

Named the Philippa Schuyler Memorial Foundation, it has already received 43 grants for such varied objectives as food, education, musical instruments, books, cultural activities at the village level, etc.

The foundation's advisory committee of 33 includes personalities from a broad spectrum of views about the Vietnamese War, some probably qualifying as "hawks," others as "doves."

The fact that they have united on a common program to restore the village life in the war-racked country and make the prospect of peace more meaningful has demonstrated their consensus that no matter how Americans feel about the war itself, the time has come to start winning the peace on a simple, humanitarian level and show the Vietnamese people that our interest in them extends far beyond the battlefields.

This was one of the passionate beliefs of Philippa Schuyler, pianist, author and newspaper correspondent.

On her concert tours and trips all over South Vietnam she somehow found the time to intercede with the Marine Corps to evacuate refugees of all ages from devastated areas.

She was on just such a mission last May 9, having hitch-hiked a ride for a cabinful of orphans, when the Marine helicopter in which she was flying from Hue to DaNang exploded in the bay at DaNang. A child she was holding on her lap died with her.

The winning-the-peace program has received the approval of South Vietnamese officials. The U.S. Government is co-operating.

The foundation release emphasizes that none of the grants are to be expended in areas duplicating the work of the U.S. AID programs or any other governmental enterprises.

Basically the areas for the grants are confined to the "little, all-important things which make all the difference in the world to the inhabitants of a small community. They must vary from one place to another as surely as places vary."

The idea for the foundation came after attendance at Philippa Schuyler's funeral in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York on May 18 which overflowed into the streets. People from all parts of New York's five boroughs, New Jersey, Westchester and Connecticut came to pay homage to the "beautiful American" who started her professional career as a child prodigy pianist. Present also was a Marine Corps honor guard.

Several of her friends approached her parents after the funeral ceremonies with the plea that the example of her life be perpetuated in some constructive manner. It was agreed that the crux of the message of her life was "winning the peace."

Her parents promptly gave their blessing to a foundation with that main objective. Americans Building Constitutionally, an organization of smaller private foundations, of Barrington, Ill., was informed of the idea. ABC decided to back it. From then on the movement has grown rapidly. Grants have come in daily.

No part of the money contributed is going to be used for administrative expenses.

The chairman of the "Winning the Peace" Program is Mrs. Josephine Schuyler, mother of Philippa. The president of the Philippa Schuyler Memorial Foundation is Philippa's father, the well-known journalist George Schuyler. Mrs. Schuyler is also secretary-treasurer of the Foundation. The executive vice president is book publisher Robert Speller who is also vice chairman of the "Winning the Peace" program.

The Advisory Board of the Foundation, all of whom are friends of Philippa's, consists of: Miss Olive Abbott, founder of the Musical Art Group, which has presented many young artists at Town Hall, New York; Mr. Irl Allison of Austin, Texas, founder-president of the National Piano Teachers Guild, who was the discoverer of Philippa's musical genius; Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr., editor of the National Review and a prominent television personality; Mr. John Chamberlain, well known columnist; Dr. B. H. Cogdell, prominent physician of Alma, Georgia; Mr. Milton J. Cross, outstanding radio personality best known as the Metropolitan Opera commentator; Mr. Leonard de Paur, symphony conductor; Mr. Leo Diamond, president, Eldee Music, who released Philippa's album "Piano-logue"; Supreme Court Justice of New York Edward Dudley, former borough president of Manhattan; Mr. Duke Ellington, composer and orchestra leader; Mr. Elton Fax, artist-lecturer; Hon. Hamilton Fish, former congressman and president-general of the Order of Lafayette; Dr. L. H. Foster, president, Tuskegee Institute; Mr. Devin A. Garrity, president, Devin-Adair Company, one of Phil-