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'Restoring Human Dignity'

INTRODUCTION

Childhood Roads Institute was founded in 2009; It was registered early in 2010 with the aim of empowering the disadvantaged community of Orange Farm and its surroundings. Currently it is operating in 3 extensions of Orange Farm. The community was is still faced with various social challenges which emanate from poverty, unemployment, domestic violence, and various chronic illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, breast cancer and TB. Inequality, Poverty, Unemployment are three major economic vicissitudes ravaging South Africa, of which the latter is dominant in Orange Farm Community.

To address the above challenges the Organisation have various strategic approaches in implementing progressive projects: A Drop in Centre for Children [DCC], Skills Development Programs [SDP], Natural Play Programs [NPP], Psycho-social Support Parental Workshops [PSSPW], Provision of Basics Needs [PBN], Elderly Needs Project [ENP], Social Awareness Campaigns [SAC], Health Awareness Campaigns [HAC]

VISION

To have an informed community that is able fight against Human Rights abuses, live healthy lives and being empowered through various socio-economic skills.

MISSION

To reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS by conducting workshops, campaigns, and disseminate information to the community; promote arts and culture advocates for the rights of the most vulnerable groups such as orphans, vulnerable children, abused women, and other marginalized issues.

CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Honest
- Excellency
- Impartiality
- Service Provision

PROJECT CONTEXT

Orange Farm Community is widely regarded as one of South Africa's largest informal settlements. The township is located in Region G on the Southern edge of the City of Johannesburg and it is 45 km away from Johannesburg's Central Business District (CBD). Orange farm has a population 76767 who are residing in 21029 households.

The community is characterized by high rates of HIV/AIDS and TB, poverty, child and women abuse, substance abuse [alcohol and nyaope related], high unemployment and crime rate and many other social ills. Research has shown that many children are susceptible to violence, hunger and other abuses such as rape. The children are often from child headed, single parent or grandparent headed households with limited education and very few resources. Their families are in all likelihood, surviving on a state pension or social grant.

PROJECT THAT ARE IMPLEMENTED:

1. CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

The project feeds orphans and vulnerable children starting from 6-18 years and it offers psychosocial support to children and their families. The children are assisted with homework and currently we are providing social service projects to approximately 900 children on sports and extra mural activities as a form of rehabilitation to keep them off deleterious activities such as drugs, sexual activities and crime.

2. YOUTH PROJECTS

CRI provides information and referrals to the youth and the disadvantaged in the community. The project also provides basic assistance and awareness programmes to the community. It offers various skills programmes which encompass life, technical and business. It offers incubation opportunities to selected youth and disadvantaged members of the community.

3. HOME BASED CARE PROJECT

The project takes care of neglected elderly persons. This is done through:

- Health Monitoring of the elderly
- Assisting the elderly at pay points when receiving their grants, clinics and hospitals.
- Home cleaning and bathing the bed ridden – Home Based Care
- Helping the elderly with shopping
- Educating families on chronic illnesses HIV/AIDS, Dementia etc.
- Help with sanitary product and food parcels

- Organize social events for elderly

4. AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

The project disseminates information through distribution of pamphlets and ribbons on:

- HIV/ AIDS, Diabetes and Cancer and other health related issues
- Gender Based Violence
- Drugs and Alcohol Abuse

5. NATURAL PLAY PROGRAMS

The play project helps children to interact with nature and develop their skills and deal with their psycho -social challenges. This is done through;

- Free Play
- Indoor Play
- Park Set-ups

6. ARTS AND CULTURE

The program aims to develop the creativity of community members especially children, women and youth. Individuals are equipped with required artistic skills in order to create services and products in arts and culture industry.

Activities include:

- Traditional attire design and jewellery making
- Traditional dance and drama
- Traditional food and beverage
- National traditional events
- Talent search shows
- Poetry in motion and motivational talks

Hand-made commercial products design [cell phone pouches, wallets, hand bags, laptop bag etc.]

TARGET AREAS FOR COMMUNITY INTERVENTION

Schools

Disadvantaged communities

Streets

NGO's

Health centres

Crisis centres
Private companies
Residential facilities
Correctional facilities
Government departments
Religious places of worship

FUNDING

CRI welcomes any funders

OUR SECONDARY SOURCES OF FUNDING

Trust funds
Products sales
Individual donations
Events fundraising
Family donations
Corporate funding
Private companies
Government

1. CRI LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

Municipalities
Churches
Funding partners
Local, provincial and national government
Businesses
Hospitals and clinics
Gauteng Department of Education
Department of Health
Department of Social Development
Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports
NGO's and NPO's and other Community Based Structures

CRI INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

United Nations Organizations

World Health Organization

NGO's

OPERATIONS

CRI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CRI Board will oversee the overall operations of the various programmes. Operations will at the highest level be determined by the Stakeholders Board of Directors; this structure will be strategically placed to make decisions on the trajectory of the various programmes and strategic vision of the organisation.

GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager works in conjunction with the Board.

The General Manager's role is that of an anchor; ensuring that the strategic objectives and success of the various projects is realized, duties will include the following High level discussions centered on:

Strategic Direction of the programme and all projects

Business Development

Partnership Development

Compilation and delivery of proposal documents

Curriculum Development

Reporting mechanisms and report preparation and submissions

Customer Retention Management

OPERATIONS MANAGER

The Operations Manager works closely with the General Manager as well as with the various Directorates and is responsible for the following core functions:

Day to day Administration of the programme

Administration of the different work streams

Diary and Schedule Management

Minute taking, Record and Filing

Database Management

Document Management

Daily Correspondence

CHILD AND YOUTH COORDINATOR

- Coordinate bereavement counselling for the Orphans, vulnerable children and families
- Assist on relevant social issues by referring to relevant stakeholder such as home affairs, SASSA and department of Housing depending on nature of case
- Supervise the children to take their medication on daily base
- Coordinate psychosocial support
- Homework supervision to OVCs
- Oversee Preparation of food to children on daily bases excluding the week ends
- Coordinate activities such as drama, poetry, music, soccer and netball

COUNSELLING SERVICES COORDINATOR [Health and Wellness]

The Coordinator is responsible for the design and delivery of a guidance programme that will be implemented at various stages of the year.

The Coordinator is further responsible for ensure the mental wellbeing of beneficiaries; should individual sessions be required over and above the group sessions, the Coordinator will facilitate for such interventions.

The Coordinator is further responsible for the implementation and success of the various support groups on offer, which are designed to reach over a particular number of beneficiaries in a certain number years.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Department is responsible for the realization of the fight against the triple threats, which are unemployment, inequality and poverty through employment creation opportunities, as well as self-sustaining programmes.

Responsible for Business development in conjunction with the General Manager,
The Department also handles Partnership and sponsorship management.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

The Coordinator is responsible for the implementation of special and ad-hoc projects that are designed to enhance the learning experiences of children and other beneficiaries. These projects range from tours, cultural exchange projects to summer and winter camps to excursions; all are designed with the purpose of benefiting the beneficiary.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT Coordinator (vulnerable women and other underprivileged groups)

- Skills training
- Entrepreneurship
- Advocacy
- Incubation
- Workshops
- Work placement
- Basic assistance [in special cases]

THE MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING THE CRI

Lack of resources and finance to run the day to day operations of the group functions

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Reached out to more than 100 000 people through our awareness programme. Our community is better informed regarding HIV/AIDS, drug abuse and other healthy issues in partnership with relevant stakeholders,
- More than 1800 youth has received skills and this has reduced unemployment rate in Orange farm. Some youth have started their own businesses and others were absorbed in the employment sector through the skills they gained through our project
- Drop in center for children has assisted vulnerable children by providing them with shelter, food, assistance in homework and enabling them to play. More than 2000 children has been assisted.
- The elderly are empowered and they know their rights and well informed regarding health issues and this resulted in an informed community, currently 540 elderly people have been assisted.
- Provided play spaces for children in the community and this has assisted them to explore and learn more about their environment and skills development because children learn though play.

REQUIRED RESOURCES:

- Support a child: uniforms, stationery, toiletries, lunch packs and play & play equipment
- Support the elderly: health information, counseling, sanitary products and food parcels
- Support the youth: Training kits, skills information, employment, rehabilitation and counseling

CONCLUSION

Based on the current activities, CRI will grow to fully fledged organisation with donor support. As a non-profit, CRI relies on volunteers and the charitable giving of people who care about the future disadvantaged people in Orange Farm. We offer our special and sincere thanks to all who make donations of time, money, supplies, and other resources. Your generosity makes us successful!

NB: We also undertake to provide detailed project write up for any project of interest to any partner. Any amount of funding is also appreciated as these are already running projects that require capacity enhancement.