

# Sharing, Inc.

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Dear Sharing Friend,

*“Even with the most fervent will, it is not possible for everyone to do everything. We cannot level our lance at every evil, right every wrong. But we can do something ... And the moral distance between doing something and doing nothing is momentous indeed.”*

Dan Berrigan S.J.

In early 1972 Kay Doherty believed God was calling her to do something about one specific injustice. That injustice – which called out to her – involved malnourished children and economic poverty, exacerbated by racism, in the Mississippi Delta.

Since then thousands of people have discovered the joy of walking on Good Friday in order to do something that helps others. More than \$3,000,000 has been distributed by Sharing Inc. to projects in the rural south; projects that are making a difference in the lives of children.

The following testimonials speak to what our support has meant.

*“The Sharing family is very important in the life, work and dreams of the 21st Century Youth Leadership Movement. Our commitment and efforts are enhanced through the demonstration of your continued belief in and support of our Movement. The Sharing family support is not only a helping hand but more importantly a connecting hand. We walk together, struggle together and share joys together. We share as families should. Thank you.”*

Carol P. Zippert for the 21st Century Youth Leadership Movement Selma, AL

*“The funding that the Federation has received from Sharing over the past thirty-plus years has been most helpful. First Sharing has been a consistent and loyal funder, which means that we can always count on your support – year after year – to help in our work with low-income families across the south.*

*Second, the funding from Sharing has helped us to do things in a flexible way enabling us to respond to immediate needs that other funders often do not allow us. Some examples: being able to travel to Washington D.C. to press Congress for funding for Black farmer issue, holding meetings with farmers and fishermen on the Gulf Coast impacted by Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill, being able to respond with technical assistance to a rural family facing land loss due to heir-property and estate problems.”*

John Zippert for the Federation of  
Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund Epes, AL and Atlanta, GA

*"Sharing is like an umbrella to the House of Joy Child Care and Learning Center. Sharing has been many things to us. Through Kay and the people of Sharing, we have found an umbrella of friendship, love and financial support. We feel that House of Joy and Sharing have developed an everlasting relationship of friendship and love. The umbrella has helped us get through many hardships and keep afloat. To our college students Sharing means an educational enhancement through its scholar program. To our children and their families, many times Sharing has been Santa Claus when we are the recipients of the Christmas gifts. Yes, Sharing means many things to us and we thank you for each and every one of them."*

Rubbie Jenkins for the House of Joy Child Care and Learning Center Okolona, MS

*Sharing's support has truly been a lifeline to the Kemetic Institute. It has helped us secure a permanent place to house and conduct activities that enhance and rebuild feeling of self-value and self-esteem in many youth of this area. It has been monumental to our longevity."*

Emily Harris for the Kemetic Institute of Mound Bayou, MS

On April 22, 2011, Good Friday, Kay will walk in her response to that initial call for the fortieth time.

We, the Board of Directors, are asking you to renew your membership in Sharing, Inc. or become a first time member. Your contribution will help pay our administrative costs, including Kay's minimal salary, helping to ensure that 94% of monies raised by the Walk will be given away.

Please respond generously to this appeal. Let this be one of the things you do to contribute to the cause of justice and peace.

*Kay Doherty*

*William J. Penrose*

*John M. Jewey*

*Eileen Donaghy*

*Judy Klugman*

*Richard E. Thompson*

*Ronald J. DuBois*

*Colin C. Moran*

*Maggie Waislaw*

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*Cathleen H. Shires*