

MEMO TO: FRIENDS OF SNCC GROUPS
FROM: BETTY GARMAN, Atlanta Office
RE: Fund raising with Women's Groups

May 10, 1964

Joyce Barrett, a 23 year old SNCC field secretary is now on a six week national tour to involve women's groups in the civil rights movement and in programs for SNCC fund raising. Joyce has worked out a program which is design-d specifically to appeal to women's organizations. In order to give you an insight into some of the things she will try to do while on the road, some of her ideas for working with women's groups are noted below:

1. A campaign to call for federal legislation outlawing the use of cattleprods on human beings. Women's (and possibly medical) organizations might become the catalyst for this campaign.
2. Publicity around the Mississippi sterilization bill which has passed the Mississippi House at this writing but not the Senate.
3. Jail visitations: Women's groups would be asked to recruit members who would be available to travel on short notice into protest areas where there is a real problem of police brutality or substandard conditions in the jails. These teams would visit the jails, take affidavits, pressure officials (local and national), and make a point of visiting wives of any official practicing or encouraging brutality.
4. Specific requests to be made of women's groups with respect to fund raising for SNCC:
 - a. Adopt a SNCC worker
 - b. Scholarship funds for use by SNCC workers who want to return to school after field work
 - c. financing special projects: asking for total or partial support for such things as community services such as book-mobiles, career counseling, social work, teaching, home industries for people who have been cut off welfare or have lost jobs trying to register; support for community centers, medical clinics, and so forth.

Work with women's groups specifically is based partially on the assumption that women constitute one of the most highly organized segments of our society today and that the resources which exist in those groups in terms of money, time and energy has been largely untapped.

The schedule for Joyce's trip is:
PHILADELPHIA: May 6-23

Send mail c/o:
112 S. 49th Street, Philadelphia
SH7-0274 (215)

NEW YORK: May 23-30

c/o NY SNCC Office
100 Fifth Avenue, New York City
YU9-1313 (212)

CHICAGO: May 30-June 3

Chicago Area Friends of SNCC
765 E. Oakwood Blvd., Chicago
268-5077 (312)

SAN FRANCISCO AREA: June 3- ?

c/o Mrs. Charlotte Lewis
839 Washington Avenue
Albany 6, Calif. 524-9054 (415)

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Of course, you will notice that not all the cities where we have Friends of SNCC groups are on the list. If you are near one of the areas where Joyce will visit, you should write to her IMMEDIATELY and outline what you might be able to plan for one day for she might be able to alter her schedule slightly.

At any rate, the development of a program for working with women's groups should not be based on Joyce's trip alone for she will be travelling again in the fall and will want to be in touch with any and all women's groups in your area during the summer. In addition, Friends of SNCC groups themselves might undertake to use several specific approaches with women's groups -- again, remembering that there is great untapped potential for fund raising in this case. Each of you should, at least, be personally in touch with Joyce very soon. Try to outline to her what kind of work has already been done in your city with women's groups and/or what might be possible in the future. You should think in terms of approaching organizations like: chapters of national women's groups (eg. League of Women Voters, National Council of Negro Women, YWCA, etc.), Negro sororities, local women's clubs, women's professional organizations, service organizations, women's church groups and others.

NOTE: In the cities where Joyce will visit, you should again begin IMMEDIATELY to corresspond with her so that you can begin arranging things in your area. In New York, Philly, Chicago and on the West Coast Joyce already has numerous appointments set up so corresspondence with her is doubly important to avoid conflicts in scheduling.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: JOYCE BARRETT (pictures can be supplied on request.)

Joyce is 23 years old; graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia; is white; is a member of Delta Sigma Theta national Negro sorority; was a staff member at Fellowship House in Philadelphia; was first arrested during 1961 sit-ins in Maryland when she spent 17 days in jail in Annapolis; she has worked on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and joined the SNCC project in Albany, Georgia in the winter of 1963 (Feb.); since her initial arrest in Maryland she has spent time in Albany, Atlanta and other Maryland jails; her arrests total 6;

Of course it goes without saying that you should feel free to use your own ideas while working with women's groups and also to pass along any other ideas you develop to Joyce so she can apply them elsewhere.

FREEDOM,
Betty Garman, SNCC Atlanta