

SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S FUND

"The women here are very happy to hear that you as women, even being miles away, over the sea still think of us. This also shows, though you are miles away, we as women can work together and fight for our rights."

The South African Women's Fund was formed in 1980 to provide political education in the United States about the oppression of black women in South Africa and to give material support to these women.

In South Africa black women who are not needed as workers in "white" urban areas are legally "superfluous appendages" compelled to live with their children in desolate Bantustans while their husbands work in urban centers for starvation wages. Women who are permitted into urban areas as workers must leave children behind with whomever they can find to care for them. Those fortunate enough to be able to live with their families in urban areas must work long hours in the lowest paying jobs to supplement their husband's meager earnings just to provide their families with bare necessities.

SAWF is committed to raising funds to support black women in their efforts to establish child care, educational and health programs in their communities. By organizing such programs, not only do women create services the government does not provide black communities but they organize themselves for the struggle to gain their rights as women and national self-determination.

PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT!!

(The South African Women's Fund is a self-supporting, volunteer organization. All contributions to projects go to South Africa through the United Women's Organization. Please make checks payable to South African Women's Fund and send to SAWF, P.O. 415, Oakland, CA 94606.)

UNITED WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION (SOUTH AFRICA)

"...to tell you the truth, we are really in need of money to organize women. For instance, transportation is one of our main problems."

The South African Women's Fund's current project is to raise \$2,000 to assist the United Women's Organization (UWO) of South Africa in its efforts to initiate and support women's community projects.

Established in 1980, the UWO state in its Declaration of Purpose:

We, women of South Africa, wives and mothers, working women and housewives, Africans, Indians, Whites and Coloureds, hereby declare our aim of striving for the removal of all laws, regulations, conventions and customs that discriminate against us as women and that deprive us in any way of our inherent right to the advantages, responsibilities and opportunities that society offers to any one section of the population.

Funds raised by the South African Women's Fund for such projects as sewing co-operatives and day care and first aid centers are contributed to women's groups in South Africa through the UWO.

The South African Women's Fund has committed a portion of the funds collected in the course of its general educational and fundraising work toward the \$2,000 goal. The remaining amount is being raised through special appeals and benefits as well as the ongoing educational activities of the Fund.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!!