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TO: PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS

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SUBJECT: Volunteer Opportunities with the WUL

Listed below are the departments of program in the League with some volunteer needs identified, but all skills are welcomed and utilized. A detailed description is found in the attached manual. A commitment of a definite block of time is required.

✓ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT - Interviewers for trainee positions and job counseling.

✓ EDUCATION AND YOUTH INCENTIVES - Tutors - Junior or Senior High School

VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM - Specialists to assist returning veterans in finding jobs, render educational counseling and guidance, and help solve housing needs.

HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT - Persons concerned with the identification of health and welfare needs in the community and actively work towards change and improvement in the provision of services to meet these needs.

✓ NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER - Volunteers to work with neighborhood action groups or block clubs. Consumer Action Program, instructors for low income persons how to best spend their money and get full value for the purchases they make. Effect changes in unfair selling and credit practices. Aid in organizing cooperative buying clubs.
Senior Citizens Center, Volunteers to help plan and administer programs in Education (Basic) and assist in administration of Thrift Shop.
Caretakers Youth Centers, Teenage and young people (6-12) (13-17) Skills of any kind and Counselors needed.
Housing - Technical assistance needed in National Training Site Planning.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Help develop broader Negro Leadership base throughout community. Volunteers with community organization background needed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT - Volunteers with an interest in journalism, Clerical skills needed.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT - Volunteers to perform clerical duties, and recruitment of new members and campaign workers.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES - Volunteers with Clerical Skills, Editorial Background, persons with Interviewing techniques to aid other volunteers in job counseling and placement.

ATTACHMENT: VOLUNTEERING WITH THE WUL

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Cultural field trips, educational and recreational events with emphasis on Negro history and culture for children of Jr. High age. Group will aim for 100 Negro and 100 white children. Activities will be carried out in small groups of 10 children. Needed are volunteers to plan events, recruit children and to serve as group leaders and aides. First meeting, Monday April 8, 1 p.m. or at 8 p.m. Contact: Mrs. Carol Ward or Mrs. Linda Uhlfelder, Telephone 265-8200. *Mrs. Hawkins 265-8200*

EXPERIMENT IN METROPOLITAN LIVING

Patterned after "Experiment in International Living," this program will seek to find 10 Negro and 10 white families who would be interested in a two-week's family exchange of a Jr. High-age son or daughter. Needed are persons interested in planning, recruitment or in being a host family. Contact: Mrs. Carol Ward or Mrs. Linda Uhlfelder, Telephone 265-8200. *Mrs. Hawkins 265-8200*

MONITORING OF LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Financed by a Ford Foundation Grant, the United Church of Christ has called upon the Urban League to carry out, over a period of 60 days, a survey of local radio, TV and press media. These media will be observed to determine: how the Negro is depicted through coverage of news events, the extent of coverage of news of particular interest to Negroes, news treatment of Negro leaders, manner of coverage of racial issues; employment of Negroes in all media, etc. Findings will be documented and used in efforts to effect desirable changes in media policies. If local project is successful it might be used as pilot program for other cities. Needed are persons to assist in monitoring and persons with training in statistics. Contact: Horace Morris, 265-8200. *Mrs. Hawkins*

COMMUNICATION NETWORK

A project planned in conjunction with the "Poor People's Campaign" to minimize the tensions created by rumors, distorted or misinterpreted news coverage of Campaign events. Volunteer, impartial observers will cover planned events (i.e. a scheduled visit by delegates to the office of an official for lobbying purposes); volunteer then reports his on-the-scene observations to the Urban League. Contact: David Rusk 265-8200. *Mrs. Hawkins*

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TUTORING PROGRAM

Program for tutoring Jr. High students in area where high school drop-out rate is highest, has been in operation for some time. Volunteers asked to spend 1 to 1-1/2 hours, one evening a week during one school year, or a three-month summer program or both. Mathematics and reading are primary areas where assistance is needed, however, persons with training in other specialized areas can be used. Contact: 265-8200: *Mrs Hawkins*

SURGE

Northern Virginia program directed by Alexandria Urban League which seeks to train and improve the skills of domestic workers and thereby enable them to demand a better wage. This is a two-year program, financed by a Federal grant. Project aims toward formation of a cooperative which would raise wage scale and provide medical and vacation benefits. Needed are women to assist in training, recruitment and placement of domestic workers trained in this program. Contact: Alexandria Urban League 836-2551. *MR Ward*