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## How to Contribute to 1998 Flood Victims

From the Group Leader of **Friends of Niger**:

Washington, DC - October 6, 1998

Marjorie Copson, still at the PC-Niger desk in Washington, did some digging from me and found that **Lutheran World Relief** was directly involved with flood relief efforts. I followed up with a person named KenLynn Schroeder at their NYC office. Here's the scoop:

**The people on the periphery of Niamey depend on well water, and because of the flooding the wells are essentially unusable. Many well rims and platforms have deteriorated and need rehabilitation. Wells also need to be disinfected. Because of the threat of water-borne diseases such as cholera - special public health efforts are in the planning stages in coordination with the neighborhood health agents. LWR is apparently contributing to relief activities in these and related areas.**

LWR will happily receive contributions mailed to:

Lutheran World Relief  
Church Street Station, P.O. Box 6186  
New York, NY 10277

Contributions should be in some manner designated for "**Niger Floods**." If people also write "**FON**" on their check, LWR will get back to us at the end of the project with a report on the total contribution from people that we reach. This would help us get some sense of the response to whatever appeal we send out.

**Friends of Niger** will have a newsletter going out near the end of October. LWR is sending photos for our use. We'll run an article with the latest news, mention of LWR relief activities, and information on how to contribute. At this point, I think that makes more sense than trying to set up some kind of special fund at our end.

Jim Schneider

## Obituary: RPCV Patty Reynolds

Date: Mon, 19 Oct 1998 11:23:24 EDT

From: [EileenR@aol.com](mailto:EileenR@aol.com)

My sister, **Patty Reynolds**, who was a volunteer in Tahoua from 1985-1987 died last Saturday October 17 of a brain tumor. I wanted to let anyone who knew her know about this. Please find her obituary below. May she rest in peace.

Eileen Reynolds  
RPCV Gaya, 1991-1993

**Patricia Ann Reynolds**, an elementary education teacher and long time resident of Rhode Island, died on October 17, 1998 of a brain tumor. Patty is survived by her siblings Theresa, Cathy, Eileen, John and Bill, and her father John. She was predeceased by her mother, Elizabeth Jane Quinlan. Patty was born in Phoenix, Arizona, and grew up in East Greenwich, Rhode Island and Dallas, Texas. She also lived in St. Louis, Missouri where she earned her Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Foreign Languages from Webster College.

Patty, an open-minded adventurer, most recently taught at the Khartoum American School in Sudan. Prior to that she taught at Hallandale Elementary in Broward County, Florida, and at Big Country Elementary in San Antonio, Texas. Patty lived in Rhode Island off and on from 1967-1991. Patty touched many lives there while working as a waitress and bartender, an English teacher to Southeast Asian refugees, and at Childreach USA. Patty earned her Master's Degree in Education from Rhode Island College.

Patty served in the US Peace Corps from 1985-1987 where she taught English at a high school in the town of Tahoua, Niger, West Africa. Her travels also took her to Nice, France where she spent a year studying French. The people that Patty has touched are too numerous to count. Most of all she will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and the many children whose lives she touched in her very special way.

In the true nature of her giving spirit Patty chose to donate her body to the University of Miami's Medical School for the advancement of science. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the South Florida Brain Tumor Association, P.O. Box 770182, Coral Springs, FL 33077-0182 or Hospice Care of Broward County, 309 SE 18th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.

A picnic will be held in the summer of 1999 in Rhode Island in memory of Patty and to celebrate her life. Contact Eileen Reynolds at [EileenR@aol.com](mailto:EileenR@aol.com) for information.

The **Illinois State University Peace Corps/ACED (Applied Community and Economic Development) Fellows Program**, is seeking students with backgrounds or interest in economics, political science (public administration) or business-related disciplines to begin graduate study in political science or economics beginning in January, 1999 and August 1999.

The deadline for January 1999 (Spring) admissions is December 1, 1998. The deadline for August 1999 (Fall) admissions is April 15, 1999.

Students with Jesuit Volunteer experience, Peace Corps service, or other volunteer community development experience of a year or more earn Master's degrees by completing one year of full-time classwork and a second year of hands-on consulting work with urban and rural communities concerned about their own development. Fellows receive a tuition waiver and stipend in their first year, and are paid a salary their second year while at their internship placement site. The program is interested in students with general skills, but is particularly interested in economics program applicants with demonstrated quantitative skills or some background in economics.

For more information call Program Director Mike Kelleher at (309) 438-8685, email ([fmkelle@ilstu.edu](mailto:fmkelle@ilstu.edu)) or regular mail (ACED Fellows Program, Department of Economics, Campus Box 4200, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-4200) or visit their web page at:

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