their information and communication needs met. We're pleased to have funded over \$100,000 to grassroots organizations working on issues like net neutrality, national broadband, media ownership and public media access.

For the last four years, FSC has partnered with the Funding Exchange, through the support of the Ford Foundation, to implement the Media Justice Fund. FSC has supported the leadership of people of color, low-income, LBGTQI communities and youth working within traditionally marginalized communities to organize around media to affect accountability, infrastructure and policy.

Our grantees include organizations like the Empowerment Resource Center of Asheville. The Empowerment Resource Center is dedicated to empowering people to create change in their lives and in the community. Funding from the Media Justice Fund helps operate a 24/7 low-power radio station and website that provides knowledge, tools and resources to improve the overall quality of life for people of color and those of low wealth in their community. Media Justice grantees have included:

[Citizens for Police Review, TN](#)
[Common Sense Foundation, NC](#)
[Empowerment Resource Center of Asheville/Buncombe, Inc., NC](#)
[GALEO Latino Community Development Fund, GA](#)
[Latin American and Caribbean Community Center, GA](#)
[The Peoples Channel, NC](#)
[Rainbow Radio, SC](#)
[South Carolina Progressive Network Education Fund, SC](#)
[Southern Coalition for Social Justice, NC](#)
[WRFG Radio, GA](#)

Shop for a Cause!



You may have heard about FSC's Cause on Facebook. It's a way to donate online and spread the word about grassroots social justice work to friends and family.

Now Cause supporters have a new way to help FSC. You can *Shop for a Cause* by using the free Causes toolbar. When you shop online at Target, GAP, Barnes & Noble, Ebay, Expedia and other sites, the retailer will donate a percentage to FSC. This is a great way to support social justice through your everyday spending.

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