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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE



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Extending hope around the world

IN A WORLD FILLED WITH GREAT NEED, the American Friends Service Committee believes in the infinite possibilities of the human spirit.

Our programs toward social and economic justice, peacemaking and guiding youth are imbued with hope that springs from the Quaker principle that the Light of God is within each of us. Our determination to forge a better world is renewed with each hand that joins ours—to lend and to receive help.

Our groundbreaking work was recognized this year with a profile in the public television series, *The Visionaries*. The segment depicts economic development, work with immigrants, and our acclaimed Help-Increase-the-Peace conflict resolution program for youth.

As we ended 1998, Hurricane Mitch and the floods that followed left tens of thousands homeless in Central America. With unprecedented support—more than \$1.5 million—AFSC responded to emergency needs with food, clothing, and tools. In keeping with AFSC's mission to promote self-sufficiency, we will work through the coming months on long-term recovery.

In this 1998 Annual Report, you will find examples of our programs around the world, made possible only by the generosity of thousands of caring people of many faiths who share our vision of hope for the world.

In 1998, the AFSC....

- Delivered 8,000 pairs of mittens and \$40,000 worth of powdered milk to children in areas of North Korea affected by years of devastating floods followed by severe drought. We also provided seeds and supplies for a fast-growing barley crop and initiated exchanges linking North Korean farmers and scientists with U.S. agricultural institutes.

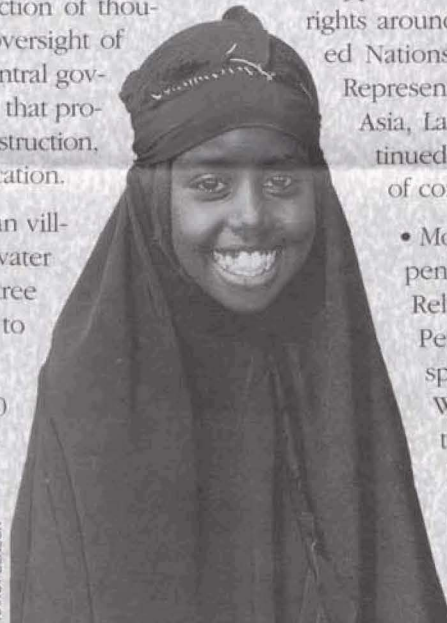


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North Korean agricultural delegation

- Distributed \$90,000 worth of food and medicine to Somalis recovering from torrential rains that caused loss of human life and livestock and destruction of thousands of acres. AFSC provided critical oversight of contributed goods in the absence of a central government, then resumed ongoing projects that provide dairy cows, seeds, trees, latrine construction, and farming and animal husbandry education.
- Provided a significant grant to a Chilean village to repair an earthquake-damaged water wheel needed for irrigation for a citrus-tree planting program that also employs 18- to 25-year-olds.
- Wrote and distributed more than 40,000 copies of a handbook advising welfare recipients and their advocates in West Virginia and across the country of their rights as welfare regulations change.
- Celebrated with the Comité

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Somalia



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Maquiladora workers

Fronterizo de Obreras labor group as it opened its first office in Piedras Negras, Mexico, and continued to support the maquiladora workers on the U.S.-Mexico border to organize for higher wages and improved working conditions in the foreign-owned assembly plants.

- Organized and co-sponsored the "Ethics and the Culture of Development" conference in Havana, Cuba, where 300 representatives from 32 countries explored ways to expand economies while safeguarding the environment and examined the role of technology, education, social movements, and private businesses.
- Supported adoption of UN standards for human rights around the world through the Quaker United Nations Office. Quaker International Affairs Representatives based in southern Africa, East Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe continued their "quiet diplomacy," often in areas of conflict.
- Mobilized national opposition to the death penalty through the interdenominational Religious Organizing Against the Death Penalty Project. Participants at the AFSC-sponsored conference, "Envisioning the World Without Violence," learned ways to be more effective advocates. In Massachusetts, organizing grassroots opposition helped defeat a death penalty bill in the legislature.
- Dedicated AFSC's new Commu-

RIGHTS



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Haiti

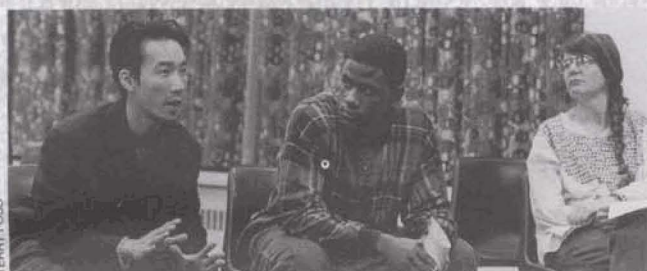
nity Health and Training Center in isolated Les Irois, Haiti. The only health facility for a population of more than 40,000, the center provides education on prenatal care, nutrition, and other preventive health care.

- Negotiated with local and federal agencies for water storage rights to provide relief during dry seasons in New Mexico, and advocated for fair distribution of land and water resources.



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United States



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HIP Program

- Expanded Help-Increase-the-Peace (HIP) conflict resolution programs in several parts of the United States. Honored this year by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at Cardozo High School in Washington, D.C., the program has helped youth make schools and communities safer in 21 states, Australia, Hungary, and New Zealand.
- Challenged economic sanctions by delivering to Iraqi hospitals \$40,000 worth of medicine and infant kits donated by Quaker meetings and other supporters and continued to pressure the U.S. government to end sanctions.
- Supported youth groups in the Andean region who are



THOMAS MOORE

Iraq

working against forced military recruitment and for conscientious objector status.

- Initiated and published *Resistance in Paradise: Rethinking 100 Years of U.S. Involvement in the Caribbean and Pacific*, a curriculum guide. The collaborative project involved 25 writers and educators of African, Asian Pacific, Latino American, and European descent.
- Started a model class in Budapest, Hungary, where Roma (gypsy) college students teach some 300 elementary school students about Roma history, traditions, and culture, to increase acceptance of Roma children who are victims of prejudice in their schools.
- Provided legal counsel and information to refugees and immigrants facing deportation or preparing for political asylum in AFSC offices in Florida, Iowa, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.
- Supported 17 Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest in the "Power Paddle to Puyallup," a 220-mile canoe journey from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Tacoma. Some 700 paddlers, ages 6 to 70, connected with ancestral traditions in a powerful spiritual event.

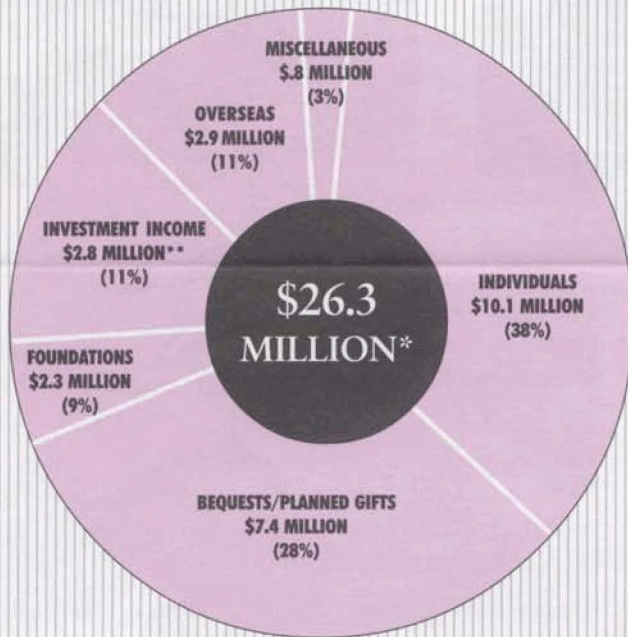


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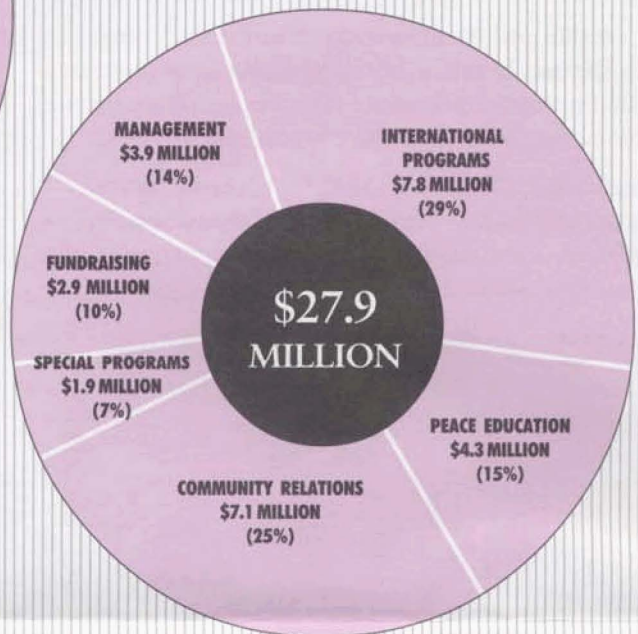
Native American

Statement of Activities for the year ending September 30, 1998

Revenue



How funds are used



*Unrestricted Net Assets

** Does not include Realized and Unrealized Capital Gains

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AFSC/Controller's Office, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102-1479.

One sentence in your will by your attorney can help work for a better world:
"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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