

# Annual Report 2004-2005

## FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Fund for Southern Communities is a public foundation that supports and unites organizations and donors working to create just and sustainable communities that are free of oppression and that embrace and celebrate all people. Through grantmaking and related activities the Fund for Southern Communities fosters social change initiated by community-based groups in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

“Change not Charity”™

#### 2004-2005

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Dear Friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that I greet you to celebrate the conclusion of another fiscal year at FSC! This year, we have continued in our mission to support progressive grassroots organizations focused on social change.

With the theme of forward movement at the forefront of strategic planning, we are pleased to be engaged in the process of accessing new and innovative methods of implementing outreach campaigns and promoting FSC's grantmaking programs. In light of the fact that many major occurrences are happening in communities all around us, we anticipate that many groups are organizing to address social issues of all types and we continue to support this very important and needed work.

We have had recent staff changes and were happy to bring three new employees on board in the programs and development areas. We also greatly benefited from the contribution of interns from Agnes Scott College and Towers High School.

Thank you so very much to all of FSC's stakeholders and supporters including all of our individual donors, The Coca-Cola Company, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Southern Partners Fund, Georgia Pacific Company, Southern Rural Development Initiative and The Funding Exchange. Your support ensures that FSC is able to continue to do our part in impacting social change through grantmaking.

As we quickly approach the celebration of our 25th anniversary, we are focused on bridging the gap between grantees and donors and celebrating all of FSC's many generous and dedicated stakeholders over the years. In planning for our celebration, we have had an opportunity to truly gauge where we've been, where we are and where we are headed. Please plan to join us as prepare to enter our second quarter century.

Sincerely,

Naomi Randolph  
Chair, Board of Directors

### GRANTS CYCLE DEADLINES

Please note the deadlines for submitting proposals have changed!!!

The deadline date will be announced annually via our website, newsletter and information sessions.

All proposals must be received in the office by 5:00 p.m. on deadline date.

Late or incomplete proposals will not be considered for funding.

Congratulations to FSC's  
2005 Torchbearer  
Recipient

Shirley Clark Franklin  
Mayor, City of Atlanta



Below: Youth from Time Out Youth protest a homophobic entertainer at a music concert in Charlotte, NC.



## GRANTEES

**Agricultural Resource & Pesticide Center - \$2000**  
Raleigh, NC  
Project support for the Drift Watch Project that locates, educates, and organizes communities affected by pesticide exposure.

**Bike Athens - \$500**  
Athens, GA

To promote better transportation choices by educating the general public and elected officials about the benefits of alternative modes of transportation.

**Boggs Rural Life Center - \$3000**  
Waynesboro, GA

To strengthen the cultural, political and social life of the African American community, by providing affordable housing and helping rural young people find a place in the local economy.

**Charis Circle - \$2500**  
Atlanta, GA

To unite women of diverse backgrounds by organizing around women's rights, lesbian rights and anti-racism issues.

**Common Sense Foundation - \$2490**  
Raleigh, NC

General support for non partisan public policy programs focusing on legislative and media strategies for grassroots leaders and concerned citizens.

**Communities United for Action, Power and Justice - \$3000**

Atlanta, GA

*\*Fiscal Sponsor: Project South*

To apply a human rights framework in the movement to combat the prison-industrial complex in Georgia, through organizing, education and mobilization.

**Community Organizing for Rights and Empowerment - \$4000**

Holly Hill, SC

To support a traveling theater project that highlights important community and environmental issues.

**Economic Justice Coalition - \$4000**

Athens, GA

Organizing and advocacy for living wages, health benefits, fair working conditions and the right of workers to participate in government decision making.

**Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee - \$5000**

Dahlonega, GA

To support mission of responding to the BIA pertaining to Federal recognition project and in effort to support Tribal members.

**Georgians for a Common Sense Health Plan - \$4000**

Decatur, GA

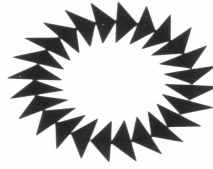
*\*Fiscal Sponsor: Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network*

To support a statewide campaign promoting affordable, fair, comprehensive and universal healthcare coverage.

**Grassroots Empowerment Alliance of Rome - \$4000**

Rome, GA

Support for an economic empowerment initiative in South Rome which will increase residents' access to employment services and resources and to create self help initiatives.



**Health Students Taking Action Together - \$3500**  
Atlanta, GA

For expansion of a leadership program to create a statewide community of health professional students that engages them in education, activism and service.

**Housing for New Hope Alumni - \$1800**  
Durham, NC

*\*Fiscal Sponsor: Housing for New Hope*

To support alumni of the organization by reaching out to those who are homeless and those seeking recovery.

**In The Life - \$2000**  
Atlanta, GA

Support for advocacy and coalition building programs which serve the needs of LGBT people of African descent.

**Latinos for Education and Justice United - \$2500**  
Calhoun, GA

For human rights organizing within the Latino community on issues including workers' rights, equality in education, and resistance to police profiling, harassment and discrimination.

**NC Latino Coalition - \$3500**  
Durham, NC

Project support for a statewide coalition of grassroots Latino organizations that provide a voice and an organizing outlet for the Latino community.

**Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation - \$2500**  
Mebane, NC

To support an economic development project which will improve the economic, social, educational and cultural well being of tribal members.

**People of Hope - \$2000**  
Athens, GA

Project support for a program to provide a resident controlled and secure mobile home neighborhood for 40 multicultural families, to improve the economic stability in the community and provide affordable housing for future generations.

**Public Service Workers Union - \$3000**  
Durham, NC

*\*Fiscal Sponsor: UE Research & Education Fund*

To combine organizing with legal strategy and work to repeal a law that prohibits collective bargaining for public sector workers.



*Above: Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation*

*If you are a community activist, former grantee or donor and want to be considered to serve on the Grants Making Committee, please give us a call at 404-371-8404 for more information.*

**Safe Schools - \$2000**

Chapel Hill, NC

To organize LGBTQ youth and fight harassment in schools and community institutions.

**Soque River Watershed Alliance - \$3000**  
Clarksville, GA

To engage the community in conservation efforts through educational outreach and targeted activities of water quality and protection.

**Southeast Regional Chapter of Teamsters for a Democratic Union - \$5000**

Woodstock, GA

*\*Fiscal Sponsor: Teamster Rank & File Education and Legal Defense Foundation*

To organize workers in combating low wages and poor working conditions.

**Southside United Health Center - \$1500**  
Winston-Salem, NC

*Fiscal Sponsor: Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods*

Support for development of a comprehensive, community-based healthcare model and business plan that serves primarily elderly, African American and Latino citizens in a traditionally underserved area.

**SURGE - \$3500**

Chapel Hill, NC

Support for a student led, non violent network working to achieve political, social, economic and environmental justice through collective action.

**Time Out Youth - \$4000**

Charlotte, NC

Support for continuing programs that advocate for and empower LGBTQ youth in the Charlotte, NC area.

**Triangle Sponsoring Committee - \$5000**  
Durham, NC

Support for the Living Wage Campaign, which is working to pass a living wage ordinance for all Durham public school employees and service contractors.

**West End Revitalization Association - \$3500**  
Mebane, NC

To improve the quality of life of low income minority homeowners and residents by providing grassroots leadership training, economic, social, legal and legislative action.

**Western North Carolina Workers Union - \$5000**

Morganton, NC

*\*Fiscal Sponsor: National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice*

To improve working conditions for low wage workers and to fight for a living wage and fair business practices in the community.

**Within Reach - \$3000**  
Greenville, SC

To build upon a recent increase in community development, by engaging youth and their parents/caregivers to directly participate as decision-makers in the community's future.

**Youth Creating Change - \$4000**  
Chapel Hill, NC

To empower and cultivate young people as leaders and future activists for social change.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
As of June 30, 2005		
	2005	2004
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)	\$ 191,506	\$456,758
Marketable securities	544,116	583,005
Grants and contracts receivable	32,000	2,000
Other receivables	7,520	25
Prepaid expenses	2,556	2,556
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>777,698</b>	<b>1,044,344</b>
<b>ASSETS RESTRICTED FOR ENDOWMENTS (Note 1):</b>		
Marketable securities	310,838	310,738
<b>FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE,</b>		
less accumulated depreciation of \$66,773		
and \$64,019, respectively	1,458	3,092
<b>OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
	-	4,275
<b>DEPOSITS</b>		
	631	631
	<u>\$1,090,625</u>	<u>\$1,363,080</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,600	\$ 96,668
Agency funds	-	95,207
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>191,875</b>
<b>CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS</b>		
(Notes 4 and 5)		
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Unrestricted	222,735	182,962
Unrestricted - Board designated (Note 1)	43,578	42,813
Temporarily restricted (Note 1)	509,874	634,692
Permanently restricted (Note 1)	310,838	310,738
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,087,025</b>	<b>1,171,205</b>
	<u>\$1,090,625</u>	<u>\$1,363,080</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005				
	Unrestricted- General and Board Designated	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT:</b>				
Contributions	\$ 89,211	\$ 50,292	\$ 100	\$ 139,603
Grants	50,145	163,103	-	213,248
<b>Total public support</b>	<b>139,356</b>	<b>213,395</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>352,851</b>
<b>REVENUE:</b>				
Special events	20,075	-	-	22,497
Realized and unrealized net gains (losses) on marketable securities	8,655	31,842	-	22,497
Interest and dividends	11,267	8,074	-	19,341
Fiscal Agent Fee	31,769	-	-	31,769
Other	2,076	-	-	2,076
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>73,842</b>	<b>21,916</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,758</b>
<b>Total public support and revenue before transfers</b>	<b>213,198</b>	<b>235,311</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>448,609</b>
<i>Net assets released from restrictions due to satisfaction of donor- imposed requirements</i>				
	360,129	(360,129)	-	-
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b>573,327</b>	<b>(124,818)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>448,609</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Management and general	38,210	-	-	38,210
Program	429,023	-	-	429,023
Fund raising	65,556	-	-	65,556
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>532,789</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>532,789</b>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>40,538</b>	<b>(124,818)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(84,180)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, at beginning of year</b>	<b>225,775</b>	<b>634,692</b>	<b>310,738</b>	<b>1,171,205</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, at end of year (Note 1)</b>	<b>\$ 266,313</b>	<b>\$ 509,874</b>	<b>\$ 310,838</b>	<b>\$1,087,025</b>

FOR A COPY OF OUR COMPLETE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES.

**DONOR ADVISED FUND**

A Donor Advised Fund with FSC allows you to fulfill your individual philanthropic wishes and make recommendations for specific organizations to receive grants that are consistent with the mission of FSC. Donor Advised account holders can recommend grants to groups/organizations or FSC staff will work with donors to help identify potential groups/organizations that match the donors interests. Donor Advised funds can be designated globally; they are not restricted to groups in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. If you want to set up a Donor Advised Account or would like to get more information on our Donor Advised program, please call our office.

**2004-2005 DONOR ADVISED GRANTS LISTING**

Atlanta Jobs With Justice, Atlanta, GA	\$3000
Capital View Garden Club, Atlanta, GA	\$2000
Carolina Center for Public Service, Chapel Hill, NC	\$1500
CEDEPCA, Tucker, GA	\$400
Center for Constitutional Rights, NY, NY	\$5000
Center for Community Action, Lumberton, NC	\$2000
Community Alliance of Metropolitan Parkway, Atlanta GA	\$2500
Dispute Settlement Center of Orange County, Chapel Hill, NC	\$7000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, IL	\$3000
Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington, DC	\$1000
Fun For A Day, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
Fund for Southern Communities, Decatur, GA (Hurricane Relief)	\$6000
Georgia Citizens Coalition on Hunger, Atlanta, GA	\$1000
Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Greensboro, NC	\$6000
International Labor Rights Fund, Washington, DC	\$2000
Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, NY NY	\$2000
Latinos for Education and Justice Organizing, Calhoun, GA	\$2500
Latinos United of Carroll County, Carrollton, GA	\$3000
Maryknoll Mission Association for the Faithful, Maryknoll, NY	\$1000
National Farm Worker Ministry, St. Louis, MO	\$2000
NC Anti Racist Organizers Network, Greensboro, NC	\$5000
The Open Door Community, Atlanta, GA	\$2000
Perkerson Neighborhood Association, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
SHARE Foundation, SF, CA	\$5000
Southern Neighborhood Network, DBA IDEAS Decatur, GA	\$46,000
Southside Industrial Park Jobs Project, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
Thomasville Senior Citizens Club, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
United for a Fair Economy, Boston, MA	\$2000
US Labor Education in the Americas Project, Chicago, IL	\$3000
WRFG Radio, Atlanta, GA	\$1000
Women's Action for New Direction, Arlington, MA	\$4000
Youth Creating Change, Durham, NC	\$1000

**SPONSORED & GRANTS ASSISTED PROJECTS**

For 10 years the Fund For Southern Communities has helped organizations with values similar to FSC, execute their activities and mission although they lack 501(c)3 status by serving as a fiscal sponsor. Please find below the current Sponsored Projects of FSC:

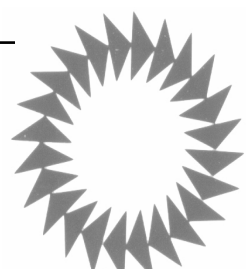
- A Safe Haven** **\$529,478**  
Recipient of a 21st Century grant from the Georgia Department of Education, ASH provides after school academic enrichment programming at designated No Child Left Behind sites.
- Economic Justice Coalition** **\$10,000**  
Pursuing economic justice through the living wage campaign and related benefits and working conditions.
- Georgia Rural Urban Summit** **\$46,250**  
Promoting collaboration among diverse constituencies to help bridge the gap between rural and urban communities in order to create a stronger movement for progressive social change.
- Lakewood Amphitheatre Community Fund** **\$20,174**  
Supporting causes of small organizations established in the communities within Atlanta's Lakewood area.
- Product Policy Project**  
Developing and communicating a strong framework for product-focused environmental policies that advance sustainable production and consumption and good governance.
- Touch the World Productions** **\$300**  
Reclaiming, reshaping and enriching the consciousness of hope, determination and faith in the younger generation by confronting and ministering to real life issues through artistic and theatrical expression.
- Safely Treating Our Pollution**  
To recognize and protect the water quality of the Peachtree and Nancy Creeks through community based action.
- Southeast Waters AmeriCorps** **\$43,153**  
To educate school-age children in the basics of water quality management utilizing Adopt-A-Stream, Project Wet, and other educational formats.
- ZAMI, Inc.** **\$20,005**  
Providing a forum and affirming safe space for the voices of lesbian writers of color, sponsoring special programming to develop the leadership potential of young lesbians, and providing scholarships to African American lesbians attending an accredited post secondary institution in the southern part of the United States.



Left:  
The Center for Constitutional Rights is spearheading the fight to seek justice for the hundreds of men and minors who have languished at Guantánamo for more than three years .

**FSC PARTNERSHIPS**

FSC participates in several partnerships in order to strengthen our work.



**When Georgia Cares—Georgia Shares!**



Years ago, FSC helped found a new workplace giving federation, "Georgia Shares". Georgia Shares consists of 35 non-profit organizations deeply committed to social change for all Georgians. The initial investment of time and energy is now paying dividends, as Georgia Shares is becoming a significant source of funds for FSC and over 30 other members. Now YOU can help Georgia Shares grow even stronger! If you work in Georgia and your employer has not expanded its giving program beyond the United Way, urge them to "Open Up" the campaign, to allow employees to donate to FSC, or any of the other members, through Georgia Shares. For more information, visit [www.georgiashares.org](http://www.georgiashares.org) or call 404-284-4349.



**Southern Rural Development Initiative (SRDI)**

SRDI is celebrating 10 years! Founded to increase the flow of capital into persistently poor counties in the rural South, SRDI's thirty plus members offer a range of development strategies at work in rural areas of twelve Southern states. The joint efforts have helped raise the level of awareness of the continuing needs for community economic development in many areas of the South. For more information visit their website at [www.srdi.org](http://www.srdi.org) or call 919-829-5900.



**Funding Exchange (FEX)**

FEX is a network of public grantmaking foundations located throughout the United States, with a national office in New York City. Vital to FSC since our very founding, the Funding Exchange member funds support each other, and provide funding to some of the best organizing around the country. FEX is supported by individuals with a commitment to funding "Change, Not Charity". For more information visit [www.fex.org](http://www.fex.org) or call 212-529-5300.

**Funding Exchange Member Funds**

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## SOUTHERN FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

Thanks to the extension of the Ford Foundation grant to the Southern Funders Collaborative (Appalachian Community Fund, The Fund for Southern Communities and The Southern Partners Fund), ten organizations were awarded its fourth year of capacity building grants. Ten organizations received grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment, Greenville, SC	\$23,000
Center for Community Action, Lumberton, NC	\$25,000
Citizens for Quality Education, Lexington, MS	\$25,000
Community Farm Alliance, Frankfort, KY	\$23,000
Concerned Citizens for a Better Tunica County, Tunica, MS	\$22,000
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, San Antonio, TX	\$20,000
LaMujer Obrera, El Paso, TX	\$25,000
Solutions to Issues of Concern to Knoxvilleians, Knoxville, TN	\$20,000
Southerners On New Ground, Durham, NC	\$22,000
Tennesseans for Fair Taxation, Knoxville, TN	\$15,000



Appalachian Community Fund



## CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES

FSC receives most of its support from individuals, and a few private foundations. We accept gifts of stock, planned gifts, estate bequests and other negotiable assets. Donations are used to fund FSC's general grant making. The types of programs and organizations funded by FSC include grants for community and constituency organizing, environmental justice, human/civil rights, anti-racism, women's empowerment, disability rights, workers' rights, youth and non-traditional arts and media.

### Field of Interest Funds

In addition to "general support", FSC raises funding for the following targeted grantmaking funds.

**Modjeska Simkins Memorial Fund (endowment):** to support South Carolina groups addressing civil rights, women's rights, education, youth and racism issues.

**Southern Outlook Fund:** to support lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered/questioning organizing.

**Triangle Grassroots Fund:** to support organizing in the Triangle region of NC.

**Racial Justice Fund:** to support organizing addressing issues of racial injustice.

**Organizational Development Fund:** providing technical assistance to current grantees.

**Emergency Fund:** for quick responses to critical unforeseen needs.

We need your continued support!

### YES!! I WANT TO SUPPORT THE FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES!!!

I am making a **donation** today of:  \$10,000  \$5000  \$1000  \$500  other

I am making an **annual pledge** today of:  \$10,000  \$5000  \$1000  \$500  other

Enclosed is my first payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After my first payment, please remind me:  monthly  quarterly  bi-annually

Yes! I am interested in learning more about how I can make a pledge to support the **planned giving campaign**. Please contact me via telephone.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*All contributions to the Fund for Southern Communities are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. We DO NOT share our mailing list.*

### Join us in our PLANNED GIVING Campaign!!

Planned gifts provide the resources that preserve our future. "Planned giving" is a term used in the nonprofit world that refers to a donor making a gift from their accumulated assets. This type of giving is often written into a donor's will and includes many different options, such as cash bequests, gifts of life insurance or retirement policies, real estate, or other assets. Planned gifts can provide extraordinary opportunities for the Fund for Southern Communities while helping you to save taxes, increase your income and pass more on to your heirs.

To celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are continuing an exciting planned giving campaign. Our goal is to secure a minimum of 25 people committed to leaving a gift to the Fund in their will, in time for our special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in June 2006.

If you would like to learn more about our planned giving campaign and how you can join, call our office at 404-371-8404.

### SOUTHERN RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONNECTING YOUTH INITIATIVE

In January of 2002, the Southern Rural Development Initiative awarded FSC a two-year grant totaling \$18,000 through their Connecting Youth Project. The charge of this grant was to involve more young people (ages 15-30) with organizations working for social change.

The following young people were selected to work with the FSC staff in fiscal year 2005:

- Jamal Booker- Research Assistant
- Nasreen Jilani- Staff
- Jinmeng Li- Intern
- Nashebai Horton- Intern

If you are under 30 or know of any youth that may be interested in getting involved with the Connecting Youth Project, please have them contact our Program Officer at 404-371-8404 or via email at [arobinson@fundforsouth.org](mailto:arobinson@fundforsouth.org).



## SAVE THE DATE

### SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

February 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Spelman College / Atlanta, Georgia

Tickets are available for sale NOW!! Please call 404-371-8404 or email tickets@fundforsouth.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the following bookstores after December 1st:

- Charis Books (404) 524-0304
- Outwrite Book and Coffee House (404) 607-0082
- Shrine of the Black Madonna Book Store (404) 752- 6125



*Tickets are \$25.00 general admission. Remember, tickets make great gifts!*

This year, a sold out crowd was mesmerized by the entrancing and dynamic vocals of Sweet Honey In The Rock. The concert was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church's Horizon Sanctuary. Significant dollars were raised and a joyous time was had by all. A special thank you, to The Coca-Cola Company and Georgia Pacific Corporation for their continued generous support, as well as to all FSC's supporters, donors and volunteers who continue to make this annual benefit a huge success!



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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 2006

Please join us in our preparation for FSC's celebration of 25 years of grant-making! In 2006, FSC will honor its successes, supporters and its grantees with a special event. FSC is committed to supporting grassroots organizations: the leaders and the workers dedicated to social change remains intact and strong. Knowing that the work is ever evolving and ever increasing, FSC is proud to remain a contributing force in the overall struggle for social justice.

Please watch the mail for celebration activities!!

### PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGY!!

Many of you were affected by a computer/internet glitch that "spoofed" numerous emails appearing to be sent from our Program Officer. We apologize for the frustration and anger this may have caused you. Fortunately, we were able to get control of the situation and have been able to continue to have access via email. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

### GRANTEE HIGHLIGHT Charis Circle Atlanta, GA



Charis Circle is dedicated to fostering the feminist community and promoting social change to end sexism, racism, classism, homophobia and all other oppressions.

Some achievements of this year made possible in part by FSC's funding included:

- Completion of program series on Economic Justice for Women
- Publishing of an anthology produced by the High School Women's Writers Group by InnerLight Publishing
- Full day follow up meeting for strategic planning
- Celebration of Charis Books' 30th anniversary year
- Production of 140 evening programs addressing multiple topics including physical health, spiritual enrichment, personal growth, LGBTQ and political issues