

Annual Report 2002

During the period June 1, 2001 to May 30, 2002, DCA successfully provided the following programs to its youth clientele:

Tutoring and Mentoring Program. During the past year, there were over thirty (30) Tutorial Sessions held. Sessions are held on Saturday mornings from 9.30- 12.00 noon. Attendance averaged 23 students, with numbers varying between 14 and 28.

2001 Summer Camp. Attendance ranged from 15 to 23 children for this popular summer day camp. The camp featured activities and field trips.

Responsiveness Program. The program provided Public School Elementary students (Grades 2 to 4 and 5 to 7) with social tools to confront the moral and intellectual challenges of the school, home and community environments. Student participants were from both mainstream and multi-racial and ethnic backgrounds. All thirty-nine students attending the program demonstrated early signs of behavioral problems - i.e. first or second suspension, or they were "at risk" of suspension.



Status of Women Workshops and Forum. The two workshops and the forum focused on developing youth analysis skills on the issue of violence against women. The group of teen outreach workers who spear-headed the publicity chose "Strategies to Combat Violence for Young Women" as the theme. Many of the participants were immigrants from countries torn by strife, conflict and war.

In addition, DCA conducted a number of events aimed at raising our profile in the community. They were:

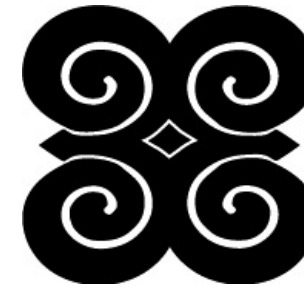
2001 BYA-Diversity Golf Classic. This event was held at King's Forest Golf Club and attracted over 32 golfers. A number of local corporations and groups support this annual fundraising event.

2002 Mailout and appeal. Over 600 letters were sent to our mailing list informing them of DCA activities and soliciting donations. The returns were very encouraging, and tax receipts were mailed out to the many donors that responded so generously.

2002 Open house. This event was held on April 6th, 2002 at 210 Napier St. and showcased the DCA Tutorial Program. The students themselves provided entertainment and the Open House was taped and broadcast by Hamilton's Cable 14 over several days.

Partnerships with other agencies and groups. DCA was able to form working partnerships with several not-for-profit groups, such as the Trinidad and Tobago Association, Black African Heritage Coalition, the Hamilton Children's Aid Society, and Mount Olive Lodge. Successful proposals for program funding were made to the United Way of Burlington, Hamilton - Wentworth, Hamilton Community Foundation, Status of Women Canada, Dofasco Employees Donation Fund, and Human Resources Development Canada.

New facilities. In October, 2001, DCA relocated to the Kirkendall - Strathcona Neighbourhood House on 210 Napier Street in west-central Hamilton. The building is owned and operated by the Wesley Urban Ministries, a community outreach arm of the United Church of Canada. DCA space consists of 2 basement class-room / offices totalling approximately 1200 square feet, plus access to an auditorium and gymnasium.



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President's Report

This marks the end of the first full year that DCA has occupied its facilities at 210 Napier Street in the Kirkendall-Strathcona Neighborhood House. The site has been refitted to house our tutorial program classrooms as well as our office and meeting-room space. Furthermore, we were also able to upgrade our telephone system to accommodate 2 lines of voice plus 1 dedicated fax / modem line.

The past year has marked a definite turn-around in DCA's financial viability in terms of its ability to secure program funding. We were successful in obtaining over \$120,000 in new funding from the United Way of Burlington, Hamilton-Wentworth; the Hamilton Community Foundation, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. These funds will support the Tutorial / Mentorship Program, the Multicultural Summer Day Camp, and the upgrading of our operational and visioning capacity for the next 2 years. We continue to be on the lookout for

other potential programs and sources of funding to fulfill our mission to youth in need.

DCA's Community outreach efforts were advanced greatly during the past year. As President, I was able to develop partnerships with many sister agencies and groups in the Hamilton community, including the Somali, Trinidad and Tobago, and Korean associations; the Hamilton



Childrens Aid Society, the Hamilton Board of Education, SISO, and others. Our Open House, held on April 6th, was well attended and was featured on Cable 14 TV network. Our annual BYA Diversity Golf Classic was more successful than even this year. This year marks the beginning of a new phase in DCA's development. Our presence is well established on the Internet through our refurbished website - www.diversecommunity.org.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the key people and agencies who helped us during the past year. First of all, thanks to our members and private donors who renewed their financial commitment to DCA, and especially the Society of Ebony Women, who donated proceeds from their annual fashion show to DCA. We thank the United Way of Burlington, Hamilton, and District, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Hamilton Community Foundation, Status of Women Canada, the Dofasco Employees Fund for their financial support for our programs. To our tutors, Edgar Simon, Neville Winter, Neville Jobity, Jennifer Tkaczyk, Maria Musabye, Peter-Jean Marcel, and Odette Clark; and Dr. Lott Mamabolo, our psychologist - counselor; and to the university student mentors - a sincere thank you.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the DCA Board of Directors, especially those leaving us this year, for their conscientious efforts and decision-making input.

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