This mailing provides our members with information concerning the requests for donations that have been submitted for the 1999 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 9 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 Monday, April 19 at Sophia Zermuehlen's house, 317 Bordiner (233-7886). Anyone interested in this process is invited to participate. The more people who attend, the more legitimacy the recommendations will have. The recommendations of this committee 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. We'll send the money out as soon after that as we can.

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**PROJECT APPLICATION FORM**

Application Date 4/1/99       Amount Requested  $995

or

Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott Telephone 241-0843

Project Title MCHC

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

The Madison Community Health Center has struggled for 25 years to provide for those who cannot obtain health care elsewhere. They have 2 clinics one on the near east side and the other on the south side. Many of their clients do not speak English. They have had severe financial problems, forcing them to close the near clinic for a short period of time. They are currently trying to put together enough money to buy a new autoclave.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 4/1/99 Amount Requested $995

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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott Telephone 241-0845

Project Title Trickle Up

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

Trickle Up is a group that matches the RPCV's development goals. It provides small amounts of capital for individuals to start a small business. It works in all the Peace Corps countries, and several Peace Corps Volunteers have provided start up money to individuals from Trickle Up.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 4/1/99 Amount Requested $500

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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott Telephone 241-0845

Project Title Goose Pond

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

The Madison Audubon Society has for several years been buying land around Goose Pond and restocking it to prairie. It would be a good environmental use of our money to secure some land that will be a short distance north of Madison (near Mike Reed) for all the creatures of the earth.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 4/1/99 Amount Requested $500

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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott Telephone 241-0845

Project Title Mashal

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

Mashal is a Pakastani group of people who help disadvantaged people. For the the handicapped, Mahal secures medical services, medicines, appliances, donated surgeries, physical therapy, etc. For young women they provide classes in various skills that can provide them with income. They are also active in obtaining books for libraries.
In 1999, in light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch, the Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua's (WCCN) June delegation to Nicaragua will focus on healing and recovery, and particularly the added burdens placed on women. Delegation participants will include practitioners of a wide range of healing therapies in order to provide workshops for women in Nicaragua. Training in stress alleviation, massage therapy, art therapy, and other techniques will be provided.

WCCN will be providing scholarships for practitioners who are not able to pay the full cost of their participation and will also cover the costs associated with the conference: food for women attending, lodging for those traveling from outside of Managua to participate, location costs, translation services, and materials for distribution.

The goal of Habitat for Humanity is to provide affordable housing for all people. Since 1987, the Dane County affiliate has built or rehabilitated single family houses for 14 families. Because of rising land costs and property taxes, HFH of Dane County changed their approach. Now they are attempting to purchase and rehabilitate 31 units in 8 buildings in the former Eric Circle area, now renamed Harmony Court. These units will be sold for $35,000 each to local families who must provide a $500 down payment and 300 hours of labor on the renovation. At present, HFH is more than halfway through the renovation, but additional funding is needed to continue this work. Our donation would contribute to the momentum generated by this project, which promises to help turn around a formerly troubled neighborhood.

Friends of Kenya has been directing donations to three agencies that are playing different but important roles in helping people deal with the aftermath of the tragic bombing. The Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB, a national NGO) has registered 150 persons whose sight was affected in various ways and is trying to help rehabilitate these people. KSB also operates 19 mobile eye clinics and 51 static eye units in partnership with the Ministry of Health. The Salvation Army is assisting about two dozen victims who need artificial limbs. Each limb costs about $700. Additional costs are incurred for other necessary medical or rehabilitative therapy. The Oasis Counseling Center is attempting to provide trauma counselors to meet the needs of the nearly 20,000 people who were directly involved in the bombing. They also conduct support groups, provide follow-up counseling for individuals who display symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress, and actively focus on helping children adjust to the situation. Our donation would be to the Friends of Kenya to be disbursed as they feel is needed.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date  April 9, 1999  Amount Requested $ __________ or

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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor  Peter Joyce  Telephone  282-498-573

Project Title  Medicine for hospital in Guatemala

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

The Hospital Municipal de Momostenango is run by a community committee. The services they offer, from family physicians to obstetricians, are offered on a generous sliding scale. There are lots of poor people in their area with lots of medical needs. The hospital does its best to meet those needs with lots of equipment donated from Canada and the U.S. Momostenango is a predominantly Quiche-Mayan region located in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. "Momo" is a common stop on the Gringo Trail in Guatemala, famous for its wool blankets. The monies would be used for buying basic medicines such as aspirins and antibiotics for those that cannot afford them.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date  9 December 1998  Amount Requested $ 300.00 or

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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor  John Elder  Telephone  238-3915 (h)

Project Title  FOCUS (Friends of Chernobyl Centers United States)  821-3854 (w)

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

FOCUS (Friends of Chernobyl Centers, United States) is a support network for 10 community centers established in western Russia, Belarus, and the Ukraine that provide services to victims of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. Center programs include education and recreation, medical and social work, psychological rehabilitation and counseling, community action and organization, and support services to the elderly.

The headquarters and national chairperson of FOCUS are located in Madison. The network is a project of the Institute of International Connections, a tax-exempt non-governmental organization. Our contribution to it would be consistent with Peace Corps goals in that it would help to support the staff at the Centers who work each day to bring hope, community, comfort, and education to those displaced by the Chernobyl disaster. In addition to providing direct consultation, training, teaching materials, and moral support to the centers' staff, FOCUS links the Centers with other American resources, and it engages in public education about the Chernobyl disaster to the American public and politicians.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date MARCH 8, 1999 Amount Requested $ or

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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor TERRY D. STARK Telephone (608) 233-9140

Project Title WORT-FM Radio

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

WORT-FM is a volunteer community radio station that promotes an international perspective through news programs like “Third World View,” and talk programs like “A Public Affair.” Its programming often covers important issues in other countries that one may not hear about in the mainstream media.

WORT-FM encourages cultural diversity through its substantial international music programming. It serves an informative role in Dane County by providing a medium of communication accessible to everyone.

The staff of this grass-roots, community radio station is overwhelmingly made up of volunteers.

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Application Date MARCH 8, 1999 Amount Requested $ or

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Project Title WOLF WATERSHED EDUCATION PROJECT

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

The Wolf Watershed Education Project (WWEP) is a grassroots educational organization formed by fishing groups, hunters, small business owners, environmentalists, and other volunteers concerned about obtaining and disseminating information with which to evaluate the impact of metallic mining in Wisconsin. Volunteers formed the WWEP primarily in response to the proposed Crandon Mine.

One prominent activity of this non-profit, tax-exempt group was to sponsor a speaking tour along the Wisconsin River in 1977, which provided a forum for fishing groups, small resort owners, cottage owners, and others to ask questions and get information about the potential impact of the proposed Crandon Mine on the WI River. The speaking tour helped to educate people and build ties between communities, based on their mutual interest of protecting their water resources.

The WWEP does investigational work to find out about the record of mining companies, what their track record is, and the impact their mines have had in other areas. The WWEP is an educational group; it does no lobbying and does not endorse any political candidates. If approved, the funds would be used mainly to help pay printing, postage, and phone costs.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date  12/8/98
Amount Requested  $300

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor  Sophia Zermughlen
Telephone  233-7836

PROJECT TITLE: Shipping Postage for Donated Books

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

Sophia is collecting used or donated books for shipment to school teachers and librarians in Morocco and elsewhere, for use in the schools. She's done this in the past, and finds that shipment directly to the teacher's home is the best way to assure that the books actually end up in use in the school, instead of in some intermediate living room. She asks that we agree to reimburse her for the cost of overseas postage, up to $200 (depending on how many books she collects and how many teachers she develops contact with).

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date  March 29, 1999
Amount Requested  $375.00

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor  Brice Lainberger
Telephone  (608) 846-5833

PROJECT TITLE: Bang Kaew Well

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

On a recent trip to Thailand my country of Peace Corps service I was made aware of the need for general usage water in this small rural community of 35 families. A shallow well will provide water for bathing, sanitation and cleaning. Water now is being transported which uses expensive fuel and equipment which is better suited for the rice fields.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date  March 29, 1999
Amount Requested  $950.00

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor  Brice Lainberger
Telephone  (608) 846-5833

PROJECT TITLE: Bahn Cow Mag Ga Two School

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

While visiting my old place of Peace Corps service I received a request by a local school administrator: he needs money to finish the building of his school. The Asian Flu has hit the rural areas of Thailand very hard. Government funding has run out and this school still needs latrines, cafeteria, a cultural center to show respect for the Lord Buddha and the King of Thailand. The school has a small concrete structure for class rooms but it is insufficient. Most of the classes are held in grass huts with dirt floors. Supplies are also in a shortage. Many of the children have been moved with the families to the big cities to work in factories and now back again because even these have shut down due to the slow economy. The money requested is for building supplies, labor will be donated.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: *(Fit text into box—about 100 words. Details on back)*

**Malawi Children's Village.** Established in 1997 by a Boston physician (and RPCV!), MCV covers 35 villages with a population of approximately 25,000 people. Within this area, there are approximately 2000 children who have been orphaned through HIV/AIDS. A team visits each village weekly providing food, medication, and other needed services. We, a group of 14 Wisconsin medical students and faculty, will be working at this site assisting in village outreach programs, education programs, and the new Nutrition Rehabilitation center targeting the most vulnerable children.

We are requesting funding to design, build and stock a library for use by the local children and adults who are part of the MCV community. There is a newly erected Nutrition Rehabilitation Center which will house this adjunct library. In addition, we hope to paint, poster and decorate this newly established library with the help of the local children.

Materials: For this project, we are requesting $600 to be used for the purchase of paint, lumber and services of a local carpenter as well as to attain children's books (the latter of which will predominantly be purchased in the U.S.)

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**Community playground for Malawi Children's Village**

A group of UW medical students proposes to design and build a community playground for Malawi Children's Village—an orphanage in Malawi, Africa. This project will include design and construction of a playground structure (climbing apparatus, swings, bars, slide, etc.) and purchase of other sports equipment (soccer balls, tennis equipment, toys, and board games.)

Construction will be done by Malawi residents and medical students in June 1999. $600 is requested for purchase of lumber, ropes, tires, bars, and sports equipment.
The Tarahumara are an indigenous people from central Mexico. Hundreds of Tarahumara families have been displaced over the past decade. Many have migrated to border towns in Northern Mexico seeking greater economic opportunity. Last summer, Sandy Moss visited a Tarahumara community located at the outskirts of Juarez.

Since the Tarahumara do not speak Spanish, they cannot be employed in the factories in Juarez and must look to other sources for income. There is an ongoing project in which community women sew traditional clothing, weave baskets, and carve figurines. These are then sold at markets and fairs in Juarez and other cities, and have even been exhibited at the Smithsonian. With the funds requested, we hope to allow this community economic development project to expand from being a supplemental source of income to one that is more sustainable. In addition to material, better working tools (such as sewing machines and more durable carving implements) will allow production to increase. This in turn would enable the Tarahumara to ensure a reliable supply of goods and help them "break into" other markets, such as catalogs or stores that sell items from around the world and turn the profit back into the communities.

Number of requests = 17; Total amount requested = $7,565 + 5 Equal Share