

**FORMER PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF MACE, CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY
SERVICE SUB-GRANTEE SENTENCED**

Ms. Ruby Buck, formerly the President and Chief Executive Officer for the Mississippi Action for Community Education, also known as MACE -- a non-profit organization located in Greenville, Mississippi, a sub-grantee of the Congressional Hunger Center, organized to promote feeding the hungry -- was sentenced on 15 felony counts on January 4, 2002. The Honorable W. Allen Pepper, Jr., a federal judge in the United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, ordered Ms. Buck to serve forty-one months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised probation; to make restitution of \$116,751.67, of which \$25,000 is to be paid immediately; and to pay an additional \$1,500 court assessment.

On August 24, 2001, Ms. Buck was found guilty in the United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, of one count of misapplication of Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps grant funds and fourteen counts of submitting fraudulent AmeriCorps participant documents to the Corporation.

As the former President and Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Buck was responsible for the overall operations of MACE from 1996 until the fall of 2000. Ms. Buck provided supplemental salaries to MACE employees by fraudulently reporting them to the Corporation as full-time AmeriCorps members. This enabled the MACE employees, none of whom were performing AmeriCorps service, to receive the Corporation-funded AmeriCorps stipends in addition to their salaries provided by MACE. The fraudulent reporting of MACE employees as AmeriCorps members resulted in the criminal misapplication of \$116,751.67 of Corporation-funded stipends and medical insurance payments.