

FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES 2003 Annual Meeting

"Fundraising During Hard Economic Times"

FSC's Annual Meeting will be held Friday, August 15th at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Decatur, GA, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Fundraising During Hard Economic Times." Workshops on grant writing, individual donor cultivation, fundraising, marketing and public relations will be offered. And, get a chance to meet funders one-on-one, during the *Intimate Portraits and Conversations with Funders* session.

For more information contact Allyn Howard at 404-292-7600 or email at annualmeeting@fund4south.org.

Annual Meeting Scholarships

We have a limited number of scholarships for current and former FSC **Grantee Organizations** that want to attend the 2003 Annual Meeting.

The scholarship includes covering the cost of:

- Registration
- Lodging for one night at the conference hotel/double occupancy
- Travel

If you have questions about or want to apply for a scholarship, please call Allyn Howard at 404-292-7600 or email scholarship@fund4south.org.

Age is but a number...

FSC Youth Team Leaders had a ball at the first Connecting Young People's Peer Gathering, sponsored by the Southern Rural Development Initiative. This conference, held at the historical Penn Center in St. Helena Island, SC, brought together young socially conscious individuals from all over the southeast region to discuss amongst many things, where their generation fits in the ongoing struggle for social change and equality.

FSC was represented by three individuals that were given the charge to get more youth involved with the programs of FSC and social change at large. They include Daiquiri Steele and Abuseri Ohwafasa, Juniors at Spelman College and Leonard Langston a Morehouse College Junior.

We also want to thank our other Youth Team Leaders for their support; Venita Bush, Senior, Vanderbilt University; Erin Mahone, Freshman, University of Georgia; Adam Swier, Paideia High School and Katrice Hatten, Bellsouth.

If you are a young person interested in getting involved with FSC's Youth Initiative, please call Allyn Howard at 404-292-7600 or email youth@fund4south.org.



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FSC is excited to have Emory University Graduate Studies student, Andrea Abrams, serve on the Spring Grants Committee. This connection is the first of a long-term partnership between FSC and Emory University's Office of University-Community Partnerships (OUCP). Thanks to the support of Sam Marie Engle, Director of the OUCP's flagship initiative, the Kenneth Cole Program in Community Building and Social Change, we plan to involve even more Emory students with FSC and our efforts to help groups that fight on the front lines for justice, equality and social change.

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2003 GRANTEES

This spring FSC gave close to \$140,000 to 46 organizations working for social change (includes Donor Advised and General Cycle Grantees):

Advance GCFA, New York, NY	\$2000	Lesbian & Gay Community of Charlotte	\$1500
After 5 Program, Atlanta, GA	\$2500	Maryknoll Mission Association for the Faithful, Maryknoll, NY	\$2000
Agricultural Missions Inc., NY, NY	\$6000	McIntosh SEED, Darien, GA	\$3000
All Our Children, Elkhart, IN	\$2000	Morningside Community Development Association, Anderson, SC	\$4000
Athens Living Wage Campaign, Athens, GA	\$3000	Our Distant Neighbors, Atlanta, GA	\$1988
Beloved Community Center, Greensboro, NC	\$3000	Oxfam America, Boston, MA	\$2000
Capital View Garden Club, Atlanta, GA	\$2000	Perkerson Park Restoration Committee, Atlanta, GA	\$1450
Capital View Neighborhood Association, Atlanta, GA	\$1310	Presbyterian Answer to Hunger Program (PATH), Atlanta, GA	\$2000
Carolina Center for Public Service @ UNC	\$4000	PRO Hampton County, Varnville, SC	\$1500
Center for Education Equality, Greenville, SC	\$4000	South River Gardens Community Association, Atlanta, GA	\$1500
Community Alert, Atlanta, GA	\$2000	Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
Concerned Neighbors of Chosewood, Atlanta, GA	\$4500	SouthStar Community Development Corporation, Atlanta, GA	\$2000
Eastern North Carolina Workers, Fayetteville, NC	\$2000	SURGE, Chapel Hill, NC	\$2000
Expanding Destinies, Atlanta, GA	\$2500	The New Calvary Commission for Community Improvement	\$1125
Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington, DC	\$1000	Senior Citizens Program, Atlanta, GA	
Fun For A Day, Atlanta, GA	\$2500	The Open Door, Atlanta, GA	\$2000
Fund for Southern Communities, Atlanta, GA	\$5000	Thomasville Golden Age Club, Atlanta, GA	\$2500
Gainesville Area Citizen Advocacy	\$1500	Triangle Disability Advocates, Raleigh, NC	\$3000
Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Atlanta, GA	\$1500	US Labor Education in the Americas Project, Chicago, IL	\$2000
Georgia Employee Federation, Atlanta, GA	\$2000	We Are Family, Charleston, SC	\$3000
Grassroots Fund, Raleigh NC	\$4000	Witness for Peace, Raleigh, NC	\$ 300
IDEAS	\$30,000	Women's Action for New Direction, Arlington, MA	\$1000
In The Life, Atlanta, GA	\$2000	Youth Creating Change, Chapel Hill, NC	\$3500
International Labor Rights Fund, Washington, DC	\$2000		

Sweet Honey's Return

The a cappella song styles of Sweet Honey In the Rock mesmerized hundreds at our Annual Benefit Performance held this past February. Proceeds from this event support the work of FSC. We thank Sweet Honey for their music and musings, and The Coca Cola Company for sponsoring this annual event. Be sure to Save The Date on your calendars for next year's Sweet Honey Annual Benefit Performance scheduled for February 28, 2004.



A Corner of Thanks...

- Thank you for a generous donation of 3 grants totaling \$7,000 from an anonymous donor of the **Vanguard Public Foundation**. This gift allowed FSC to significantly increase our general grant-making budget for Spring 2003 General Grants cycle and for FSC capacity building.
- The Fund for Southern Communities was one of 21 organizations to receive an award from **Changemakers** this year! The grant for \$25,000 will go for our development efforts, strategic plan initiative and programs. Thanks Changemakers!
- FSC would like to thank the **Funding Exchange (FEX)** for all of their support. This year FEX has granted a little over \$25,000 to FSC for a variety of initiatives including support for capacity building and anti-war/pro-peace work.

HELEN'S FUND A Modest Success Story

In memoriam to our late daughter Helen, we created a small and endowed Donor Advised account at the Fund for Southern Communities. The Helen's Fund was established in 1988 with assets of \$110,000. Over the next 15 years approximately \$15,000 in contributions from family and friends helped the fund to significantly grow.

Each year the Helen's Fund makes small grants to honor those who are pursuing progressive social change to improve the lives of children and adolescents.

Looking back over these years it has been gratifying to realize that during this time Helen's Fund has granted over \$123,000 to 45 small grassroots organizations working with youth.

Our success is due mainly to wise investments made by Shirley Drechsel at Prudential Securities; to FSC for finding grassroots organizations that align with our focus; and for the dedication of a small board that continues to make thoughtful selections for the awards.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

The Fund for Southern Communities (FSC) is having a special grants cycle. We are seeking proposals from small, non-profit environmental organizations, located and working in Georgia, South Carolina or North Carolina.

To be considered for funding, your organization must offer environmental programs that align with the following guidelines and/or program thrusts:

- Reduction of toxins in water, the air and in the environment.
- Improve air quality through the promotion of energy efficient practice and policy.
- Protection of rivers, lakes, wetlands and other water systems from contamination.
- Reduction of pesticides.
- Efforts to decrease pollutants from production and the use of fossil fuels.
- Protection of natural habitats.
- Fight for equitable environmental practices and policies.

In addition, FSC will only consider proposals that meet the following logistical criteria:

- The submitting agency has documentation of 501(c)3 status or fiscal sponsorship, filed a 990 form and is registered as a non-profit organization with their respective state.
- The submitting agency has a budget that does not exceed \$150,000.
- The submitting agency has not been funded by FSC three (3) general grant cycles.
- The submitting agency has not been awarded funding from FSC since October 1, 2002 grant cycle.

To download a copy of the application, visit our website at www.fund4south.org. Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The complete application is due in the office of the Fund for Southern Communities no later than July 15, 2003. Any late or incomplete proposals will not be considered for funding in this special cycle.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Allyn Howard at 404-292-7600 or email at allyn@fund4south.org.

Good News for The Funding Exchange is Good News for FSC!

The Funding Exchange recently received a contribution from a donor to disburse to its 16 member funds. This award is designated for groups working in the anti-war movement and other related issues such as, civil liberties, immigrant issues, and pro-peace in response to the current crisis in Iraq.

These funds are now available to organizations in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina that are doing such work.

YES! I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES!

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All contributions to the Fund for Southern Communities are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law!
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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 fosters social change initiated by community-based groups in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Join us by contributing dollars, volunteering time, or assisting in whatever way is most appropriate for you.

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