

CREATIVE THEATRE MOVEMENT

Date established	1995
Date and type of registration	1998, Friendly Society, Ministry of Youth & Culture 2002, Social Services 2002
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Number of active members	20
Number of paid staff	-
Number of regular volunteers	3
Estimated annual budget	\$500,000.00
Main sources of funding	Grant, Fundraising, Donation
Geographic scope of activity	Region

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To better living standards of residents of the East Bank Demerara by provision of economic and educational opportunities and advocating on issues of concern.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Education/training x Economic/income generation x Social services/welfare x Culture and art x Human rights x Student/youth issues x Advocacy x Poverty reduction x Employment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Consumers rights x Counselling x Housing x Women's issues x Disabled x Violence x Welfare & Relief x Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x HIV/AIDS x Legal services |
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Other – explain: Working toward racial peace

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal

Advocacy Networking Project

To improve the status of women on the East Bank Demerara

Start date	June 2003
End date	December 2003
<u>Main activities</u>	
1.	Women's Forum
2.	Symposium
3.	Survey
4.	Networking with NGOs
5.	Advocating to Diamond NDC for use of Community Centre
Main source(s) of funding	The Carter Center
Project theme or sector	Democracy & Governance
Project partners	Women Affairs Bureau, Women Across Differences, Ministry of Social Services, Help & Shelter, Diamond/Grove NDC
Geographic scope	Region 4
Results of Project	A large number of NGOs got involved in community development. Participants learnt so much from the production. Encourage great networking slant with grassroots groups and others.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Earn as you learn</u>
Start date	To assist early School leavers and others to earn money.
End date	2004
<u>Main activities</u>	2004
1.	Sewing Machine
2.	Floral Decoration, mats (floor), Soap Decoration
3.	Bamboo Craft – Jewellery
4.	Shell decorations – photo framing
5.	Wall decoration
6.	Piggy Bank with wood
7.	Wood carving
8.	Basket weaving
9.	Making of costumes
10.	Sewing kitchen towel, pot holder, children dresses, kitchen blinds, bed sheets, curtains cushions
11.	Tie dye
Main source(s) of funding	Ministry of Social Services
Project theme or sector	Income generation
Project partners	Ministry of Social Services, Women Affairs Bureau
Geographic scope	Region 4
Results of Project	Project just started.

Project #3 Name/Goal**Dramatic Poetry, Reading, Spelling & Dance**

To teach young people about the power of words as a tool for enhancing positive attitude.

January 2004

Start date

End date

Main activities

1. Dramatic poetry and reading competition
2. Spelling bee competition – Right of Children – “Our Right” (Dramatic Dance / Poetry Drama/ Story telling)
3. Overcoming the obstacles of poverty
4. Guyanese Youth Unit
5. Guyana – One People / One Nation. This activity is ongoing

Main source(s) of funding

Fundraising, Donation, CTM

Project theme or sector

Entertain teaching oral tradition

Project partners

Geographic scope

Region 4

Results of Project

This project will help the children to understand, that learning to read and write is important and can take them out of poverty and ignorance.

Project #3 Name/Goal:**Self Development**

To raise the standard of person in the community through education.

January 2004

Start date

End date

Main activities

1. Workshop
2. Exhibition involving all Groups in the community
3. Talks on Health / Clinic / Doctor
4. “Sanitary” Squatting Areas
5. WAB – Self Esteem talks
6. H&S – Workshop & Poverty reduction PRSP

Main source(s) of funding

Donations CTM & Member of Community

Project theme or sector

“Knowledge is Power” “Seek and Ye shall find”

Project partners

Women Affair Bureau, Women Across Difference, Help & Shelter / DDL, Ministry of Lab. S.S. & S. Services, Family Planning Assoc., Diamond & Grove NDC, Ministry of Health, Lifeline Counselling,

Geographic scope

Region 4

Results of Project

It is hoped that the group will be able to work using its method development of the community getting people to commit to this project.

For this year CTM would be involving itself in the PRSP, so that our community can be a part of the monitoring by letting our voice be heard. I have already attended one of their meetings taking 3 member of my group. CTM has applied for more information to the office of the President.

Networking

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

1. Help & Shelter
2. Women Across Differences
3. Caribbean and other Foreign Culture Group
4. Red Thread