

Here's how you helped us in 1988 and how you help us in '89.

* BUILDING PROGRAM *

1988---

With the help of your funds and the labor of volunteers and local residents, we were able to complete some significant construction and rehabilitation projects. As these projects are completed, our goal of expanding the Rockcastle Resource Center as a positive force in the ASPI demonstration program is being accomplished. Your help allowed us to construct: a solar greenhouse as an herbal demonstration project; a storage building used as part of our local outreach program; a cistern to provide a much needed additional water source; and a dark room at the Solar House. We have also been able to carry out maintenance on the yurt, bunkhouse and other buildings.

You also made it possible for us to help two homeless families obtain and build their own homes. They also expressed their thanks to all of you.

1989---

Next year we hope to do extensive renovation of the Solar House and to add shower facilities and other basic amenities to the bunkhouse. With the completion of the bunkhouse, ASPI will be able to initiate environmental work/study/reflection programs with various interest groups desiring to conduct extended small group conferences. We also intend to continue our outreach building program in the local community.

* ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING *

1988---

Your donations of money and video equipment in 1988 allowed us to develop a video tape dealing with reclamation monitoring in the Appalachian region. Work is in progress on two other video tapes dealing with the Adopt-a-Stream water monitoring program and with water conservation through the use of compost toilets/cisterns.

We have also begun to monitor Native American archeological sites that are in danger of being exploited. With the recent lack of governmental interest in protecting such sites, we are convinced this project is of utmost importance to us as a people.

ASPI celebrated Kentucky Rivers Month by hosting a Rockcastle River Day on June 4th.

1989---

We are very excited about our video program in the coming year. Work is in progress on a multi-part video concerned with water monitoring and a video commemorating the Trail of Tears Anniversary. We will also be initiating a program to distribute, sell and rent the tapes to various public interest groups and schools.

* NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM *

1988---

We were able to carry out a successful training program with the help of funds from the U.S. Department of Labor. This program enhanced the skills of twelve people in office management, low-cost construction and environmental demonstration.

1989---

We have secured a small grant that will allow us to do much needed research on the Native American culture in the Appalachian portion of Kentucky. We are diligently working to produce a report on the results of our study in 1989. It is our hope to give a sense of respect for and self-esteem to the numerous persons of American Indian ancestry in our state.