

**SEATTLE-DALIWE  
Sister Community Project  
c/o 521 16th Avenue, East  
Seattle, Washington 98112**

May 9, 1990

Dear Friends;

I am writing to you on behalf of the Seattle-Daliwe Sister Community Project. As I hope you are aware, citizens from Seattle are reaching out to the people of Daliwe, a township in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa, to establish links that will assist us in helping them **fight apartheid and create a new South Africa.**

In the past three months, the Seattle-Daliwe Sister Community Project has had some exciting successes! On several occasions we have been fascinated during conference calls linking our group and the Daliwe Residents Association. **These personal contacts have brought the struggle home for us, and increased our understanding of their lives and their desperate situation.** On March 29th, Mayor Norm Rice was our spokesperson, calling from the New Hope Baptist Church. More than 250 community members listened to the representatives of Daliwe as they outlined their needs and hopes.

Our letter writing campaign, undertaken at the request and direction of the Daliwe residents has also had success. The U.S. Ambassador to South Africa actually called our contact to Daliwe (at the Grahamstown, South Africa, Rural Committee) to ask, **"what is GOING ON, in Daliwe...I have received a flood of letters from Seattle, Washington!"**

Just this week, the Seattle City Council passed a formal resolution endorsing the efforts of the Seattle-Daliwe Sister Community Project.

**Finally, and most importantly, there has been encouraging news from Daliwe.** There have been negotiations in Daliwe between the residents association, the local white government, and the figurehead black leaders of a nearby township. These negotiations led to progress on several issues of concern to the people of Daliwe.

That's the good news! We are encouraged. **But the struggle is only beginning, and there are many needs to be fulfilled. Daliwe needs your help!**

Our project, to date, has existed on a small amount of start-up funding from the U.S.-South Africa Sister Community Project, on donations gratefully received at the March 29th phone call and meeting, and on the good will of SANE/FREEZE and many volunteers. We've done a lot with a little. Now we want to do more, with your help.

**Please consider making a commitment to the people of Daliwe, and to justice and positive social change in South Africa**, with a donation of at least \$25.00. Your donation will be gratefully accepted, and will directly benefit the work of the project. We are currently working to widen the constituency of the steering committee, to communicate with Daliwe on an agenda of immediate needs and action items, to produce a video about the project, and to develop a comprehensive outreach plan to churches, community groups and individuals in Seattle.

**There has never been a more critical time!** You know that South Africa is in the news every day. Pressure needs to be maintained, work needs to be increased, understanding and reconciliation need to be fostered, and every individual who cares must make and keep a strong commitment to progress and peace. **We're offering you an opportunity to make that commitment**, and we promise to keep ours.

Your donation is not yet income tax deductible. We are in the process of pursuing IRS not-for-profit status. Please make your check payable to the Seattle-Daliwe Sister Community Project (or SDSCP), and mail it to the address on the letterhead. Thank you for your time, interest, and commitment.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Henderson".

Sharon Henderson  
SDSCP, Fundraising Chair

P.S. Please join us on May 19th from 9:30 am to noon at New Hope Baptist Church, 124 21st Ave (at Fir) for our next meeting.