

# AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE



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## ANNUAL REPORT 1997

### *Envisioning a peaceful world*

**T**he American Friends Service Committee envisions a world without violence, in which conflicts are solved without weapons and resources are directed to meet everyone's needs.

Yet every headline and television report seems to bring the news that violence, in all its forms, has become a way of life. The evidence is in the guns that find their way into the hands of children, the lives devastated by cutbacks in social welfare programs, and the increasing anger and frustration so many of us express in our daily interactions.

Where do we find peace? The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) believes that to answer that question, we must look at different ways we do violence unto others — and at different ways we can make peace. This 1997 annual report celebrates AFSC's efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace in partnership with the many people with whom we work.

Peace has always been central to AFSC's mission. Fifty years ago, AFSC and the Friends Service Council of Britain received the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of Quakers worldwide. The award recognized Quakers' extraordinary efforts to relieve the suffering of the disadvantaged and the dispossessed, especially the suffering brought on by the two world wars.

The virtues that caught the attention of the Nobel Committee in 1947 are still present in AFSC programs today. We continue to work with all sides of a conflict. And we still work with people and on issues that others are unable or unwilling to support.

AFSC believes peace is within each of us. It lies in our ability to reach out to those struggling for economic justice and human rights. And it lies in our ability to develop nonviolent solutions to conflicts and to encourage a deeper understanding between people of different races and ethnicities.

We thank those of you who have joined us in peacemaking by supporting our work in the past, and we look forward to our continued partnership as we move toward our vision of peace.



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# Highlights

## In 1997, the AFSC...

- continued an intensive program of famine relief to North Korea, which included shipments of fertilizer, wheat seeds, rice, and maize;

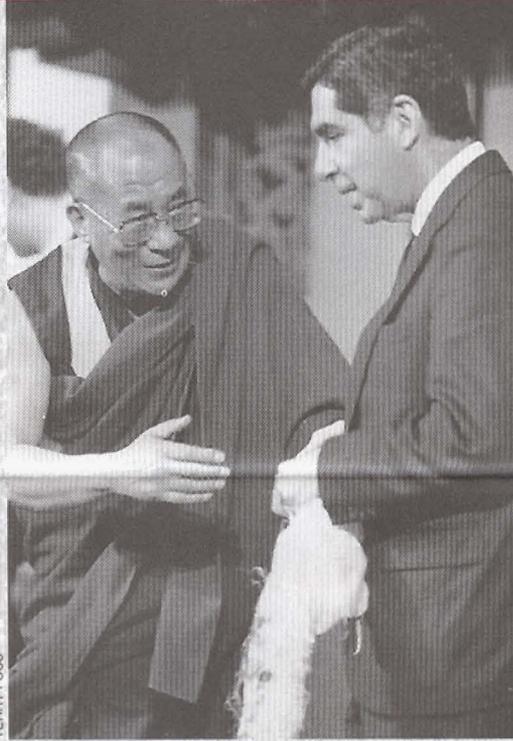
- cosponsored the seventh annual National Coalition on Police Accountability conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as part of a campaign against violence in communities that seeks to hold police accountable through public education, community organizing, and civilian oversight;

- initiated a racial/ethnic tolerance project in schools in Budapest, Hungary, to challenge negative stereotypes of Roma (gypsy) people, help dismantle the wall of prejudice that surrounds them, and create acceptance of cultural diversity;

- exposed the mistreatment of poor and homeless clients at a psychiatric facility in the San Francisco Bay area through the investigative reporting of *Street Spirit*, a publication by and for homeless people;

- produced "US in America," a weekly radio call-in talk show that strengthens knowledge and unity among recent Spanish-speaking immigrants in Central Iowa by addressing topics such as citizenship information, changes in immigration law and welfare reform, and providing essential information about living in the United States;

- combined our financial resources with the initiatives of women's associations in Mozambique to support activities that provide income, such as raising poultry, making pottery, selling clothing, and establishing a bakery;



The Dalai Lama and Oscar Arias Sanchez

- fostered and promoted development of alternative training and trade projects in Honduras to find new markets for farmers, artisans, and small-scale food producers;

- worked on welfare reform issues on a variety of fronts, including the use of games to educate about the human impact of changes in the federal welfare law in New York, and the promotion of welfare reform in West Virginia and Hawai'i, not just to reduce welfare rolls but to help lift people out of poverty;

- provided food and stabilized family income through a revolving loan program to women in Vietnam;

- restored traditional gardening practices and reestablished family gardens and orchards on the Mohawk Territory at Akwesasne in upstate New York;

- sponsored a dialogue project in New York City, with expatriates from the former Yugoslavia, Sri Lanka, and Haiti, which creates safe, supportive environments

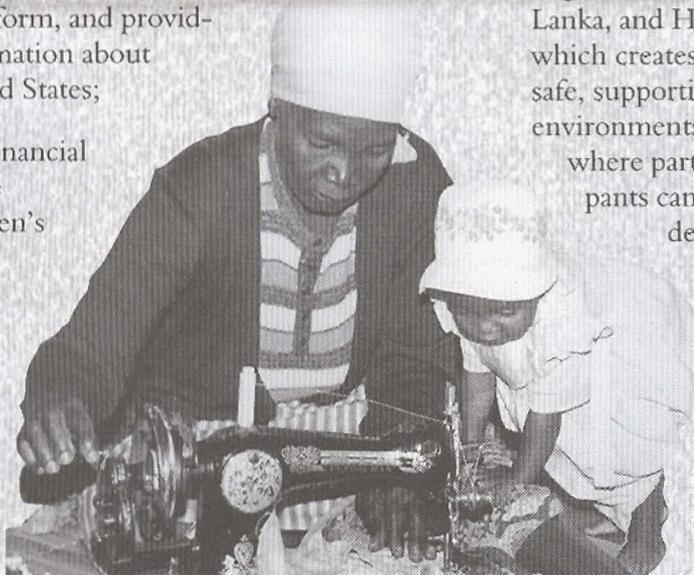
where partici-

pants can share differences, overcome distrust, and develop understanding;

- expanded training in nonviolent conflict resolution, mediation, and trust building in schools and community settings in Missouri, Arizona, Maryland, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut;



Akwesasne Black Ash Project



Women in Development Project, Mozambique



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- cosponsored the Abolition 2000 conference in Tahiti — at which activists sought to create a common agenda to rid the world of

nuclear weapons and gain sovereignty rights for the indigenous peoples of the Pacific — and held follow-up

**Abolition 2000 Conference, Tahiti**

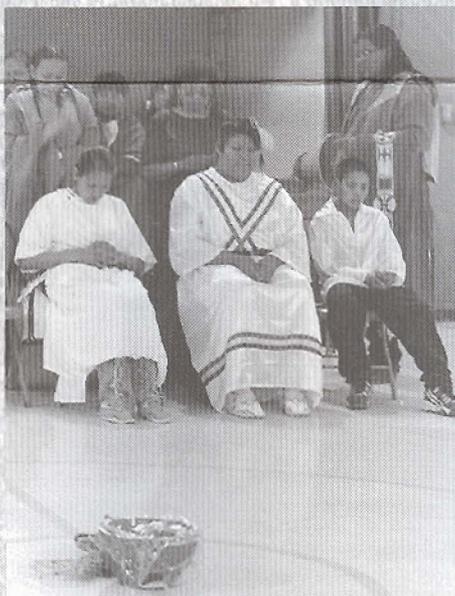
conferences in California, Colorado, and Massachusetts;

- joined Oscar Arias Sanchez and thirteen other Nobel Peace Prize laureates in calling for an International Code of Conduct on Arms Transfers, which would begin the slow process of eliminating weapons at both the local and global levels;

- organized a workshop on landmines in Southern Africa — the most mined region of the world — to strengthen existing national campaigns to ban landmines and create new campaigns;

- advocated lifting the embargo on nonmilitary supplies to Iraq, where the civilian population has been severely affected by sanctions since 1991;

- helped revitalize native traditions among the Oglala Lakota young people on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, through coming of age ceremonies and traditional rites of passage that teach Lakota folklore and history;



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**Oglala Lakota young people on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota**



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**Nobel Peace Prize laureates at Code of Conduct signing in New York City**

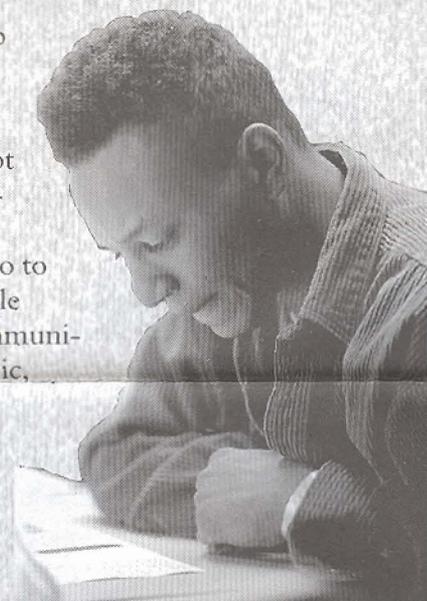
- implemented a school for Latin American and Caribbean youth leaders to teach strategic planning skills and prepare them for active participation in the construction of peaceful and just societies;

- continued a long tradition of hands-on volunteer experience through service projects cosponsored by Intermountain (Colorado) Yearly Meeting, and Mexico summer projects in collaboration with our Mexican counterpart — Servicio, Desarrollo y Paz, A.C. — and the Association of Sonoran Friends in Mexico;

- prepared African American young people for leadership by training college students to work as mentors for teenagers in economically depressed areas of Chicago, Illinois, and through an internship program in St. Louis, Missouri;

- produced the “Adopt a Watershed” curriculum for students in northern New Mexico to become knowledgeable about streamside communities and their economic, social, cultural, and environmental importance;

- cosponsored “Peacemaking as a Way of Life”—a project with Quaker meetings, community groups, and Friends schools in the United States and abroad—to reaffirm the concept that peace lies within each of us and everyone can be a peacemaker.



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**Chicago African American Mentorship Project**

## Statement Of Activities For The Year Ending September 30, 1997

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>SUPPORT, GAINS &amp; OTHER REVENUES</b>				
<b>Public Support:</b>				
Contributions for current program work	\$6,526,828	\$8,539,715		\$15,066,543
Bequests	5,710,318	808,763		6,519,081
Contributions to planned giving for future program work		<u>4,208,680</u>		<u>4,208,680</u>
<b>Total public support</b>	<b>\$12,237,146</b>	<b>\$13,557,158</b>		<b>\$25,794,304</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT GRANTS</b>		<b>\$64,848</b>		<b>\$64,848</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>				
Investment income net of related fees	\$14,096,207	\$8,263,333		\$22,359,540
Program service income	563,996			563,996
Other income	260,120	3,546		263,666
Adjustment for fees payable		(1,674,651)		(1,694,651)
Adjustment for actuarial liability of annuities		(694,204)		(694,204)
Net assets released from restrictions	10,689,177	(10,689,177)		0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT, GAINS AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$37,846,646</b>	<b>\$8,830,853</b>		<b>\$46,677,499</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>				
International programs	\$8,122,899			\$8,122,899
Domestic programs:				
Community Relations	7,036,154			7,036,154
Peace Education	4,150,023			4,150,023
Special programs	<u>2,069,735</u>			<u>2,069,735</u>
<b>Total program services</b>	<b>\$21,378,811</b>			<b>\$21,378,811</b>
<b>PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>				
Fundraising	3,290,582			3,290,582
General management	<u>3,636,840</u>			<u>3,636,840</u>
<b>Total program support</b>	<b>\$6,927,422</b>			<b>\$6,927,422</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,306,233</b>			<b>\$28,306,233</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$9,540,412</b>	<b>\$8,830,853</b>		<b>\$18,371,265</b>

A copy of the complete audited financial statement is available from:  
AFSC/Controller's Office, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102-1479.

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*"I give and bequeath to the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes."*

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