

## **REGRET TO INFORM**

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Dear Ruth,

Thank you very much for your generous donation to our documentary film project, REGRET TO INFORM, and please forgive the long delay in this response! Also, it was very kind of you to send the information about the "In Memory" memorial program. Thank-you.

The REGRET TO INFORM crew has been hard at work editing a new work-in-progress during the past month, which includes interviews with Vietnamese widows shot in spring of 1992. Without donations such as yours we would not have been able to make this most recent step toward securing future funding and insuring the completion of REGRET TO INFORM in the not-so-distant future!

As independent filmmakers we spend a tremendous amount of time raising money. REGRET TO INFORM has already received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the California Council for the Humanities (a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities), Art Matters, Inc., the Samuel Rubin Foundation, and the Renfield Foundation along with many generous individual donations and in-kind contributions.

We are now at the next critical phase in fundraising, working toward completing our final leg of production: interviews with widows here in the United States (outside of California, as we completed all planned interviews with widows here). We are extremely excited about undertaking these upcoming interviews, and feel certain that the voices we here from diverse areas of the United States will inspire us as much as the interviews with Vietnamese widows that we filmed last spring in several areas of Vietnam.

Shortly before our trip to Vietnam, we were awarded a challenge match grant from the California Council for the Humanities in the amount of \$30,100. This second grant from the Humanities Council is indeed a challenge for us, in that we must match these funds 2 to 1. We need to raise \$60,200 from other sources before we can receive the money. We hope that this new endorsement for the project adds a bit more incentive towards enlisting support. ABC Prime Time is scheduled to do a segment on REGRET TO INFORM in the next few months, which we

hope will also help our funding. Perhaps you may know others who might feel strongly about helping to give voice to these women, to help break the silence. Tax-deductible contributions can be made payable to REGRET TO INFORM -- Film Arts Foundation.

Thank you again for your support and for sharing information with us! We will be sure to keep you up to date on the status of our project.

Sincerely,

Bauer

P.S. I hope your family is doing better. Please keep in touch.