

Ohio Native Fighting Poverty With 'EOA'

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"To say that I'm sacrificing anything is baloney. I just love these kids. Fighting poverty is like fighting a fire from a drinking fountain with a paper cup."

This is the way Charles Arter, a Southside resident, feels about working as a full-

time volunteer for Economic Opportunity Atlanta.

Arter is not a typical worker. He doesn't have an ordinary job because he doesn't need the money, since he receives an income from an inherited trust fund.

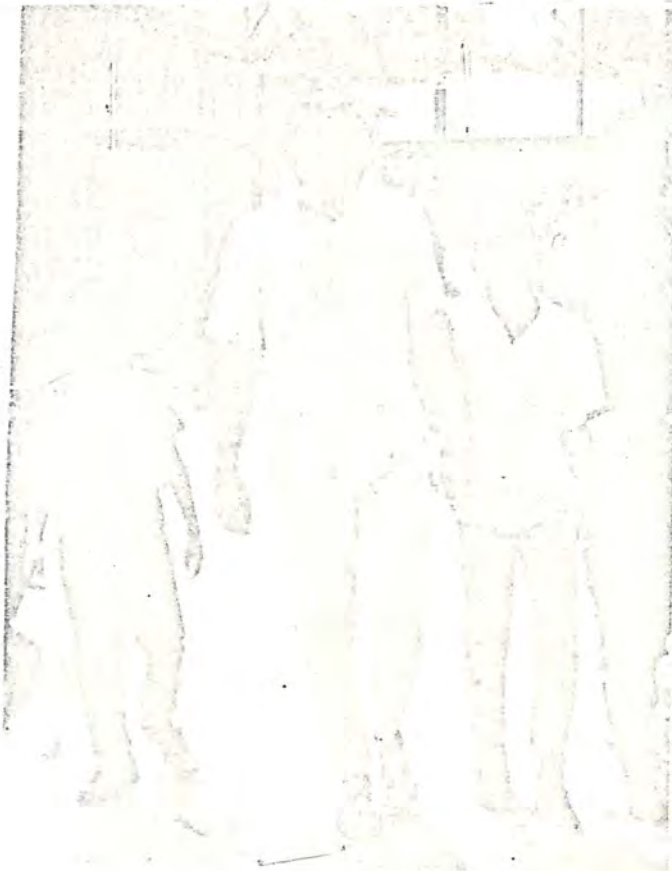
"I came to Atlanta with a friend from Akron, Ohio. I had received a degree in economics from Amherst Col-

lege, and my friend was attending Emory business school. He and I began looking for work and found jobs in a social welfare agency.

Arter found social work unrewarding, he said, because he was "not allowed to do anything I felt was relevant or worthwhile." with the organization ever since. He feels he is helping to bridge the gap between black and white people.

"I find animosity among blacks but I can understand it. The majority are really friendly. These kids are candid. They'll test you, and they can spot a phoney."

Just being in the area has awakened Arter to the needs for more and better schools, remedial reading classes, less crowded classrooms.



CHARLES ARTER AND FRIENDS
EOA Worker and Capitol Ave. Pupils