

Meet the Chicago Concerned Jamaicans

The Chicago Concerned Jamaicans (CCJ) is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of children. In its nineteen years of existence, the group's main fundraising event has become the largest Caribbean event of its kind in the Midwest, attracting over 1000 guests each year. Its souvenir advertising book has become the must have directory of Jamaican and West Indian businesses in the country.

Each year, the organization is able to continue its efforts to improve economic and social conditions for children in Jamaica and the United States by providing much needed funds in the areas of education, technology, basic food and living needs, disaster relief and economic opportunities. We are especially proud of the fact that we have donated over \$500 000. during our 19 years in service to those in need.

These efforts are extraordinarily commendable, because they are organized and supported by a comparatively small, all-volunteer organization, with no paid staff or traditional office space. They are a tightly-knit and influential membership, bonded by a strong common identity and commitment to improving the social and economic conditions for those in their native and adopted homelands.

The overall philosophy of CCJ in its support for youth is well stated in the following quotes.

"A hundred years from now...it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a child." Author Unknown.

And by this comment from one of CCJ's student awardees:

"I would like to encourage you to keep up the great work you are presently doing so that other young Jamaicans as myself may benefit from your generosity." Stacey-Ann Clark, 1998 CXC Examination Course Fee Recipient.

Meet the Members

The CCJ membership is comprised of Jamaicans and friends living in Chicago and its surrounding areas. Our members have a commitment to the upliftment of society through the provision of educational opportunities for the children of Jamaica. We continue to emphasize the importance of education a solid foundation for a successful future and for an enlightened and productive People.

We also boast a vibrant Jamaican Committee of CCJ. Without their wisdom, experience, understanding of local conditions and oversight, the effective administration and implementation of CCJ programs would not be possible.

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JOIN US

We invite you to join our mission to improve the lives of people through education. Contact us to learn how to:

- Become a member or friend of CCJ
- Become a corporate sponsor
- Contribute financially to our cause
- Volunteer your time and expertise
- Mentor a student

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