**COMFORTING HEARTS**

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<td>Friendly Societies, March 2nd 2000</td>
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<td>Shawndelle Charles-Gouveia, Project Coordinator</td>
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<td>Number of active members</td>
<td>Forty Eight (48)</td>
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**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**

- Health
- HIV/AIDS
- Welfare and relief
- Human rights
- Student/youth issues
- Social services/welfare
- Sports
- Education/training
- Counselling
- Advocacy

**Major projects in last two years, including current projects**

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<tr>
<th>Project #1 Name/Goal</th>
<th>Guyana HIV/AIDS/STI Youth Project</th>
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<td>Start date</td>
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**Main activities**

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: Regions # 5 & 6
Results of Project:
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
End date: July 2005
Main activities: Surveys, Meetings,
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