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It also means that, as this madness continues, individual violence is growing. As it becomes harder for people to meet their basic needs, the pressures of unemployment, racial discrimination, lack of education, etc., cause greater personal violence among us. We get more and more appeals from groups who are applying nonviolence training to deal with these community problems. This is the most rapidly expanding area of nonviolent action and we feel we must include these programs in our area of concern.

The answer, of course, is to change the underlying circumstances of our society and economy. But, this is a long and difficult process and, in the meantime, people and communities cannot simply be left to "twist in the wind." So we try, in our small way, to address both ends of the problem and encourage other funders to join us. After all, we believe that nonviolent action is the means to address social ills at all levels.

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