

Report from the Public Access Accounting Community

A House is a Resource Center for Volunteers Who Live/Work to Create a Worldwide P.E.A.C.E. Network

There are people who would like to dedicate their lives to creating a better world. They are dedicated to making the nationwide community currency, the P.E.A.C.E. dollar a reality. They are dedicated to making certain that people know about multinational corporations which thrive on child labor. They are dedicated to peacefully working to create a world of equality and lasting peace. A Better World Is Within Reach Peace Network would like to create real communities, to house these people as they work. This is why we are counting on all people across the nation who desire a better world to donate a house to help us facilitate this goal.

Sound impossible? Consider this example:

Media Island International (MII), based in Olympia, Washington, gained 501(c)3, non-profit status in 1991, and began a Fiscal Sponsorship program to umbrella other non-profit groups and individuals with goals that fit with MII's mission. In 1997, a house was donated to MII, and the idea for the Research and Networking Center was born.

The house became a non-stop organizing center. Their non-profit umbrella group and networking center, helped many people and groups. Among many, many others, they have been the fiscal sponsor for the Julia Butterfly Hill tree sit, Not In Our Name (Seattle chapter), and The Independent Media Center (prior to its gaining 501(c)3 status). In 1999, as the WTO Ministerial prepared to assemble in Seattle, MII began to support local independent media activists by providing computers, cameras and video recorders for the historic establishment of what became the first Independent Media Center. If their small group, was able to have such a tremendous local impact through creating a housed community that helps people network, imagine the impact if our group could house seven communities, nationwide, which are focused on networking people on a worldwide level!! Imagine.

A Chocolate Lover's Special Report

Excerpt from *Bittersweet Chocolate* By Caroline Tiger for Salon.com

Of the \$1.1 billion in boxed chocolates that Americans are expected to buy on Valentine's Day, very little will be untainted by the scourge of child labor. Although some who buy those bonbons will do so without knowing the sinister history of their purchases, others, like the chocolate makers will



have known that cocoa beans imported from the Ivory Coast -- used to make nearly half the chocolate consumed in this country -- are harvested in large part by children, some as young as 9, and many of whom are considered slaves, trafficked from desperately poor countries like Mali and Burkina Faso.

Full article: www.resist.ca/story/2005/2/14/12289/2848
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A Better World Is Within Reach Peace Network Budget

Inflows	
Personal Donations from Members.....	\$152.00
Total Inflows.....	\$152.00
Outflows	
Bank Charges.....	\$4.00
Ithaca Hours Start-up Kit.....	\$25.00
Visual Arts Activism Grant to Members.....	\$15.00
Other Printing.....	\$9.00
Supplies for the Multicultural Potluck, Trade Fair and Visual Arts Exhibition on 2/19/05.....	\$20.00
Printing of Vol. 1, No. 1 issue of 'The Peace & The Press'.....	\$45.00
Total Outflows.....	\$143.00
Total Budget.....	\$9.00

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volunteers. Yet, due to the rocketing cost of inflation, and the bleak economy, the volunteer hours that people have available has substantially decreased as people discover that it is far more difficult each day simply to pay rent, buy food and pay for bus fare.

At ABWWR Peace Network, it is our mission to make it a priority to compensate volunteers. All funds generated by the fundraising community of our network will be divided in a manner which not only takes into account the requirements of a project, but the requirements that the volunteers personally are in need of: meals, bus fare, childcare and a great deal more.

AD RATES -Ad space in this zine is available for non-corporate businesses, independent artists and all groups that are not owned by multinational corporations, governments and established political groups. The Summer issue will appear nationwide and on our website on May 21st, 2005 and runs until the Fall 2005 issue. Deadline is April 21st, 2005.
 Ad - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" = \$20.00 - 2 1/2 x 5" = \$40.00

Fair Trade Chocolate Retailers in North America:
www.ithacafinechocolates.com/artbarsnearyou.html