

The Friends of Annie King

*c/o 611 41st Street Apt. H
Brooklyn, NY 11232*

January 28, 2002

Ms. Christine Root & Mr. Dave Wiley
729 Sunset Lane
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Christine & Dave,

To have worked at ACOA and The Africa Fund over the past 3 decades was to have known and loved Annie King. She was the one who somehow juggled the bills to make payroll when times were particularly lean. You could count on Annie to stay until the last the last placard was dry, the last letter was stuffed, or the last name card was ready for tomorrow's conference. In fact you couldn't make her leave! Annie's role in the struggle for freedom started early, first with the Congress of Racial Equality against American apartheid, and then with ACOA in support of Africa's liberation. Now the New York offices have been restructured and Annie is moving on to new challenges.

Please join us in New York City at the residence of South African Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo to celebrate Annie's contributions to the struggle for human equality and justice, and, together with other African and American activists, found a political home at ACOA/Africa Fund and helped to liberate the continent.

Valentine's Day, Thursday February 14, 7:30 PM
500 Park Terrace, Apt. 26
(at Park Avenue and 59th St.)

Please RSVP!

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By Fax: 718-633-2237

Annie reminds us, by her enduring example, that love can change the world, and she nurtured generations of African and American activists with hers -- offering a kind word, a quick loan, or unerringly good advice whenever it was needed. Dedication to a great and common purpose brought people from around the world to ACOA and The Africa Fund, but it was Annie who held us together -- who always insisted that we were family.

We hope you can join us.

Jennifer Davis

George Houser

Mike Fleshman

A Special Appeal for Annie

Dear Christine & Dave,

As a valued member of the ACOA/Africa Fund family we hope you will join us in contributing as generously as you can to a special fund for Annie.

As you know dire financial necessity always meant that staff salaries were low. The organization was only able to set up 401 K plans for staff in the 1990s, and those have lost much of their value in the current recession. We want to give Annie something to fall back on while she sets her sights on new challenges and to show in some small way how much we have appreciated her sacrifices and her commitment over all of these years.

Please make your check out to Michael Fleshman and send it to us care of the Friends of Annie King at:

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Given the shortness of time you may wish to bring your check to the February 14 event instead. If that is the case please let us know what amount you are able to give, either by telephone, email or fax. We will make a brief presentation of the funds to Annie on the 14th.

Contact us via:

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Thank you!

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