

Annual Report 2002-2003

FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES

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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.

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Dear Friends,

I am excited to share the Fund for Southern Communities' (FSC or the Fund) 2002-2003 Annual Report with you! Last fiscal year was what I like call a “catalyst” year for the Fund. Under the direction of Alice Eason Jenkins, Executive Director, decisions were made that would play an integral role to carry the Fund upward to greater heights. This included the hire of a Development Officer for the first time in 10 years and implementing a strategic planning process. We are excited to report that we are already seeing positive results based on these organizational decisions. And we couldn't have done it without the continued support of our individual, foundation and corporate friends.

Grants from Changemakers, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation and the Funding Exchange, made it possible for FSC to hire a consulting firm to spearhead a process that will end with a documented 3-5 Year Strategic and Operational Plan.

In addition, grants allowed us to hire a Development Officer whose key role will be to increase our donor base and cultivate our existing contributors. We are excited about this opportunity because we recognize that the more money the Fund for Southern Communities raises, the more we can grant to grassroots community-based organizations.

On the program side, we are happy to report that our outreach campaigns and information sessions designed to encourage new groups to apply for funding was a great success! Almost half of the organizations that were awarded funding from FSC this year were first time applicants. And, in spite of the challenging economic times we continue to be faced with, thanks to support from our steadfast partners, donor advised funds, projects and collaborations, FSC raised and disbursed over \$500,000 to groups working for social change!

Fiscal Year 2003 was the flame that lit a path of growth and expanded vision for FSC. We look forward to the journey ahead.

Lynn Cothren
Board Chair



Latinos United of Carrollton County Fall 2002 Grantee

WE HAVE MOVED!!!!

The Fund for Southern Communities has moved our office to a new location.

Our new address is:

The Fund for Southern Communities
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Decatur, GA 30030
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“WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.....”

On behalf of all of the grassroots organizations that benefited directly or indirectly from your support, we want to give a special thank you to the following corporations and foundations for their financial support and commitment to social change:

- The Coca-Cola Company
- Changemakers Foundation
- The Funding Exchange
- Fonda Family Foundation
- Mary J. Reynolds Babcock Foundation
- Southern Funders Collaborative (Southern Partners Fund & Appalachian Community Fund) through a grant from the Ford Foundation.
- Turner Foundation
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Left: An underground leak from a local company contaminated the ground water in a neighborhood



Right: The West End Revitalization Project, Fall 2002 Grantee

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2003

	2003	2002
ASSETS		
CURRENT:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)	\$396,973	\$273,532
Marketable securities	568,765	695,737
Grants and contracts receivable	57,000	70,000
Other receivables	4,825	4,800
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,556</u>	<u>2,556</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,030,119	1,046,625
ASSETS RESTRICTED FOR ENDOWMENTS (Note 1):		
Marketable securities	309,938	309,232
FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE, less accumulated depreciation of \$67,417 and \$61,769, respectively	8,247	13,380
OTHER RECEIVABLES	1,820	6,020
DEPOSITS	<u>2,080</u>	<u>2,080</u>
	<u>\$1,352,204</u>	<u>\$1,377,337</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 22,048	\$ 27,107
Grants payable	<u>14,000</u>	<u>76,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>36,048</u>	<u>103,107</u>
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (Notes 4 and 5)		
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	132,072	122,339
Unrestricted - Board designated (Note 1)	42,413	41,413
Temporarily restricted (Note 1)	831,733	801,246
Permanently restricted (Note 1)	<u>309,938</u>	<u>309,232</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>1,316,156</u>	<u>1,274,230</u>
	<u>\$1,352,204</u>	<u>\$1,377,337</u>

FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	Unrestricted- General and Board Designated	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT:				
Contributions	\$ 117,556	\$ 93,456	\$ 706	\$ 211,718
Grants	<u>56,456</u>	<u>429,823</u>	-	<u>486,279</u>
Total public support	<u>174,012</u>	<u>523,279</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>697,997</u>
REVENUE:				
Special events	20,139	-	-	20,139
Realized and unrealized net gains (losses) on marketable securities	9,836	14,395	-	24,231
Interest and dividends	14,523	21,741	-	36,264
Other	<u>759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>759</u>
Total revenue	<u>45,257</u>	<u>36,136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,393</u>
Total public support and revenue before transfers	219,269	559,415	706	779,390
Net assets released from restrictions due to satisfaction of donor- imposed requirements	<u>528,928</u>	<u>(528,928)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Public Support and Revenue	<u>748,197</u>	<u>30,487</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>779,390</u>
EXPENSES:				
Management and general Program	56,111	-	-	56,111
Fund raising	623,691	-	-	623,691
	<u>57,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,662</u>
Total Expenses	<u>737,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>737,464</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	10,733	30,487	706	41,926
NET ASSETS, at beginning of year	163,752	801,246	309,232	1,274,230
NET ASSETS, at end of year (Note 1)	<u>\$ 174,485</u>	<u>\$ 831,733</u>	<u>\$ 309,938</u>	<u>\$1,316,156</u>

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.

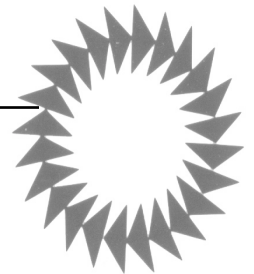
2002-2003 DONOR ADVISED GRANTS LISTING

9-5 Working Women Education Fund Atlanta, GA	\$1000
Advance GCFA, NY, NY	\$2000
After 5 Program, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
Agricultural Missions Inc., NY, NY	\$6000
All Our Children, Elkhart, IN	\$2000
Ashville Global Report, Asheville, NC	\$500
Beloved Community Center, Greensboro, NC	\$3000
Bountiful Cities Project, Asheville, NC	\$500
Capital View Garden Club, Atlanta, GA	\$2000
Capital View Neighborhood Association, Atlanta, GA	\$1310
Carolina Center for Public Service @ UNC, Chapel Hill, NC	\$4000
CITCA Witness for Peace, Raleigh, NC	\$300
Clean Water for North Carolina, Asheville, NC	\$450
Community Alert, Atlanta, GA	\$2000
Concerned Neighbors of Chosewood, Atlanta, GA	\$4500
El Eco De Las Montanas, Asheville, NC	\$500
El Porvenir, Sacramento, CA	\$5000
Expanding Destinies, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington, DC	\$1000
Fun For A Day, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
Fund for Southern Communities, Atlanta, GA	\$5000
Grassroots Fund, Raleigh NC	\$4000
IDEAS (Institute for Development, Evaluation, Assistance And Solutions), Decatur, GA	\$30,000
International Labor Rights Fund, Washington, DC	\$2000
Maryknoll Mission Association for the Faithful, Maryknoll, NY	\$2000
Our Distant Neighbors, Atlanta, GA	\$1988
Oxfam America, Boston, MA	\$2000
Perkerson Park Restoration Committee, Atlanta, GA	\$1450
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger Program (PATH), Atlanta, GA	\$2000
South River Gardens Community Association, Atlanta, GA	\$1500
Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
Southern Empowerment Project, Maryville, TN	\$5000
Third World Development for UPOLI Crestine, CA	\$2000
The Open Door, Atlanta, GA	\$2000
The New Calvary Commission for Community Improvement Senior Citizens Program, Atlanta, GA	\$1125
Thomasville Golden Age Club, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
US Labor Education in the Americas Project, Chicago, IL	\$2000
Witness for Peace, Raleigh, NC	\$300
Women's Action for New Direction, Arlington, MA	\$1000

SPONSORED & GRANTS ASSISTED PROJECTS

For nearly 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 Sponsored Projects of FSC along with the amount of money via, grants, special events or individual donors that was awarded:

Center for Children and Education	\$5000
Empowering parents and students with information pertaining to their rights in dealing with school systems, improving student learning, and creating equal academic opportunities for all children.	
Georgia Rural Urban Summit	\$84,660
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.	
Georgians Against Nuclear Energy	\$46,950
Fighting against continued use and production of nuclear energy; organizing for a cleaner environment and protection of natural resources.	
Lakewood Amphitheatre Community Fund	\$32,884
Supporting causes of small organizations established in the communities within the Lakewood Amphitheatre area.	
Safely Treating Our Pollution	\$23,026
To recognize and protect the water quality of the Peachtree and Nancy Creeks through community based action.	
Southeast Waters AmeriCorps	\$62,848
To educate school-age children in the basics of water quality management utilizing Adopt-A-Stream, Project Wet, and other educational formats.	
ZAMI, Inc.	\$22,179
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.	



FSC PARTNERSHIPS

Just as there is strength in numbers, FSC participates in several partnerships in order to strengthen our work.



When Georgia Cares—Georgia Shares!

Over 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. For more information visit their website at www.georgiashares.org or call 404-284-4349.



Southern Rural Development Initiative (SRDI)

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 or call 919-829-5900.



Funding Exchange (FEX)

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. They are supported by individuals with a commitment to funding "Change, Not Charity". For more information visit their website at www.fex.org or call 212-529-5300.

Funding Exchange Member Funds

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| ○ Appalachian Community Fund | www.appalachiancommunityfund.org | ○ McKenzie River Gathering Foundation | www.mrgfoundation.org |
| ○ Bread and Roses Community Fund | www.breadrosesfund.org | ○ North Star Fund | www.northstarfund.org |
| ○ Chinook Fund | www.chinookfund.org | ○ San Diego Foundation for Change | www.foundation4change.org |
| ○ Crossroads Fund | www.crossroadsfund.org | ○ The People's Fund | www.fex.org |
| ○ Fund for Santa Barbara | www.fundforsantabarbara.org | ○ Three Rivers Community Foundation | www.trcf.net |
| ○ Haymarket People's Fund | www.haymarket.org | ○ Vanguard Public Foundation | www.vanguardsf.org |
| ○ Headwaters Fund | www.headwatersfund.org | ○ Wisconsin Community Fund | www.wcfund.org |
| ○ Liberty Hill Foundation | www.libertyhill.org | | |

SOUTHERN FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

Through a Ford Foundation grant to the Southern Partners Fund, the Southern Funders Collaborative (the Fund for Southern Communities, the Appalachian Community Fund and the Southern Partners Fund), awarded its third year of capacity building grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to eleven organizations. In addition, the opportunity to apply for up to \$10,000 for Technical Assistance was managed by the Fund for Southern Communities. The grantee organizations of the Southern Funders Collaborative are:

Black Workers For Justice, Riverdale, GA
Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment, Greenville, SC
Center for Community Action, Lumberton, NC
Citizens for Quality Education, Lexington, MS
Community Farm Alliance, Frankfort, KY
Concerned Citizens for a Better Tunica County, Tunica, MS
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, San Antonio, TX
LaMujer Obrera, El Paso, TX
Solutions to Issues of Concern to Knoxvillians, Knoxville, TN
Southerners On New Ground, Durham, NC
Tennesseans for Fair Taxation, Knoxville, TN

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: 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 grantees.

Emergency Fund: for quick responses to critical unforeseen needs.

We need your
continued
support!

SOUTHERN RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONNECTING YOUTH INITIATIVE

In January of 2002, the Southern Rural Development Initiative awarded FSC a two-year grant totaling \$20,000 through their Connecting Youth Project. The charge of this grant was to get more young people (ages 15-30) involved with organizations working for social change.

In February 2002, the kick-off for implementation of this grant was a Connecting Youth Initiative Peer Gathering. Socially conscious young people from all over the southeast convened at the historical Penn Center in St. Helena Island, SC to discuss issues of social change and what they could do to address them in their respective communities. Additional peer gatherings will be scheduled throughout the next year.

With the help of our Connecting Youth Team Leaders; Erin Mahone, Freshman, University of Georgia, Abusheri Ohwofasa and Daiquiri Steele, Seniors, Spelman College, Leonard Langston, Senior, Morehouse College, Venita Bush, Senior, Vanderbilt University and Katrice Hatten, Bellsouth employee, FSC has seen significant growth in getting youth involved with our operation.

Since implementing the goals of this grant, FSC has recruited office interns and youth to serve on the Spring Grants Committee. We are further developing a partnership with Emory University's Office of Community Partnerships (OUCP)—thanks to the support of Sam Marie Engle, Director of OUCP flagship initiative and Emory's Kenneth Cole Fellowship for Social Change. FSC is also working to establish additional relationships with potential student interns from Agnes Scott College, Georgia State University, Georgia Institute for Technology and Paideia High School.

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 call Allyn Howard, Program Officer at 404-371-8404 or email her at youth@fund4south.org.



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ENVIRONMENT RALLY
FALL 2002 GRANTEE**

DATES TO REMEMBER

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

February 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. / Ebenezer Baptist Church / Atlanta, Georgia
Tickets are available for sale at our office call or email tickets@fund4south.org
or at the following bookstores:

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

Tickets are \$25.00 general admission. Tickets make great gifts!

GRANTS CYCLE DEADLINES

Please note the deadline dates for submitting proposals has changed.

Effective immediately the new deadline dates are March 1 & September 1.

All proposals must be in the office by 5:00 p.m. on March 1 or September 1.

Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered for funding

FSC Wish List

Copiers
Desk Top Printers
Digital Camera
DSL
DVD Player
Lap Top Computer
Loaned Executives
Office Furniture (Reception Area, Framed
Prints, File Cabinets, Bookcases, Desks,
Chairs)
Personal Computers
Scanner
Telephone Equipment (3-4 line desk sets)
Volunteers

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TO:

Sweet Honey In The Rock Annual Benefit Concert

The acapella song styles of Sweet Honey In The Rock mesmerized hundreds at their Annual Benefit Performance in Sister's Chapel at Spelman College. Thanks to sponsorship from The Coca-Cola Company, over \$25,000 were raised to support the work of FSC in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.



2002 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In September 2002 donors and grantees gathered at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site to view the exhibit, "Without Sanctuary". This exhibit was a collection of graphic and disturbing photographs of lynchings in America.

The evening included a performance by one of our grantee organizations EN-ACTE, a group of young actors that perform a variety of issue-raising skits, captivated the audience with its abundant talent and ability to address very important, yet sensitive issues for today's youth. From AIDS/HIV, to pre-marital sex, to gay/lesbian teens, this group touched on a gamut of thought provoking instances.