This mailing provides our members with information concerning the requests for donations that have been submitted for the 2001 Giftaway. An application form for requesting small donations was published in the newsletter you received at the end of February. The Project Descriptions of the requests that were received by the end of the group meeting held on April 5 are enclosed. (If you have questions about the terms employed, check the full application form attached to the newsletter you received at the end of February for further information.)

The next step in the process is for several people to meet, discuss the applications, and recommend amounts of funding for each project application. This meeting will occur at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 19 at Buck Trawicky and Sharon Lewandowski’s place, 2330 Willard, 2nd Floor (241-2392). If you have any interest in this process, please join us. The more people who attend, the more legitimacy the recommendations will have. These recommendations will be published in the next newsletter you receive (which is why we have so little time to complete this process). Approval of these recommendations or any requested changes in them will occur at the May group meeting (potluck on Saturday May 5). We’ll send the money out as soon after that as we can.

Walt Zeltner [Home: 873-5257; Work: 262-1321 (can leave message); e-mail: zeltner@engr.wisc.edu]

**PROJECT APPLICATION FORM**

Application Date: March 19, 2001

Amount Requested: $875.00

[ ] Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor: Marie L. Suoling

Telephone: 608/260-0117

Project Title: Camp GOAL: Girls Outdoor Adventure for Leadership

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)

In response to the need for enhancing girls’ leadership capacities in Kazakhstan, the Association of Initiative Schools in the Taldy-Korgan region, in partnership with the Peace Corps has planned a Girls Outdoor Adventure for Leadership Summer Camp for adolescent women (ages 14-16) in the city of Taldy-Korgan. The purposes of GOAL are two-fold: first, to enhance leadership skills such as communication, trust, cooperation, and problem-solving with the participants. Second, participants will have the opportunity to depart from their typical surroundings, do a five-day trek to gain a unique outdoor experience while learning about ecology and the surrounding environment. Camp GOAL will include 20 female participants, four local biology and geology teachers with an interest in outdoor ed and 1 PCV (Environ)
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 04/01/01    Amount Requested $1,000
or   □ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Sutt

Project Title Madison Community Health Center

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)
Madison Community Health Center provides free or low cost health care with many of the clients from the international community. The money will be used to purchase a defibrillator.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 04/01/01    Amount Requested $1,000
or   □ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Sutt

Project Title Atwood Community Prairie Garden

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)
The Atwood Community Prairie started in 1992. It is on the Capital City Bike Path between Cory and Ohio Sts. There are 30 active volunteers with 3 members of the Madison RPCV group. $50 will be used for the fire permit to burn the prairie and $50 will be used to purchase native prairie plants that are rare and/or unusual.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 04/01/01    Amount Requested $200
or   □ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Sutt

Project Title Goose Pond

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)
The Madison Audubon Society is purchasing land and restoring it to a prairie. Goose Pond. It is important to buy land to keep people from developing the whole world.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 4-3-1 Amount Requested $375.00

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Brice Lainberger

Project Title Wat Boat School Sanitation Station

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)

A small, rural Thailand school requests building material funds for a washing station. Teachers there wish to emphasize the need for children to wash their hands and to brush their teeth. A drinking water dispenser is also requested. Matching funds will help support the school's hot lunch program, costumes for cultural awareness class, raising catfish and an organic vegetable garden.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date March 16, 2001 Amount Requested $________________________

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Peter Joyce

Project Title Guatemalan Kindergarten Roof

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)

The community of El Guayabo, Guatemala, is interested in a better building for their kindergarten kids. Back in the 1980's when I was a volunteer there, this community only had a one room schoolhouse used by less than 30 kids and one teacher, in a community of over 120 households, with an average size of 6 people per house. Back then, 1-2 kids per year would graduate from 6th grade, most could barely read and write. Now population levels have more than doubled, and suprisingly, the government has helped with education. There is a multi-room school with 4 full time grade school teachers, and one kindergarten teacher. The kindergarten is now full with more than 30 kids, ages 5-7, all eager to learn. The community wants to improve the building for their kids, and would appreciate financial assistance for roofing materials. The community will put in all the work, and most of the materials for the school room.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 1-25-2001 Amount Requested $200.00
or □ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Sophie Zemmeliner Telephone 233-7886
Project Title Book to Morocco

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)

I collect books from donors (private persons, libraries, bookstores). I send them to teachers of English in Morocco (former students & teachers of mine while I was there) in MP bags. So far all have sent books arrived and have been enthusiastically received.

Sophia

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date January 8, 2001 Amount Requested $1000.00
or □ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Sheila Przesmicki Telephone 606-244-6454
Project Title Latino Workers' Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)

In the past decade Dane County has seen a dramatic increase in the number of Latino immigrants who live and work in the area. A disproportionate percentage of Latinos occupy jobs at the lower end of the wage scale. Evidence suggests that because many Latino workers speak limited English and in some cases are undocumented, they are likely to fall prey to exploitation and unjust working conditions.

Because of this, the Interfaith Coalition has begun a project to "research, review and record the conditions of Latino workers in the Dane County area." Its intent is to "report these findings and to make recommendations and initiate actions based on the findings."

Enclosed find copy of timeline for project.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 04/01/01  Amount Requested $________
or
☐ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott  Telephone 241-0810

Project Title Friends of Muravyovka Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box--about 100 words. Details on back)

Muravyovka Park is in Far Eastern Russia on the Amur River. It is 13,000 acres and is a test site for educational education and sustainable development. The donation will allow children to attend camp, hire summer interns, plant crops to keep cranes in park, and purchase educational materials.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 04/01/01  Amount Requested $________
or
☐ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott  Telephone 241-0810

Project Title Heifer International

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box--about 100 words. Details on back)

Heifer International provides domestic animals to people who have none. HI has become one of the most successful organization to empower women, the results of which are healthy better educated children and fewer battered women.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 04/01/01  Amount Requested $________
or
☐ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott  Telephone 241-0810

Project Title Trickle Up

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box--about 100 words. Details on back)

Trickle Up is an international organization dedicated to creating opportunities for employment and social well being among the low income populations of the world. In 1974 in Worms, Germany the started over 740 businesses in 1 year. Many Peace Corps volunteers have used Trickle Up Fund to start small businesses.
Project Application Form

Application Date 3-31-01  Amount Requested $9860.00

Or

Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI-Madison Sponsor CRIS CARUSI  Telephone 608 262 8018

Project Title PRODUCING AND MARKETING DRIED SNACK FOODS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (About 100 words)

In Nepal, with domestic violence estimated at 73%, economic self-development is critical for women. The Women's Foundation (WF) has trained over 300 women in five micro-business skills, one of which is making dried snack foods and packaging them for sale. WF seeks funds for a food dryer (22,000 Nepali rupees, $305), and a packaging and sealing machine (49,000 Nepali rupees, $681). WF will use these machines three hrs/day to train additional women. Five hrs/day a cooperative formed by the 25 women already trained will use the machines to produce a higher-quality, more marketable product. WF will send RPCV a six-month update on the number of women trained and the improved quality and marketability.

Food For The Poor

Application Date: Feb. 14, '01  Amount Requested: $150-2,000
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Buck Trawicky  Phone: 608/241-2392
Project Title: Food For The Poor
Project Description:
At a recent Sunday mass at St. Paul's, the guest priest was a craggy ex-Marine chaplain (Fr. John Fabian), whom I liked a lot. He has for years been completely involved with providing aid to poor people in the Third World, via Food For The Poor (FFTP). I chatted him up and got literature. I think this is a great place to send some money. FFTP helps the poor in the Caribbean and northern Latin America (also, a bit, in the US) with donated food, medical aid; economic independence projects (eg, foot-pedaled sewing machines), education projects (paying for school teachers and basic supplies), and houses ($2000 for a complete simple wooden house).

Food For The Poor is an "interdenominational Christian ministry" created to help the poorest of the poor in our hemisphere. They don't proselytize at all, they give help to anyone who needs it (no restriction on religion, politics, etc), they accept no gov't monies, they are very efficient (overhead under 10%), and they work through a network of local religious leaders (all religions) in order to identify genuine needs, minimize fraud, and maximize impact and use of volunteers. They're tax-exempt (501c3) and scrupulous. And they're not gloomy.

Donation amount: (1) At a minimum, I suggest we give $150: this will pay for one person's sewing machine, with instruction in its use, and basic home-business economics. (And just $25 would buy enough rice for a family of 4, for 6 months.) (2) $500 will pay for a year's worth of classroom instruction, for a bunch of kids. (3) And if we donate $2000, we'll pay for the materials for an entire house for a family. (Which ones or twos of us could then visit, and no doubt be proffered sleeping-bag space on the floor—wouldn't you love to have a standing invitation to visit someone in the Dominican Republic, or in St. Lucia, or in the Maroons' mountains in Jamaica?) (We could also opt to pay just for the roof, etc.; or to donate $2000 over 2 years.) I leave it up to the group, and up to the flood of other donation proposals, how much we give.

FFTW would rather we don't be rigid re. country and neighborhood, since needs fluctuate. But they'll provide a full accounting of our money (plus a copy of their annual report), and, if appropriate, the recipient will write us a letter.
Application Date: 4/4/01  
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Prudence Barber  
Project Title: A VIABLE LOCALE FOR MADISON'S ANNUAL SISTER CITIES FAIR  
Project Description:  
Starting with Oslo, in the '60s, Madison has developed a tradition of sisterings which now include Mantova (Mantua), Ainaro, Arcatao, Bac Giang, Camaguey, Freiburg, Managua, and Vilnius, plus Apartado, which is a Dane County Sister. New current efforts include possible relationships with Palestine, Jamaica and Chiapas.  
Myriad activities and exchanges happen on every conceivable level. We are all grassroots programs that rely on local volunteer support, and spend much time fundraising. Every spring, since 1997, we have put on the Annual Madison Sister Cities Fair, to inform the community and involve more people in our international relationships.  
We need to find a locale that generates its own general public, where we have a good opportunity to present ourselves and our programs. We want to reach beyond the usual crowd, and not "preach to the choir". These past five years we have used free sites, as each group has limited funds, with barely enough money for our own developmental and charitable activities.  
We are asking for help to try a different place, such as Hilldale, or to establish a different type of location for our presentation in the Spring of 2002. We have checked with various places, and costs would be about $1000 everywhere. A progress report will be submitted immediately after the next fair -- April 2002.

Network of Women Against Violence  
Application Date: Apr. 4, '01  
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Sharon Lewandowski  
Project Title: Network of Women Against Violence, Nicaragua  
Project Description: The Network of Women Against Violence was formed in 1992 and has more than 150 members -- both organizations and individuals -- that represent the grassroots women's movement from across Nicaragua. They mainly address issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Network functions similarly to a collective with minimal hierarchy and consensus-style decision making. It carries out projects through a series of commissions which include: women's police stations, legal advocacy; health care; and "emotional recovery" for victims of trauma.

Amnesty International  
Application Date: Apr. 4, '01  
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Buck Trawicky and Sharon Lewandowski  
Project Title: Amnesty International  
Project Description: The very notion of torture is an outrage, and the torturer's mind is an opaque mystery to me. And any of us, if the world is not reformed, risks the danger of being tortured -- (ask any Basque). Amnesty International is dedicated to eradicating torture, throughout the world. AI confines its specific pleas to protection of prisoners who did NOT commit any mayhem, it's been around for decades, and AI's people are not only committed, but also scrupulous -- all donations are well-used. Let's give them some money. I suggest that we split our donation (of whatever amount) between the Wisconsin chapter and the national/international organization. The WI chapter ("Group 139") is currently focused on protecting a Chinese prisoner of conscience (Fu Bin), relaxing the draconian conditions in the Boscobel Supermax Prison (guaranteed to produce unwilling psychopaths), and general advocacy work (dealings with our congressional representatives, educational activities, etc.). However, the national/international organization also deserves support: I think part of our donation should go there, letting the nat'l org. choose how to use the money. (We can send 2 checks in the same envelope.) Following an instructive phone conversation, I have received a nice handwritten letter of information from Angie Hougas, and printouts; I am confident a donation will be well used.
Application Date: 3/31/01
RPCV of WI Sponsor: John Schuchart (new member)
Project Title: ECO-EDUCATION CAMP - ARMENIA
Project Description:
I would like to request partial funding for an environmental project in Armenia that has become an annual event. For the past 2 years, Armenia PCV's have conducted seminars and activities with Armenian youth emphasizing environmental issues, including reforestation, pollution, composting, etc. The project will once again take place this summer, in the form of day and overnight camps, beginning in July. They have some donor support (ca. $2,000) but will still need about $1,000 to cover remaining costs. Specifically, $325.00 is allocated to cover materials and supplies, including host national NGO support materials (flip chart, paper, markers, misc.) @ $50, and activity materials and prizes for youth participants @ $275. $600 will cover the costs for two days of the camp in Dilijan ($300/day for 50 people), and the remaining $75 will cover some of the costs for the last (fourth) day of the camp. The check can be made to me, and I will forward the money to Armenia via a P.C. volunteer on vacation in the U.S., who will be returning to Armenia in June. I will take full responsibility for transfer of funds. We would appreciate your support.

Amount Requested: $1,000
Phone: 608/513-1244

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East Timor

Application Date: Feb. 14, '01
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Buck Trawicky
Project Title: East Timor Sister City
Project Description:
East Timor is finally FREE!! Yeah! But East Timor needs lots of help, after being trashed by Indonesia for so many decades (with Henry Kissinger very guilty). Now, Madison has a sister city in East Timor--Ainaro town, in the s.w. mtns. It suffered scorched-earth punishment during the Indonesian withdrawal, and deserves our help. The (Madison) East Timor Action Network is organizing help for Ainaro, and the first delegation will go there this autumn. A first priority is physical reconstruction. Our donation would be used to assemble a tool lending library, and to repair some of the town's buildings (both public and family). Diane assures me that none of our money will be used for beige persons' travel expenses; and the group's overhead is trivial. The umbrella organization is 501.c.3 (see below). After I receive more detailed budget information, I may ask our group to make a further donation. (I've also urged her to solicit East Timor photos for our Calendar.)

Amount Requested: Equal Share
Phone: 608/241-2392

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Guatemalan Accompaniment Project

Application Date: Apr. 4, '01
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Sharon Lewandowski
Project Title: Guatemalan Accompaniment Project (through Network in Solidarity with the Guatemalan People)
Project Description: Since 1992, Guatemalans have been exhuming secret wartime graves at massacre sites, interviewing thousands of witnesses and conducting detailed investigations into the army's genocide campaign. Nearly two dozen rural Mayan communities of massacre survivors have joined with the Guatemalan Center for Human Rights Legal Action to bring charges of genocide, torture and kidnapping against former dictator Lucas Garcia and high ranking officers. The genocide survivors will provide key testimony at trials, which are expected to last two years.
The Guatemalan Accompaniment Project provides direct human rights support to genocide survivors in the Guatemalan countryside by placing international accompaniers in targeted communities and supporting partner communities of former refugees and displaced persons.

Amount Requested: Equal Share
Phone: 608/241-2392
The Innocence Project

Application Date: Apr. 4, '01  
Amount Requested: Equal Share, or greater if we wish  
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Buck Trawicky and Sharon Lewandowski  
Phone: 608/241-2392  
Project Title: The Innocence Project  
Project Description:  
US prisons hold lots and lots of unjustly caged persons (to think about this, view the movies "Hurricane" and "The Green Mile"). Nationally, there are about 15-20 projects to free the unjustly imprisoned, but there's only one in Madison, and it's widely famous (though under-funded)—see the recent "Isthmus" article. At the UW—Madison, a coterie of law faculty and students are united in "The Innocence Project"—they work constantly to investigate cases, and set free the most provably deserving. They're currently working actively on 25 cases, and are surveying another 700. The faculty and students work for free (it's part of their budgeted work-life), but the project has expenses that're not at all well-funded—investigation and litigation expenses, mainly. (They get many small donations, but they never have enough money. On Apr. 5 '01, they had $200 in the bank!) We should give them a bunch of cash, but I'd be satisfied with an Equal Share. If we give them some money, they promise to invite us to dandy Law School parties (if there is such a thing), and send a fulsome letter of thanks.

Dolpa, Western Nepal (repeat)

Application Date: Apr. 4, '01  
Amount Requested: $600  
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Buck Trawicky, RPCV/Nepal  
Phone: 608/241-2392  
Project Title: Friends of Dolpa: student sponsorship (repeat)  
Project Description:  
Friends of Dolpa is a non-profit org., founded by a Nepal RPCV; it exists to serve lovely Dolpa (in NW Nepal), by improving education and working for cultural and environmental preservation. They've established the Tapriz School, which gives a full education (Homer, Jane Austin, and calculus), but within the context of Dolpa culture; and they have about 5 other projects (including boy and girl scouts!). If we give c.$600, we can amply pay tuition for a number of school children, with daily lunch. Last year, we donated money to the Friends of Dolpa; they responded out of all expectation—we received a bunch of dandy photos, and an amazingly scrupulous financial accounting.

Earthquake relief, for El Salvador and for India

Application Date: Apr. 4, '01  
Amount Requested: $250 for each place (= $500)  
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Buck Trawicky  
Phone: 608/241-2392  
Project Title: Earthquake Relief, for El Salvador and for India  
Project Description: During the past year, both El Salvador and India have suffered crippling earthquakes. We should have given help (but when these quakes happened, we were out of money to give). I propose that we allocate $250 for each place (= $500 total), for relief. Subject to Buck or another member providing a proper destination, approved by the group. (I'll ask Prof. Joe Elder for suggestions.)

St. Joseph's Home for Boys

Application Date: Apr. 4, '01  
Amount Requested: Equal Share  
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Sharon Lewandowski  
Phone: 608/241-2392  
Project Title: St. Joseph's Home for Boys, Haiti  
Project Description: St. Joseph's Home provides a refuge and home for former street children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In addition to being provided with a supportive community and an opportunity for education, the boys learn respect for themselves and others, are instilled with a sense of responsibility to their community and fellow human beings, and develop pride in Haiti. In the last few years, St. Joseph's Home also runs a home for severely disabled children, which they took on after they learned the previous directors were leaving and were unable to find placements for any of the disabled children. Support for these two projects comes mostly from international donations. I have visited St. Joseph's Home myself and can attest to the difference it makes in the lives of these children and youth. It is competently and lovingly run.
WPR; WORT

Application Date: Apr. 4, '01
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Buck Trawicky
Project Title: 2 Local Public & Community Radio Station

Amount Requested: $150, twice (= $300); or more
Phone: 608/241-2392

Project Description:
In many years, we’ve made donations to Wisconsin Public Radio (90.7 AM) and WORT community radio (88.7 FM). Both provide essential information regarding international events, and their interaction with our local communal life. Both stations are grossly underfunded, and yet deserve hefty support—we should do our part.

Tuva

Application Date: Feb. 14, 2001
RPCV of WI Sponsor: Buck Trawicky
Project Title: Yurta Mira

Amount Requested: $150
Phone: 608/241-2392

Project Description:
Tuva is a country just west of Mongolia, and uses the Mongolian Buddhist calendar. It’s presently part of Russia, but it is totally ignored and quite unfunded by the Moscow mandarins (sorta like the Pine Ridge Reservation in the US). In the last several centuries, it’s been truly independent for only a few years (its postage stamps are treasured by collectors), but it yearns to be free. In the West, Tuva is mainly famous for its "throat singers."

While researching Tuva’s holidays and anniversaries, I stumbled on a charming web-site, which I think we should support, modestly. It’s maintained by a bunch of dedicated but cash-poor Tuvans who are collecting and posting their country’s lore, language, and old texts; and they’re providing a way for Tuvans to interact on the Internet. <http://www.orc.ru/~chingis/>. They ask (beg) for financial help from Western friends and users. I think we should take a modest chance on them, and donate $150. (Not more, since we don’t know enough; and, if our group feels really dubious, even less.)

Number of requests = 26 (?); Total amount requested = $8,086 + 10 Equal Share + 1 wide range

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