

COMFORTING HEARTS

Date established	December 9 th 1998
Date and type of registration	Friendly Societies, March 2 nd 2000
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Number of active members	Forty Eight (48)
Number of paid staff	4 Full Time Staff
Number of regular volunteers	Forty (40)
Estimated annual budget	
Main sources of funding	International Donor Agency
Geographic scope of activity	Regions 5 & 6

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To offer counselling, care and support to persons infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS and promote specific HIV/AIDS educational programs for target groups in Regions 5 and 6."

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Health x HIV/AIDS x Welfare and relief x Human rights x Student/youth issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Social services/welfare x Sports x Education/training x Counselling x Advocacy |
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Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Guyana HIV/AIDS/STI Youth Project</u>
Start date	2000
End date	2004
<u>Main activities</u>	Risk Assessment Sessions, HIV/AIDS Workshops, Training Of Peer Educators, Street Theatres, Outreach Programs, Capacity Building Programs, World AIDS Day Rally
Main source(s) of funding	USAID
Project theme or sector	Ready Body, Is it Really Ready!
Project partners	Artist in Direct Support, Hope Foundation, GRPA, Lifeline,

Geographic scope
Results of Project: Linden Care Foundation, Volunteer Youth Corps, Youth Challenge Guyana, Family Health International, NAPS, USAID, Regions # 5 & 6
 Trained Peer Educators and Counsellors, Structured programs to disseminate HIV Information. Youth Friendly environment, more responsible young people.

Project #2 Name/Goal
Start date January 2003
End date August 2003
Main activities Survey, Meetings with Health Officials, HIV Workshops/ Seminars
Main source(s) of funding The Carter Center
Project theme or sector Advocacy
Project partners N/A Hospital, Regional Health Officer # 6, Regional Executive Officer # 6
Geographic scope Region # 6
Results of Project A draft confidentiality Policy Document signed by the New Amsterdam Hospital Administrator (ag)

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal **The Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV**
Start date April 2004
End date November 2004
Main activities HIV/AIDS Workshops, Peer Educators and Counsellors Training, Outreach to Clinics. Television Programs
Main source(s) of funding FHI/USAID
Project theme or sector Women
Project partners FHI, USAID, N/A Hospital, Private Clinics
Geographic scope Region # 6
Expected Results of Project A reduction in the rate of mother to child transmission of HIV, A positive change in behaviour of women of childbearing age.

Project #2 Name/Goal **Orphans' feeding program**
Start date August 2004
Main activities Surveys, Meetings,
End date July 2005
Main source(s) of funding Comforting Hearts, Local Businesses
Project theme or sector Better Health, Better Minds
Project partners Local Businessmen, Food For the Poor, Social Workers.

Geographic scope

Region #6

Expected Results of Project:

A decrease in the number of unhealthy children, an increase in the capacity of orphans and less fortunate children.

Networking

What other NGOs would you like to share information with or collaborate with in your activities?

1. Rights of the Child
2. The Mothers Union