**ST. MARK’S MOTHERS UNION**

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<th>Date established</th>
<th>1952</th>
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<td>Date and type of registration</td>
<td>2003 Name of Hyacinth Stuart</td>
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<td>Primary contact person</td>
<td>Hyacinth Stuart, Leader of the organisation</td>
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<td>Address, telephone and email</td>
<td>Hogstye Farm, Corentyne, Berbice 624-2142</td>
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<td>Secondary contact person</td>
<td>Claudette Glasgow, Secretary</td>
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<td>Address, telephone and email</td>
<td>Manchester Village, Corentyne, Berbice 625-2010</td>
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<td>Number of active members</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Number of paid staff</td>
<td>1 part time</td>
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<td>Number of regular volunteers</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Estimated annual budget</td>
<td>$850,000.00</td>
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**Mission or primary goal of your organization:**

For almost 50 years St. Mark’s Mothers Union has worked toward the vision of a community where strong families are nourished with the support services they need for physical and spiritual well-being. Our committed team offers a variety of services for all kinds of families – and for each member of the family – including practical action, education and training, support during adversity and access to modern technology.

**Main subject areas of activity or programmes**

- HIV/AIDS
- Disabled
- Poverty reduction
- Welfare and relief
- Women’s issues

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

Project #1 Name/Goal: **Legal Aid for underprivileged women**

1. By the year 2003 all the women in Region #6 must know their legal rights.
2. The Minister of Human Services & Social Security must put some systems in place whereby underprivileged women can have free or subsidised legal representation.

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<th>Start date</th>
<th>February 1, 2003</th>
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<td>End date</td>
<td>December 31, 2003</td>
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**Main activities**

1. Met with decision makers and explain the project
2. Collected names for petition to Minister.
3. Used media to sensitise public of the project
4. Facilitated conference with Minister to meet with women of 30 different organizations.
5. With the help of the Guyana Women Lawyers Association, 100 legal source books were printed and distributed to police stations, N.D.C., schools, libraries, women’s groups and other interested persons.
6. Sessions were held in various communities, P.T.A. and church gatherings to explain the book.
7. Met with the Berbice Bar and received a signed agreement for a pay later system in case of letters of administration.

Main source(s) of funding: The Carter Center

Project theme or sector: Networked with the following groups
1. Corentyne CBR
2. Friends of St Francis
3. GAWL
4. Berbice Bar Association
5. Georgetown Legal Aid

Geographic scope: Region #6

Results of Project:
1. 40% of the women in Region #6 are more aware of their legal rights.
2. Underprivileged women with cases of letters of administration can now have their case processed and pay later for lawyer.
3. A legal aid clinic will be set up in the region in the future.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal: THE JOINER SHOP PROJECT
To establish a joiner shop, to train 20 youths annually, to make wooden furniture to supply schools and residents of this District.

Main activities
Main source(s) of funding: Not yet funded
Project theme or sector

Project #2 Name/Goal: Wellness clinic for the children + elderly.

Main activities
Main source(s) of funding
Project theme or sector

Networking

What other NGOs would you like to share information with or collaborate with in your activities?
1. The friends of St. Francis.