

SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

P. O. Box 6403, Nashville, Tennessee 37212

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Dear Friend of SSOC,

During SSOC's nine months of existence, we have come from an idea in the minds of a few students to a somewhat loosely defined "organization". SSOC's Southwide fall conference in Atlanta and the Mississippi Christmas project represent the two most tangible results of SSOC's labor. SSOC has grown from no staff to four persons on the payroll at \$25 each per week (an Executive Secretary and three Campus Travelers). A Nashville office at 915 18th Ave. South has been modestly equipped with borrowed, donated, or rented equipment.

Our financial support has come from a Norman Foundation grant (\$2000), church contributions, and personal contributions. We have applied for a tax-exempt status, but this has not materialized as yet. I was very naïve about the expenses involved in getting SSOC going and maintaining an office. It didn't take many printings, mailings, salaries, phone bills, travel expenses, conference and project expenses, and miscellaneous expenses to reduce our bank balance to the point that we cannot meet January expenses and to wake me up to our desperate financial crisis.

You can help by sending us a minimum contribution of \$1.00 to remain on the mailing list. I hope you will choose to send more to help defray the following major monthly expenses:

Salaries	\$400
Rent	85
Printing (Newsletter, etc.)	75
Mailings	150
Travel expenses to campuses	185--215
Phone	60
Supplies	45

I am told (and still believe some of the things I am told) that there are liberals who have money. If your cup runneth over or if you know someone who is willing to spill a little in SSOC's direction, I'll mention that we need a car for campus traveling (we can't ask female travelers to hitch-hike), a mimeograph (which would save us money), and a typewriter (we are renting one now).

We are trying to spend SSOC's money wisely. Sue and I consult on every expenditure over ten dollars. Will you help in the transformation of the South by contributing to SSOC? Thank you.

Yours for a new South,

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Treasurer of SSOC