

## **Meeting Nov 9, 2013**

We decided that our aim is to form a group to help each other. A list was compiled of examples on how we would do this and what we need. Next meeting, Saturday, January 18, 2014. Please bring laptops so that we can all connect to Twitter and learn more

Minutes were distributed on Nov 12. Following is the detailed summary of discussions:

### **WHAT DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION WANT/NEED?**

- We need to grow and help more than we are doing now. (Magellan)
- ‘We need support for the ‘poorest of the poor’ in India, Uganda etc.” (JJ)
- Transportation of goods from Ottawa to Cdn Food for Children, Mississauga. (Barb E)
- transportation within city eg. from Dunrobin to Orleans (Barb)
- baby food, baby formula, bottles, housing supplies such as children’s mattresses and bedding (S & J)
- New blood/youth (Des)
- Volunteers! (Deb)

### **WHAT DO YOU SEE THE ORGANIZATION DOING FOR YOU?**

- Encouragement, enthusiasm, moral support, inspiration, ideas in tough situations (Steph, Barb, Dan)
- Awareness of other projects and activities (Barb)
- Cooperation, networking, sharing group experiences and resources, tips, risks, knowledge etc. (Barb, Clara and Adam, Des, Steph, Magellan)
- Support for actions like fundraising, and advocacy to the Canadian government (Magellan, Barb)
- Shared resources, who to connect with for supplies (Magellan, Des, Deb, Clara and Adam, Steph)
- Central, shared storage (Steph & Deb)
- Containers throughout the city to collect donations of clothing etc. (Deb)
- Letter writing for sponsorships: individual, corporate, and donation solicitation (Dan, Steph)
- Education and information (shipping, CRA, legal, fundraising, how to transfer money etc.) (Deb, Barb, Clara and Adam, Steph)
- Finances, connections with people and companies who want to give directly to charities (Dan)
- host group events that 1) display the charities, 2) provide visibility in Ottawa, 3) Make giving easy
- Festival of Community Organizations (Dan, Deb, Des)
- Joint outreach to the city (Dan)
- Ideas on long-term planning (Dan)
- An official name to stand behind (lobbying power) (Steph, Deb)
- Group discounts (Deb)
- Charity/Non-Profit Registration (A & C and Steph & Deb)
- Develop internet potential, a common Website or Wiki or something to interconnect that we could all link our own websites to. Also, we should all be on twitter to keep each other quickly informed (Des, Clara, Barb)
- Have a common Events Page for media (existing or create our own)
- A transportation calendar showing opportunities to ship items within and outside of Canada eg. milkbag mats to TO or to Haiti. (Barb)
- Volunteer co-ordinator to attract students whom all charities could draw from as needed and would provide more consistent volunteer opportunities for kids (scheduled via intranet?) (Deb)
- List of opportunities for youth involvement and participation
- Support for and to marginalized children and women for aboriginal youth, both at home and abroad (JJ and Laura)

## **THINGS WE HAVE TO OFFER:**

- Organizational Skills, contacts, and web set-up (Steph/Javier)
- support for a website or other electronic communication (Barb E)
- education and connections to other countries (thru families of new immigrants) (Barb E, teacher for new immigrants)
- Connection with Full Circles which is like a classified ad system, but all free stuff. (Barb E)
- Enjoy working with camera and photoshop so may be able to help with the Logo design (Barb)
- experience, connections, ideas and new clothing and used toys and books (Des Garvey)
- contacts and other aid groups like “Canadian Food for Children” and SARNA (S Africa Rainbow Nation, Africa), The National SARNA headquarters is here in Ottawa (John Jerome)
- time, some money, enthusiasm and prayers (John Jerome)
- contacts for clothing etc. and time and talents (Magella)
- Vista Print (cost) (Dan) -Experience – GCWCC United Way – giving thru payroll deductions, office giving, Christmas (Dan)
- Cross connections (Dan)
- go to meetings, help fundraise, do public speaking engagements, letter writing, and phone calls (Laura) (Laura may be able to help in other areas once needs are known)
- Research and writing skills, French language assistance, and Board experience (Advisory Committee on Equity, OCDSB) (Adam & Clara)
- Vision, shared resources (books), organizational and writing skills, event planning and networking contacts (Deb)
- Harold’s friend has two containers in Carp not being used...can he check into that for us?
- Media and media relations training
- Clara, Barb and Steph have Toastmaster’s experience
- Barb has a friend that is a (charity?) lawyer...she will contact

## **OTHER IDEAS...**

- Need a name (Clara/Adam and John) suggestion from Des: Canadian Coalition of Charities (CCC)
- thought behind another suggested name/logo – a kaleidoscope ( many little pieces coming together to form a, beautiful, and constantly evolving oneness) Suggestion by Javier Moran prior to meeting
- Need vision/mission statement and a structure (Clara and Adam)
- need a constitution, by-laws and a statement of purpose (Des)
- should be bilingual (Clara)
- A central location address (John Jerome)
- a list of members with contact info. (email and phone) (JJ)
- Festival of Community Organizations (Des)
- Trucking Companies/Shipping Companies/Manufacturing Companies – opening up avenues for shipping....start our own shipping company? (Des)
- Connect: Homes & Orphans, Missions & R/E, Websites, Internet, IT (Des)
- Future MO (Method of Operations) of charities, strategy(Des)
- grow numbers eg. 85,000 Cdn Chairities – how can we all come together to form a body? (Des)
- involve youth, schools and universities (Des)
- Canadian link with the world. Ottawa (Magellan)
- Strategy and link ie: share experience (Magellan)
- partners (Magellan)

**SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS:**

- Shipping
- Financial Duties - (clarify? ) who said?
- CRA Charity Directorate
- Charity lawyer
- GG David Johnston, (Governor General) Giving Moment.ca (a new program...check it out) Des has been to a few of his sessions. He works with Volunteer Canada too. (Des)
- Possible speakers: Jane Baird (from Ryan's Well). Note: Perhaps Ryan's Well could connect with organizations working with schools or organizations

**RESOURCE SUGGESTIONS:**

- Registered Educational Plan for Disadvantaged Kids ...go to bank, register, and get \$2,000 saved for them.
- Pathways to Education-funded by the Federal Gov't and helps kids to succeed in HS
- Clara on Educational Advisory Board, OCDSB (Advisory Committee on Equity)
- man in TO who dries vegetables to ship in container (Harold or Dan)
- bar soap from hotels...they often throw them all out
- Bonnie and Fred Capaccino, India (Schools and Orphanages) (Des)