

Community Futures Collective is an umbrella organization that serves numerous non-profit organizations annually, assisting in infrastructure development, fund-raising and providing fiscal sponsorship. In 2007 primary clients were:

National Coalition to Free the Angola Three- \$ 223,513.00

This grassroots organization is dedicated to providing legal support, media coverage and personal enrichment to two men that have been falsely imprisoned in solitary confinement for 34 years. An annual fundraising letter raises approximately \$2,000 annually that is used mainly for commissary and postage costs for prisoners. The main donor, Anita Roddick passed into the spiritual world this last September but not before having her family commit to this cause. Funds from the Roddick Foundation provide funds for the legal defense costs of the Angola 3 prisoners as well as investigative, media and organizing costs. In 2005, the law firm of Holland and Knight took on the Civil Suit filed on behalf of the Angola 3, inspiring great hope for the future. Additionally, the chief magistrate in the case denied the State's writ to dismiss one of the Three's criminal post-conviction. As 2006 both cases are close to going to court again and there has been considerable press and media attention around the case. The goal of this work is to negotiate a favorable legal ruling that will set a precedent for many other prisoners held in indefinite solitary confinement and ultimately to secure the freedom of these two men through legal channels. Directly this program serves the two prisoners and their families. As previously stated, a favorable ruling on this civil case would effect at least 200 more prisoners. Ultimately, the case involves typical issues of racism and social inequity and political prisoners and subsequently reaches a concerned audience of several 1,000 individuals and their loved ones dealing with long-term incarceration. This past year has seen a marked shift in the use of media and lobbying for this cause.

1) b- Freelines- support for released prisoner, Robert King's cottage business – developing marketing and providing financial support.

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Funds were deposited into the CFC account by a single donor the LEF Foundation to be re-granted to numerous non-profits needing additional grant help for project implementation or completion. This year there was only 1 organization, The Garden Project, that needed this extra help.

Seventh Native American Generation is a youth organization created by and for Native Americans 26 years old and younger. SNAG publishes a glossy color magazine funded entirely with donations and grants. The magazine and website provide a public forum for young people who are unheard and unseen in mainstream media and features first-person essays, poetry, photographs and illustrations created by Native youths across the U.S., Canada and Alaska. The organization's mission is to provide young people with the skills necessary to create multimedia work to continue speaking their minds and sharing

their ideas and to train future leaders to utilize media in a positive and productive manner. Additionally, SNAG provides out reach and workshops to schools and community youth organizations. Between subscriptions, sales and promotion, this program reaches approximately 2,000 young people annually.

Common Ground Collective- This organization was founded directly after Hurricane Katrina when it became obvious that government response was inadequate. A small group of community organizers joined together to develop relief services, a medical clinic and advocacy and support for those affected by the Hurricanes. After providing relief work for over two years, Common Ground is currently embarked upon rebuilding in the Lower 9th Ward as well as continuing their free legal clinic, media center, wetlands restoration and community garden projects. They hope to initiate a construction training program for ten residents – a year long program would train 20 residents to enter the constructions trades.