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Dear Friend:

You may have heard from us as an individual social worker. We write to you now in your capacity as an agency staff member.

As social group workers we see the attempts of some major civil rights organizations to coordinate their efforts around voter registration and the development of Community Centers in Mississippi as deeply significant. These efforts are a real extension of the philosophical concerns and goals of our profession and are in the tradition of Jane Addams.

We have solicited individuals for contributions to support one particular Center in Cleveland, Mississippi. This Center has recently opened and we were put in touch with it by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It will remain open after the summer ends.

In addition to money, the Center needs equipment and program supplies, paper, paints, paste, scissors, workbooks for children, maps, magazines, all kinds of reference books, stapling machines, typewriters, etc. We all know what is needed to run a Community Center.

Is it possible for your agency or groups within the agency to develop some programs for the purpose of helping the Cleveland, Mississippi Community Center?

A program or project such as this can have meaning for membership. You know your agency and your members. Is there something appropriate for them to do?

Staff or members can write or send materials and contributions directly to: Dorothy Hughes and Katherine Hollie
c/o Mrs. Lois Rodgers
614 Church Street
Cleveland, Mississippi

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Please let us know if you think you can get something started.