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REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FOR ALL

The struggle for reproductive justice needs your help. Through the *Reproductive Justice Funding Initiative: Donor Challenge*, the Fund for Southern Communities (the Fund / FSC) is moving financial support in the form of grants to reproductive justice organizations in the south. **Every dollar we raise for the challenge will be matched 100%**, up to \$100,000!

Recently, 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.

Reproductive Justice is a framework that links reproductive rights to broader structures of inequality. It enhances traditional efforts to include other policies and conditions that affect reproductive health, such as family violence, toxic environments, human trafficking and other issues of fair treatment, access and equity. Within the reproductive justice framework there is a space to address the reproductive health needs of *all* women, not just a select few. The Fund for Southern Communities embraces reproductive justice for its contribution to the larger need for structural transformation, self-determination, immediate action and freedom of all marginalized communities.

Grantee partners of the Fund's reproductive justice grantmaking 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, which in the south are the highest in the nation. The power of reproductive justice organizations in the south is exemplified through the multiple invitations from the White House to Atlanta's [SisterSong: Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective](#) to discuss the Obama Administration's reproductive policy measures.

Even President Obama is clued in to the need to fight the battles of reproductive inequity using a more inclusive and justice-based framework, as indicated the following quote: "A woman's ability to decide how many children to have and when, without interference from the government, is one of the most fundamental rights we possess. **It is not just an issue of choice, but equality and opportunity for all women.**"

Please support FSC's *Reproductive Justice Funding Initiative: Donor Challenge* to support reproductive justice organizing across the south. Your support will make certain a woman's right to comprehensive reproductive health includes her safety, economic prosperity and protection from toxins. We must raise up all women. We must fight for our lives. And we must win. For Justice!

DONATE NOW!

**Specify the cause in the comments box.*



OFFICE SPACE NEEDED

The Fund is seeking a new location for little or no cost. The current office is approximately 1,000 square feet with three individual offices. However, the staff is prepared to relocate to a smaller space, if necessary. We wish to find a space with adequate room to accommodate five staff members anywhere in metropolitan Atlanta. We hope to find an area with free parking and we are willing to share space.

Please contact our office to share any ideas or information regarding available office space (404) 371 – 8404 or fsc@fundforsouth.org.

DEVELOPMENT / PROGRAM ASSOCIATE JOB OPPORTUNITY



The Fund for Southern Communities is looking to add a new member to our team. The position for Development/Program Associate will be available as of the end of May and we will be holding interviews throughout the month of May. [Click Here](#) to view a full job position description. Send resume and cover letter to Alice Jenkins, 315 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 1061, Decatur, GA 30030 or fsc@fundforsouth.org. For more information call our office (404) 371-8404. No faxes will be accepted.

FSC SAYS FAREWELL TO INTERN

The Fund for Southern Communities was fortunate to have Georgia Tech senior, Ashley Halsey, as an intern for the spring 2009 semester. Ashley is a business management major and is heavily involved in school and church activities. She was involved in the Christian Campus Fellowship and was a senior leader in the ministry. Ashley is a Georgia native, but she won't be in Georgia for much longer. In the fall, she plans on entering the Peace Corps for two years, and hopes to go to Africa to help people learn about business and microfinance. She also intends to volunteer in an orphanage. Ashley thinks the best part about interning at the Fund was getting to see how a non-profit organization is run. She enjoyed being a part of the staff meetings and getting to help with Sweet Honey marketing to churches and schools. Says Ashley, "I really enjoyed being a part of an organization that works for social change on a grassroots level and saw how crucial it is to work hard for what you believe in." She will be greatly missed and we wish her the best of luck in the future.



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