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# Dear Friends,

*The last few months have really whizzed by! Maybe I'm just a little sleep-deprived since our twins—Rubin and Audrey—arrived on September 15. As you can see from the photos below, they are not the only children to join the Muste Institute "family" this year.*

*Our new Board of Directors held its first meeting in September during which they made $6,610 in grants and reorganized the Muste Institute's committees. As we look to expanding our activities in the future, the members of the Board are making a greater commitment to work on implementing new programs and services. And, of course, they will be actively helping to raise the money necessary to make things happen.*

*While we are looking for new sources of support for our work, your contributions continue as our main form of income. As the end of the year approaches, we hope you will consider making the largest possible donation you can to ensure that the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute will carry on serving the movement for peace and social justice through nonviolent action and education.*

*In peace,*

Murray Rosenblith

*Murray Rosenblith*
*Executive Director*

# NEW FUND MAKES FIRST GRANTS

The members of the advisory committee overseeing the Muste Institute's International Nonviolence Training Fund held their first meeting (by phone conference) this summer, set up operating procedures and made their first grant awards. The committee is composed of representatives from the Muste Institute Board, the fund donors, and international trainers.

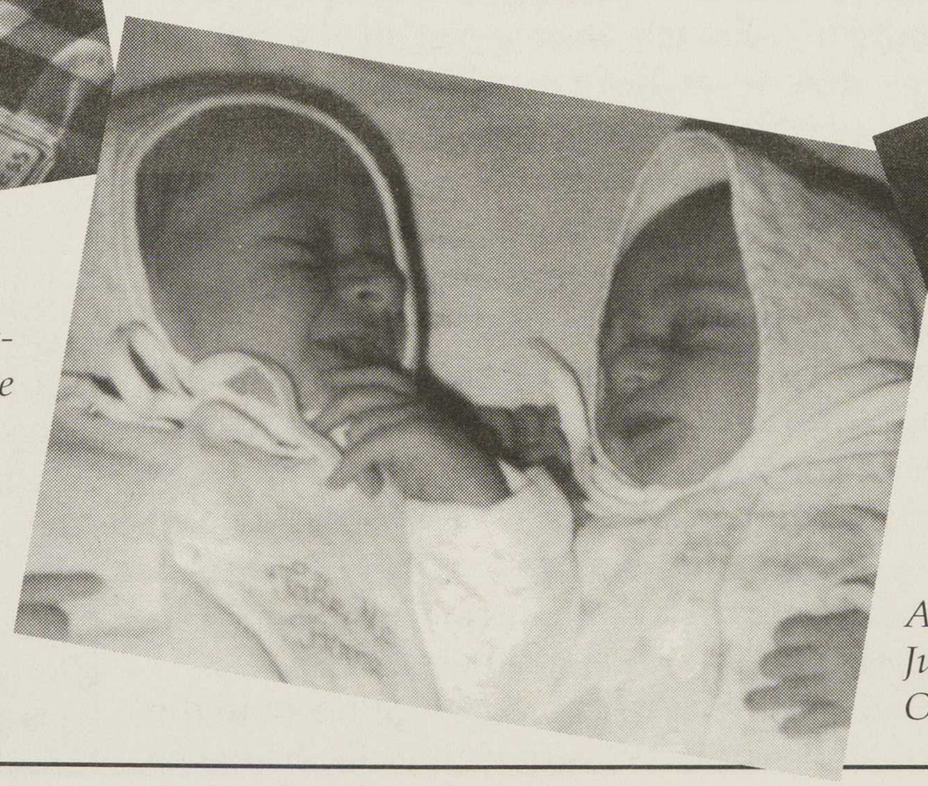
One $500 grant went to Peaceworkers, based in San Francisco, to send a Kenyan activist to a training session in Switzerland. The other grant, also for $500, was made to the Russia Training Project which sponsors nonviolence trainings for gay, lesbian and bisexual activists in the former Soviet Union. While laws prohibiting homosexual acts have been repealed, discrimination and violence against sexual minorities are still widespread in Russia.

CDR Associates declined an initial grant of $3,000 for a series of nonviolence trainings in South Africa held prior to the recent democratic elections. The project came out under budget, and the money wasn't needed.

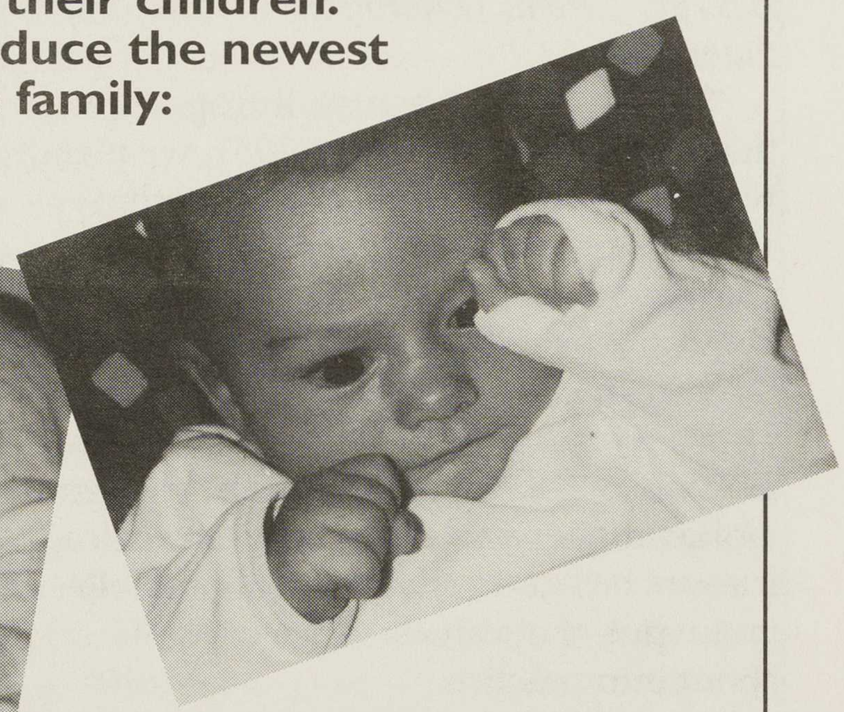
The INTF expects to make grants twice a year, usually in January and June. The maximum considered for a grant will be $3,000. This program specifically supports trainings outside the United States and in Native nations within the U.S. that teach activists the skills and tools of nonviolent activism for social change, as well as projects that train activists to become nonviolence trainers themselves, so that these trainings can continue and grow. For more information and application procedures for the International Nonviolence Training Fund, write or call Muste Memorial Institute office.

**A.J. Muste once said that countries should have foreign policies based on the needs of their children. In that spirit, we'd like to introduce the newest children in the Muste Institute family:**

*Above: John James Muste, A.J.'s great-grandson, born July 23 to Peter Muste and Patricia Sexton.*



*Right: Rubin Jack and Audrey Belle Rosenblith, born September 15 to Institute Executive Director Murray Rosenblith, Carol Leven and big brother Elijah.*



*Above: Will Samuel Warren O'Brien, born July 30 to Institute Board member Mark O'Brien, Kit Warren and big brother Noah.*