CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN...

A Child Labor Project Update

CHILDREN AND adults in the U.S. and abroad are mobilizing to stop the problems of child labor, forced labor, and sweatshops. As part of this effort, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) initiated its Child Labor Project, calling for children to be in school rather than at work. The AFT seeks to educate and activate its members on the problems of child labor and other similar abuses.

At the AFT biennial convention last August, this project was launched with speakers, a rally led by students and teachers, and a raffle to support schools for children freed from bonded labor in the carpet industries of Bangladesh and Nepal. In conjunction with the convention, the article “Children without Childhoods,” which originally appeared in the Summer 1996 American Educator, generated a large response from members. After reading the article, this class of first and second graders from Yonkers, New York, began their own efforts to combat child labor...

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Contributions to the Child Labor Project are given to support schools for former child workers.
Dear Child Labor Project,

We are a class of first and second grade students at School 31. We learned about the children who have to work every day instead of going to school and playing. We feel terrible that this happens. We gave our money to you so you can help these kids.

Sincerely,

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