

Programs Highlights

Disaster Relief:

1988- CCJ was formed to aid in disaster relief efforts after the devastation caused by hurricane Gilbert. Members initiated collection, packaging and shipment of food, clothing and medical supplies to Jamaica (JA). From the success of this operation, CCJ was born.

1989-Medical supplies were donated to Black River Hospital in St. Elizabeth.

1990-Provided funds for the Hurricane Andrew Relief Fund in Jamaica and the United States.

1993-Provided funds for the Jamaica Flood Relief Fund.

1997-Provided funds for Red Cross on behalf of victims of the volcano on the Caribbean island of Montserrat.

2004 - CCJ presented \$1000 to the Chicago Haitian Hurricane Relief Fund

2005-CCJ was acknowledged with high praise for hurricane assistance checks totaling JA\$260 000.00 presented to Basic Schools at a ceremony attended by an official in the Ministry of Education, Jamaica.

2005-Donated \$1000.00 to the Community Covenant Church in Calumet City to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina and \$2000.00 to the Jamaican Foundation of Houston who were assisting 19 Jamaican students displaced by Katrina, with housing and other basic necessities.

Scholarships:

1996-CCJ recognized the need to provide funding for high school students in order to complete high school. The focus of the organization shifted from Disaster Relief to Educational Support. A scholarship program was developed to provide four students with stipends of US\$500.00 per year, for books, uniforms and other essential incidentals.

1998-CCJ also recognized the need to provide funding for students sitting the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) tests which were required to complete high school.

1999-CCJ continued the scholarship and examination assistance program to high school students and added more students entering high school.

2000-CCJ covered the fees for 40 high school students sitting the CXC examinations in Jamaica. CCJ provided tuition and other educational assistance to selected high school students in the Chicago area.

2001-2005-CCJ maintained the annual scholarship and examination assistance program, adding more students and maintaining stipends of US\$500-US\$1200.00 for 50 students.

Library Projects:

1999-CCJ launched a project with the Jamaica Library Service to equip Public Parish Libraries with technology to enable the Jamaican Communities served by these libraries to have access to the information super highway. Initial purchases of three internet ready computer systems consisting of high speed computers, modems, scanners, fax machine and printers were installed in libraries in Kingston, Manchester and St. Thomas.

2001-CCJ completed equipping 7 public libraries with computers, Clarendon, St. Elizabeth, St. Ann, Trelawny, St. James, St. Mary and Portland.

2003-CCJ completed the multiyear library information technology project to install modern internet capable computer suites in all 14 Public Parish Libraries in Jamaica.

2004-CCJ was honored with a plaque of appreciation by the Jamaica Association of Libraries for significant contributions to library sciences in Jamaica.



Donations:

1989-1991- Provided Manchester Principles Association with Funds to assist children to sit examinations.

1995-2004- Donated US \$1000.00 annually to the United Negro College Fund

2000-2005- Donated US \$1000.00 annually to the Alfred Sangster Foundation funding scholarship to the University of Technology (UTECH), Jamaica.

2005-Douglas McIntyre, a founding member of CCJ who passed away, was honored with a scholarship in his name of US \$5000.00 for Industrial Engineering to be given to one student at a stipend of US\$1000.00 per year, for the duration of the study program.

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