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Dear Friend;

We are still waiting for the permit on the Indiana Community Center. The building funds are very necessary which will require about three thousand dollars (\$3000) to complete the building.

The main purpose for this building is to give the people some place to hold meeting. The people here are strong in mind, but without a place to express themselves, they will be able to develop unity and learn the true value of citizenship, this will be a stimulus to motivate their will-power which cause them to press forward.

Here in Sunflower County nine (9) miles North of Indiana, Mississippi, is located a town named Sunflower, Miss. which have a population of about 1,200, the negro population is about 90%. They have received a permit to build a community center there, this building will be use mainly for citizenship classes.

There are people through out the entire county without food to eat, gas or wood to keep warm from. The reason for this is because the land owners possess all of the power and due to the increase of

machine the unskill men have no work. In this County and many other counties. People who should be receiving welfare aid and Government food, are because the Health Education Welfare Department did not sign the agreement or pledge with the Government, and the unskill men are suffering from the result.

There are people who have been thrown off plantation so if we could afford a large tent, we would use part of the Libidinalis Community Center ground, the purpose of this tent will be use for living quarters.

I am now Chairwoman of the Bonfouca County F.D.P. I ran for the position and was elected. My reason for wanting to hold this position, was I think a person should work full time with the people in laying new programs and trying to make them successful. I am a member of SNCC and a few other organizations. I'm putting forth all my efforts in this struggle.

Our county or the need of some type of transportation, which is very important in getting the people to the courthouse from across the county. We will be very proud of any donations or contributions you give us to support our project and keep it alive.

Thank you.
Yours freedom
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