This mailing is an effort to provide our members with information concerning the requests for donations that have been submitted for the 1998 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 1 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 is for a group of people to meet, discuss the applications, and recommend amounts of funding for each project application. This meeting will occur at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 20 at Sheila Przesmicki’s house, 541 Oak St. (2 blocks north of Ella’s Deli on E. Washington, 244-6454). Anyone interested in this process is invited to participate. If only 3 people attend, as happened last year, we will have to revise this process, and you’ll have to put up with discussing the merits of each application individually at the next group meeting. 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: MARCH 21, 1998  Amount Requested: $ EQUAL SHARE
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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 truly a community-sponsored, non-profit radio station. It helps to educate and “bring the world home” to its listeners through such programs as THIRD WORLD VIEW, and frequent talk programs on important issues in countries around the world that often are not covered much, or at all, in the mainstream media. In this way, the goals of WORT and of PEACE CORPS are one and the same.

WORT also promotes diversity and cross-culturalism through its 17 hours per week of international music programming. It is the only radio station of which I am aware that provides the resources for an hour of news and music by and for the Hmong community. In this way, the goals of WORT and our INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR are the same.

WORT is run primarily by a staff of volunteers.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date March 1, 1998

Amount Requested $500.00

or

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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Gina Cortell Telephone 231-1694

Project Title Candy Children's Centre (KCC)

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

Our group has given donations to KCC for several years. The group has seen KCC extend beyond its initial goal of making sure the poor's children in Candy ate at least 2 meals a day. One feature that made this project attractive was the involvement of the community which continues to be present. Funding however has never been stable and a donation from RPCV allows KCC more freedom to carry through with projects. Rev. Stephen is an annual correspondent to the current President of RPCV-Wis.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 4-2-98

Amount Requested $600.00

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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Brent R. McNabb Telephone 835-7512

Project Title Mundo Da Crianca School

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

I served in the Peace Corps in the interior of the northeast of Brazil. One of my neighbors was a family of 12 living in a tiny 4 room house. Neither of the parents were able to read or write, but they made sure their children went to school. Now their spirited middle daughter, Maurina, has founded a school in an urban working class neighborhood. In November of '95, I had the chance to visit Maurina (after 20 years) and see this amazing school. I was moved by the excitement for learning I encountered and by the focus on building the children's sense of self worth - and all with such meager resources. The school is worthy of our support and so are the children who benefit from her passion to provide the best education possible for them. The school currently supports 30 needy students tuition-free. I propose that we support one student for a year (the cost is $600). The potential for this being an ongoing commitment from our group merits consideration.
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 Eric Circle area. 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 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.

El Pinar Latrine Construction Project
The Martina Diaz Women's Foundation of the El Pinar has taken the initiative to improve the health and hygiene conditions in their community. Currently, El Pinar suffers from many diseases due to lack of proper sanitation. The group realized that they key to improving such conditions was providing latrines for the community, and eventually for every home. With this in mind, the women undertook a small project to construct a few latrines. Through this project, the women learned organizational, purchasing and construction skills. Now the women are eager to put these skills into use by fulfilling their objective of one latrine per home. In order to do this, they need assistance to obtain construction materials, hardware and tools. Total Request: $10,242; Remaining Balance: $3,517
Peace Corps Volunteer: Melissa Holmes of Evanston, Illinois
Zangasso Health Worker Training
The community of Zangasso has experienced many losses due to complications in childbirth. One in seventy women die as a result of these complications, which are mainly the result of a low level of knowledge on the subject of childbirth and a lack of properly trained health workers. To combat this problem, the local health authority decided that there should be two women in each of the area villages who are trained as midwives and health workers. The local health center has arranged the training, which will be coordinated by a trained midwife. The community will provide lodging and transport costs for the trainees and request assistance for materials such as birthing kits and training costs. Total Request: $3,910; Remaining Balance: $1,555
Peace Corps Volunteer: Kathleen Seiden of Muskego, Wisconsin

Buddhist Monk and Temple for Cambodians
United Refugee Services and the Mental Health Center of Dane County have begun a project to make a temple and Buddhist monk available to the local Cambodian community. This is of fundamental importance in Cambodian culture and serves as a focal point for ceremonies and healing which are crucial in helping the community function. The Cambodian community has significant problems with post-traumatic stress disorders, depression, and family problems. These untreated issues, which are the result of past atrocities and the upheaval of an entire culture, have served to prevent many people from attaining stability and self-sufficiency in their lives. The monk works in culturally-appropriate healing methods. Project costs will be used for rent, utilities costs, basic upkeep of the temple and living expenses of the monk.
Shree Birendra Secondary School Water System
The town of Jaipate consists of around 700 residents, mostly students and faculty of the Shree Birendra Secondary School. Currently, the women of the community (as well as the female students) are forced to walk for over half an hour to the nearest water source, which is full of water borne diseases. The community is eager to obtain clean drinking water for the school, and has decided to build a rain water collection system. Besides reducing health problems, the new water system will allow the female students to devote their time to studies rather than collecting water. Once constructed, the system will also serve as a model for other communities who wish to build similar systems. Assistance is needed to purchase materials to begin construction. Total Request: $4,157; Remaining Balance: $3,619
Peace Corps Volunteer: Frank Silberstein of Columbus, Ohio
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 1 APRIL 98 Amount Requested $_______
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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor BUDDY TRAWICKY Telephone 241-2392

Project Title TIBETAN HOSPITAL, POOR AND NEEDY FUNDS

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

The Tibetan Medical and Astro. Institute, in Dharamsala, India, is part of the government-in-exile led by the Dalai Lama. It runs a hospital there, and clinics wherever Tibetan refugees have settled. Our donation will go to subsidize the free health care given to the indigent. Supported in 1996.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 4-1-98 Amount Requested $400.00
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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor ROSE ANN SCOTT Telephone 241-6845

Project Title Mashal

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

Mashal is a Pakistani group of people who help disadvantaged people. For the handicapped, Mahal secures medical services, medicines, applicances, 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.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 1 APRIL 98 Amount Requested $_______
or
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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor SHARIAN LEWANDOWSKI Telephone 241-2392

Project Title MOVEMENT OF WORKING AND UNEMPLOYED WOMEN
(MOVIMIENTO DE MUJERES TRABAJADORAS Y DEMISALEADAS)

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

This organization is based in Managua, Nicaragua, and works with women who are working into Free Trade Zone of Managua. The Movement has a center where they provide training to women as to what their legal rights are and how to access resources. The Movement is also a part of a regional network of women that are working to support women in "maquillas" across Central America. This network has put together a code of ethics for Maquila owners in the Central American countries. The Movement has approached the National Assembly and the Maquilas to garner support for a Code of Ethics.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM
Application Date 4-1-98  Amount Requested $500.00
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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Sutt Telephone 241-0645
Project Title Bilingual Stations

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

The Madison Community Health Center has struggled for 25 years to provide care for those who cannot obtain health care elsewhere. Many of their clients do not speak English. The Center needs to purchase equipment for a phone station to allow a bilingual receptionist to talk on the phone and enter into a computer at the same time. They are in the process of hiring a bilingual receptionist and acquiring a separate phone line. Currently when a Spanish speaking person calls, they have to go and find a Spanish speaking person. Two phone sets are needed @ $275 each.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM
Application Date April 1, 1998  Amount Requested $500.00
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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Gordon M. Malaise Telephone 264-5316
Project Title Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center Food Pantry

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

The Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center Food Pantry continues to fill an important need for many families in the Williamson-Marquette Neighborhood. Throughout 1996, 2,069 families (4,991 individuals) received in excess of 2,621 bags (approx. 20 lbs. per bag) of emergency food assistance from the Food Pantry. Although participants come to the Center for food, they also have an opportunity to receive employment, housing and educational information. In addition, people are able to take advantage of the other programs at the Center. Wil-Mar's programs include: an after school child care program, a middle and high school program, senior citizen nutrition and social programming, produce and clothing distribution, a Saturday Community Meal, and various events made available by facility use groups. While the need for food assistance continues to increase, funding available for this program is extremely limited. We are asking for your support on this ongoing project.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM
Application Date April 98  Amount Requested $500.00
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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Buck Trauticky Telephone 241-2392
Project Title Chiapas Relief Services

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

Various Madison-area churches and other groups are in cooperation with Bishop Ruiz of Chiapas, working to bring peace to Chiapas (southern Mexico), helping the local people, and refugees from Guatemala, develop their local economy, and helping them resist the greed of multinational and Mexican corporations (this last has been inflamed by NAFTA and by a change in the Constitution). We have supported this in the past.
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 4-1-98       Amount Requested $ 200.00
or

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott
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 resowing 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 the all the creatures of the earth.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date 4-1-98       Amount Requested $ 600.00
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RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott
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.

Number of requests = 17; Total amount requested = $4,350 + 8 Equal Share

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