

Annual Report 2001-2002

The Fund for Southern Communities, a non-endowed, publicly supported foundation founded in 1981, raises funds for progressive community organizations that work for social change in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to share this Annual Report that notes the many successes of the Fund for Southern Communities (FSC or the Fund) for the 2001-2002 Fiscal Year.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." The focus of the Fund is in direct alignment with this avowal, and as our application guidelines state, "as long as there are oppressed groups of people in the United States we will continue to affirm our commitment to ending racism, sexism, heterosexism and all forms of oppression."

This year we granted over \$200,000 to small grassroots non-profit organizations working for social change in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and through our Donor Advised funds, approximately \$90,000 went to organizations all over the world. Being able to grant this much money, in spite of the current economic crisis in America, was only made possible from the generous support of private donors, foundations and corporations, and for this we are most grateful.



In looking toward the future, the Fund for Southern Communities will strategically focus on organizational growth. This includes establishing an endowment fund, asserting a more aggressive fundraising campaign, and enhancing our outreach to new grassroots groups.

As FSC forges new paths and strives for higher goals of success and influence, we will remain true to our mission, "to create just and sustainable communities that are free of oppression and that embrace and celebrate all people."

I hope you will continue to support and join us in our endeavors to help even more who are in need of social change.

Sincerely,

Kelvin Lynn Cothren
Chair, Board of Directors

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 fosters social change initiated by community-based groups in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina."

The Fund for Southern Communities — WHO WE ARE

Throughout Georgia, North and South Carolina, an ever-growing number of grassroots groups are emerging to provide their communities with the tools needed to exert political, economic and social change. The Fund for Southern Communities was established in 1981 to help support grassroots organizations that are working for social justice in our three state region.

The Fund represents the vision of building a unique foundation that supports social change activism with the goal of providing funding for organizations whose work is often times too controversial, too confrontational or too new to access traditional funding sources. We serve as a vital link that connects donors and grassroots groups working for social change.

In addition to grant making, the Fund through its technical assistance work, lends support to developing organizations through workshops, skills sharing, grant-writing courses etc., to help lay important groundwork for accessing larger funding sources.

We take great satisfaction in being a financial and educational resource to small grassroots non-profits, and take even greater pride as we annually observe the successes and growth of many of our former grantee organizations.

IMPORTANT DATES:

**February 15, 2003 . . . Sweet Honey In The Rock
Benefit Performance**

**April 1, 2003 Deadline for Proposals
Spring Grants Cycle**

**October 1, 2003 Deadline for Proposals
Fall Grants Cycle**

Fund For Southern Communities 2001-2002 Grantees

This year almost \$300,000 were given to 69 grantees. They include:

Action for a Clean Environment, Alto, GA
Asheville Global Report, Asheville, NC
Athens Justice Project, Athens, GA
Arts Institute, Durham, SC
Benjamin E. Mays Center, Atlanta, GA



YMI Cultural Center; Dr. Karin Peterson and Madge Murray

Black Workers for Justice, Riverdale, GA
Canary Coalition, Whittier, NC
Carolina Rainbow Family Coalition, Columbia, SC
Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment, Greenville, SC
Center for Community Action, Lumberton, NC
Center for Educational Equity, Greenville, SC
Chattahoochee Valley Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Columbus, GA
Citizens for Quality Education, Inc., Lexington, MS
Collaborative Community Trust, Columbia, SC
Columbia Education Project, Swannanoa, NC
Community Farm Alliance, Frankfort, KY
Community Organization Rights & Empowerment, Holly Hill, SC
Community Supported Development, Asheville, NC
Concerned Citizens for Tunica County, Tunica, MS
Concerned Citizens of Edgecombe II, Enfield, NC
Concerned Citizens of Tillery, Tillery, NC
Concerned Citizens of Vance County, Henderson, NC
Concrete Change, Decatur, GA
CREFAC, El Salvador
Creating Hope International, Dearborn, MI
Eastern Carolina Community Development, Florence SC
Eastern Cherokee & United Tribes of SC

Eastern Forests Direct Action Camp, Charlottesville, VA
El Econ De Las Montanas, Asheville, NC
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, San Antonio, TX
Franklin County Goat Producers Cooperative, Louisburg, KY
Georgia Employee Federation, Stone Mountain, GA
Georgians Against Nuclear Energy, Decatur, GA
Glynn Environmental Coalition, Brunswick, GA
Greensboro Justice Fund, Greensboro, NC
Institute for Community Economics, Springfield, MD
International Labor Rights Fund, Washington, DC
La Mujer Obrera, El Paso, TX
Mekye Center, Durham, NC
Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods, Winston-Salem, NC
Network for Serious Teens & Adults Acting Responsibly, Orangeburg, SC
North Carolina Fair Share, Raleigh, NC
North Carolina Farm Workers Project, Benson, NC
North Carolina Public Allies, Durham, NC
Nicaragua-US Friendship Office, Washington, DC
Nicaraguan Network Educational Fund, Washington, DC
Pender Environmental Group, Burgaw, NC
Piedmont Peace Project, Kannapolis, NC
Revelation SEED Workshop, Atlanta, GA
Share Foundation, San Francisco, CA
Solutions for Issues of Concern, Knoxville, TN
South Carolina Forest Watch, Westminster, SC
South Carolina Progressive Network, Columbia, SC
South Georgia Vegetable Producers Co-op, Dixie, GA
Southern Anti-Racism Network, Durham, NC
Southern Organizing Committee For Economic & Social Justice, Atlanta, GA
Southerners on a New Ground, Durham, NC
Tenneseans for Fair Taxation, Knoxville, TN
The Transmitter, Asheville, NC
Transfair, USA, Oakland, CA
US Labor Educational in the Americas Project, Chicago, IL
We Are Family, Charleston, SC
Western North Carolina Peace Coalition, Fairview, NC
Western North Carolina SOA Watch, Asheville, NC
Westside Residents & Homeowners Association, Spartanburg, SC
Women's Employment Opportunity Project, East Point, GA
YMI Cultural Center, Asheville, NC
Youth Voice Raleigh, Raleigh, NC

Please note that groups outside of the FSC three state region of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina were funded through our Donor Advised Program and/or Southern Funders Collaborative Initiative.

Sweet Honey In The Rock Annual Benefit Concert

As they have for the past eleven years, the Grammy award-winning group, Sweet Honey In The Rock performed to a sold out crowd at Spelman College's Sisters Chapel. All proceeds from this benefit performance went to support FSC's grant making efforts. Thanks to the generous support from The Coca-Cola Company and several individual sponsors, this cultural event was not only a financial success, but also a treat for the ears, and food for the soul.



Sponsored by 



Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole

Torchbearer 2002

This year The Fund for Southern Communities was proud to present to Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole the Torchbearer Award. This award lauds an individual's or group's efforts to spearhead social and economic change.

Past Torchbearers include:

2001 Nan G. Orrock
2000 Anne Braeden
1999 Sweet Honey in the Rock
1998 Coretta Scott King
1997 Alice Lovelace
1996 Reverend C.T. Vivian
1995 Dazon Dixon
1994 Guy and Candy Carawan
1993 Sandra Barnhill
1991 Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon

FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		As of June 30, 2002	
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)		\$ 273,532	\$ 439,902
Marketable securities		695,737	561,076
Grants and contracts receivable		70,000	167,500
Other receivables		4,800	13,616
Prepaid expenses		<u>2,556</u>	<u>1,489</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,046,625	1,183,583
ASSETS RESTRICTED FOR ENDOWMENTS (Note 2):			
Marketable securities		309,232	313,776
FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE,			
less accumulated depreciation of \$61,769 and \$71,316, respectively		13,380	16,451
OTHER RECEIVABLES			
		6,020	2,495
DEPOSITS			
		<u>2,080</u>	<u>2,080</u>
		<u>\$1,377,337</u>	<u>\$1,518,385</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		\$ 27,107	\$ —
Current maturities of note payable		—	4,564
Grants payable		<u>76,000</u>	<u>95,800</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		103,107	100,364
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (Notes 5 and 6)			
NET ASSETS:			
Unrestricted		122,339	71,208
Unrestricted - Board designated (Note 2)		41,413	39,020
Temporarily restricted (Note 2)		801,246	994,017
Permanently restricted (Note 2)		<u>309,232</u>	<u>313,776</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>1,274,230</u>	<u>1,418,021</u>
		<u>\$1,377,337</u>	<u>\$1,518,385</u>

FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	Unrestricted - General and Board Designated	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT:				
Contributions	\$ 201,848	\$ 143,602	\$ 580	\$ 346,030
Grants	<u>24,500</u>	<u>586,942</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>611,442</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT	<u>226,348</u>	<u>730,544</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>957,472</u>
REVENUE:				
Special events	18,689	—	—	18,689
Realized and unrealized net gains (losses) on marketable securities	(13,616)	(26,638)	(5,672)	(45,926)
Interest income	18,705	20,197	4,793	43,695
Other	<u>5,937</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,937</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>29,715</u>	<u>(6,441)</u>	<u>(879)</u>	<u>22,395</u>
Total public support and revenue before transfers	256,063	724,103	(299)	979,867
Net assets released from restrictions due to satisfaction of donor-imposed requirements	<u>921,119</u>	<u>(916,874)</u>	<u>(4,245)</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	<u>1,177,182</u>	<u>(192,771)</u>	<u>(4,544)</u>	<u>979,867</u>
EXPENSES:				
Management and general	100,246	—	—	100,246
Program	936,023	—	—	936,023
Fund raising	<u>87,389</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>87,389</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,123,658</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,123,658</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	53,524	(192,771)	(4,544)	(143,791)
NET ASSETS, at beginning of year	<u>110,228</u>	<u>994,017</u>	<u>313,776</u>	<u>1,418,021</u>
NET ASSETS, at end of year (Note 2)	<u>\$ 163,752</u>	<u>\$801,246</u>	<u>\$309,232</u>	<u>\$1,274,230</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the
Fund for Southern Communities, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

I have audited the statements of financial position of Fund for Southern Communities, Inc., as of June 30, 2002 and 2001, and the related statements of activity and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audits.

I conducted my audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audits provide a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fund for Southern Communities, Inc. as of June 30, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

Robert S. Blad, PC
Dunwoody, Georgia

How To Apply For Funding

The Fund for Southern Communities (FSC or the Fund) is a publicly supported foundation established in 1981 to provide grants and technical assistance to progressive grassroots social change organizations that work and have programs in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. FSC invites applications from organizations that:

- Work against discrimination based on race, sex, age, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, ethnic background or physical and mental disabilities;
- Community Organizing;
- Struggle for the rights of workers;
- Promote self-determination in low-income and disenfranchised areas;
- Protect the environment;
- Promote and/or create non-traditional arts and media;
- Promote peace.

Proposal deadline dates are April 1 and October 1. For more detailed information please visit our website at www.fund4south.org, or call our office at 404-292-7600.

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Donations from socially concerned individuals, foundations and corporations allow us to continue our mission to help support our grantees. FSC would like to thank the following individuals, foundations and corporations for their crucial support and commitment to the cause of social justice.

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Donor Advised Funds

The Fund for Southern Communities can work with major donors to help fulfill their charitable wishes. While we focus on Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, donor advised grants may be made outside of this region. A Donor Advised Fund allows you to establish a giving program for yourself, your family, or your business with the following advantages.

Recognition or Anonymity: A donor has an opportunity to name a fund to honor a loved-one, friend or issue area. Donors may remain anonymous if they so desire.

Flexibility: A donor can specify a particular field-of-interest to which grants are to be made, designate that grants be made to a specific geographic area, or recommend specific organizations to receive grants.

Permanence: A donor can create an endowed fund which will be managed in perpetuity and will always be used to promote FSC's mission.

Tax Benefits: Donor Advised Funds receive the maximum tax advantages of giving to a public charity.

Efficiency: Donor Advised contributions are reported only once as a charitable gift to FSC. Subsequent grants from the fund require no donor reporting. FSC handles all administrative matters.

Professional Financial Management: Assets of a Donor Advised fund are commingled with other FSC monies for investment management. Each fund enjoys the benefits of being a part of a large, diversified professionally managed portfolio at a lower cost than if it were invested separately. The FSC Investment Committee oversees FSC investment managers to assure that investment decisions are prudent, produce a reasonable rate of return, and adhere to FSC's "socially responsible" investment policies.



Sponsored & Grants Assisted Projects

- ADAPT - Georgia
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- Black Men for the Eradication of Sexism
- Enlight Atlanta
- Georgia Rural Urban Summit
- Georgians Against Nuclear Energy
- Lakewood Amphitheater Community Fund
- Safely Treating Our Pollution
- Southeast Waters AmeriCorps
- Waste Not Georgia
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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, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender 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 programs:

- **Modjeska Simkins Memorial Fund:** 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 organizing
- **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 training assistance to grantees
- **Emergency Fund:** for quick responses to critical unforeseen needs



Kelvin Lynn Cothren with co-sponsors of Atlanta Friendraiser, Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, and awardee: Ms. Ingrid Sanders Jones.

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I am making an annual pledge of

\$10,000 \$5,000 \$1,200

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FSC Partnerships

FSC participates in several partnerships in order to strengthen our work. They include:

Georgia Shares!

Nearly a decade ago FSC helped found a new workplace giving federation in Georgia: "Georgia Shares." That investment of time and energy is now paying dividends as Georgia Shares is becoming a significant source of funds for FSC, and more than 30 other members. If you work in Georgia and your employer has not expanded its giving program beyond United Way, urge them to "Open Up" the campaign, and allow employees to donate to FSC, or any of the other members, through Georgia Shares.
www.georgiashares.org



Southern Rural Development Initiative (SRDI)

Founded to increase the flow of capital into persistently poor counties in the rural South, SRDI's 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.
www.srdi.org



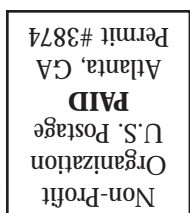
Funding Exchange

This network of sixteen foundations throughout the country shares a joint endowment and sponsors training events for staff and Board members. 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. All supported by individuals with a commitment to funding "Change, Not Charity".™ FSC is proud to be a part of this collection of community foundations. www.fex.org



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2001 Annual Meeting: Building a Better South for 20 Years!

With low income poultry workers, a saxophone quartet from the NC Pride Marching Band, rural youth in a leadership development program, and even a dozen visiting Russians surveying the US criminal justice system, the Fund for Southern Communities celebrated its twentieth Anniversary in Durham, NC the weekend of July 27-29. Focusing on a theme of "Bringing Justice to Criminal Justice," people dealt with many facets of the US criminal justice system, hearing from minority youth, attorneys, mental health experts and families of people in prison.



Keynote Speaker, noted anti-death penalty attorney **Richard Burr** (pictured) challenged the gathering to work to change the lessons that the US government is teaching that "might makes right", and that sometimes violence is an acceptable strategy for accomplishing policy goals.

During the weekend the group was also addressed by FSC's founding Executive Director, Alan McGregor, who reflected

back on the various stages FSC has gone through over its twenty years. According to McGregor, FSC has a promising future as our diverse network of groups, individuals, financial contributors, community organizers, scholars and activists continue to "stir the pot" and demonstrate the strengths of "true democracy in action" in the South. He discussed the origins of the organization and how donors, members and activists came together to build a bold partnership that immediately crossed class and racial barriers. He challenged FSC to strengthen that legacy by building stronger relationships with even more individual donors in the region by stating, "If there are barriers between activists and donors, those need to be broken down. The idea at FSC is that all of us here are both activists and donors. We act on our beliefs and we give what we are able."

For twenty years, FSC has been stirring things up by supporting groups that are challenging the status-quo. We pledge to keep it up for another twenty.