

**Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs  
Community Development Fund**

**Status Update Report**

**The Inner Circle of Jesus Christ**

<b>Project Title: Establishment of The Center</b>		
<b>Approval Date: January 2004</b>		<b>Project Start Date: March 2004</b>
<b>Planned End Date: February 2005</b>		<b>Projected End Date: February 2005</b>
<b>Total Project Costs:\$ 117,514</b>	<b>CDF Funding: \$ 74,514</b>	<b>Group Contribution ;\$43,200</b>
<b>Actual Expenditure to Date: \$ 67,759.61</b>		<b>Balance on Allocation: \$6,754.39</b>
<b>Date of Visit: August 16, 2006</b>		
<b>Persons Interviewed: Ailsa Hamilton: Coordinator</b>		
<b>CDF Personnel on Visit: Nerle Robertson, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer</b>		

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

To provide counseling, training and development services and emergency relief to 400 individuals in distress

To provide 60 children from low income households in San Fernando West communities with access to library and internet services, remedial help and homework supervision.

To improve the quality of life of residents of San Fernando West and environs by improving their access to social and human resource development services.

**CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT:**

The project was relocated after implementation began and according to the Coordinator may have been marginally responsible for the relatively slow pace of implementation.

The homework centre and remedial classes so far targeted 35 children from primary schools in the San Fernando area mainly San Fernando Girls, San Fernando Boys, Anstey Memorial and Coffee Boys. The focus is on children in Standards 2, 3 and 4. There are three teachers including Mrs Manswell who supervises the classes.

Eight of the children who started no longer attend the classes. There are eight adults attending literacy classes.

The organization continues to distribute hampers to the needy and 10 hampers are distributed monthly to families in the area. Twenty five lunches are distributed once per month. In addition the numerous walk in patrons.

There are daily counselling sessions, approximately 3 interviews are held each day. Cases are referred to specialist agencies depending on the needs expressed.

The organization is currently conducting a vacation programme with 21 children between the ages of 5 and 12years. The two week programme ends on August 18.

The project has been well under the control of the Coordinator and activities have been suitably organized. The equipment and furniture are all in good working condition and the environment is conducive to study and for meeting people

### **CONSTRAINTS**

The major constraint is access to adequate finance to provide food for the number of persons the group is committed to serve.

### **INVENTORY OF ITEMS**

Library Shelving, 4 metal folding tables, 25 padded chairs, 2 visitors chairs, 1 refrigerator, 1 stove, 3 air condition units, 1 desk, 1 television set, 1 Office desk, 1 4 drawer filing cabinet

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The project has had the effect of providing support to numerous persons who have personal problems and persons have been able to benefit widely from attending in that they were also exposed to some attitude and behavior remediation.

The project is by its very nature requires the community's involvement and the community is informed of activities through fliers and loud speakers.

In the case of counseling the organization links with the Caribbean Life Resource Centre nearby and persons requiring specialist treatment are sent there.

### **COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Coordinator wishes to purchase some chairs and collapsible tables to be used as individual desks by the children of the Center using. The balance of funds which is in excess of \$6000 could therefore be used for these purchases. The balance is the result of not purchasing the fax machine and one of the two desks which were specified in the proposal. She was advised to submit a request. Given the level of community work with children it is evident that there is need for additional furniture. It is recommended that the request be favourably considered.

Signature and Date of Report