



THE GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZING WORKSHOP'S SELF RELIANCE PROGRAM.

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Jimmy Raynor

G.R.O.W. STAFF

18 Bluff Rd.

Columbia, S.C. 29201

Dear _____

We at GROW have developed a program for community self-reliance which we would like to see implemented. There are three main parts to the program, food, housing, and human affairs. The communities that we are working with are mainly elderly and economically very poor. One of the stumbling blocks to community self reliance is the lack of tools with which to improve basic living conditions. The skills to insulate, or improve the plumbing are here inside the communities but, there are no tools available.

The idea that we have come up with, is to establish a community tool bank which people needing the use of tools for their homes or gardens may check these tools out through their neighborhood organization. This bank is to be located at a central area of town so people will have access to the tools. These tools are not to be sold or given away and any tools lost or stolen will be paid for through the community organization that checks them out.

There is also a need for building materials, insulation and general materials for bringing housing up to city code, this includes lumber and plywood that is not up to your standards to sell and any rusted or damaged building materials. These materials are tax-deductible



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When donated to us and will not be sold, but used in there communitis.

We need hand tools with which to work on all phases of home improvement and gardening tools with which to grow small or moderate gardens.

any contribution which you can make to our efforts would be appreciated and they are also tax-deductible.

For more information call 254-9398 or write , or come by 18 Bluff Rd. Columbia,S.C. 29201.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Rayor".

Jimmy Rayor

G.R.O.W. Staff

(Please check list of tools that are inclosed) .



COMMUNITY TOOL BANK

List of tools that are needed for community organizations
Hammers 16-20 oz- framing

Hand saws

saber saws

Power saws

Drills or drill motors

Drill bits

Screw drivers Phillips and plain

Framing and trye squares

Pliers

Channel locks

Cats claw and wrecking bar

Side cutters

Pipe wrenches 10'' 14'' 18''

Staple guns

Chauking guns

10'' 12'' adjustable wrenchs

Utility knives

Plumers snake and closet auger

Paint brushes and rollers all sizes