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Dear Friends:

Akwaba! Welcome! We noted in the Summer issue of ROOTS that this issue would be largely dedicated to the SEEDS Program's evolution and recent incorporation. Eight of the people involved in, or supportive of SEEDS' work over the past four years, have come together to form Service-Education-Economic-Development-Science (S.E.E.D.S.), Inc. The acronym, S.E.E.D.S. permits us to retain our original name, with its rich meaning and very apropos symbolism, while also identifying many of the areas on which our "new" organization will focus. A bit more about that later in the newsletter.

On behalf of the new board of directors, I must thank each person and organization that has befriended S.E.E.D.S. Your support has been instrumental in our decision to increase our respective commitments to the work. Please continue your generosity, it will be needed now more than ever.

*Sincerely,
Jacqueline Wright
Co-Editor*

Introducing S.E.E.D.S., Inc.

Service Education Economic Development Science (S.E.E.D.S.), Inc. is the formal continuation and expansion of the SEEDS Program (1992-1995). Incorporated in the State of New York in August of 1995, S.E.E.D.S., Inc. is a USA-based not-for-profit organization that operates domestically and internationally. S.E.E.D.S. currently has offices in New York City and Accra, Ghana. The organization's founders are Jacqueline Wright, president and E. Anthony Mackall, vice-president.

Its board of directors consists of eight socially responsible individuals who each bring a wealth of experience to S.E.E.D.S. Each board member is an outstanding resource; together, they offer the following exceptional array of skills and professional experience: *elementary, secondary and collegiate instruction, community development, peace studies, clinical neuropsychology, city planning, planning for developing nations, performing arts and cultural studies, medicine, architecture, design & management of computer information systems, general construction and real estate development.*

S.E.E.D.S. is operated by a team of volunteers who devote a significant portion of each week to the organization's work.

S.E.E.D.S. is a catalyst organization that provides opportunities for average persons from differing societies to communicate with each other, learn about and from each other; collaborate on mutually beneficial projects and develop practical strategies for development in their local communities. It also seeks to link other organizations with less advantaged people who are working to improve their own conditions.

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S.E.E.D.S., Inc. has been formed to:

1. provide people-to-people and community service initiatives that benefit children, women, elderly and politically and economically disadvantaged people
2. implement educational and cultural enrichment programs and projects
3. initiate housing, community development, and economic development programs and projects that support empowerment of disadvantaged individuals
4. facilitate health & fitness, medical support, technology-transfer and technical literacy & training initiatives for children, women and unemployed & underemployed persons
5. promote community and global environmental & ecological awareness and responsibility.

Although S.E.E.D.S.' vision and goals are comprehensive, they are achievable given the commitment and capabilities of its volunteer staff and board members. However, the realization of its vision will take time, organizational maturation and hard work. S.E.E.D.S. will undertake no more than three major projects a year. As its human and financial resources increase and operations stabilize, the organization will be more able to expand its programs.

Current S.E.E.D.S. Initiative Include:

1. Book Distribution & Library Start-Ups for remote or Other Underserved Populations
2. Pen Pal and Computer key Pal Activities
3. Curricula Development Promoting Awareness of and Respect for other Culture/Other Peoples
4. Cultural "Exchanges" through Arts Programming, Literature Sharing and Travel
5. Micro enterprise Support.

Activities Under Consideration

1. Big Brother/Sister or Mentor Volunteers
2. After School Enrichment
3. Community Organizing
4. Community Development Research
5. Housing Development for Low & Moderate Income people
6. Community Development Credit Unions
7. Global Studies & Ecological Studies
8. Developing Nations Research

9. Health & Nutrition Information Distribution
10. Organizing Volunteers for Health & Medical Crises
11. Computer-based Training & Skills Development
12. Technology-Transfer Projects for Remote or Other Underserved Populations, i.e., Agricultural/Crop Variation, Well siting & Digging, Village Water Transfer and/or Purification, Housing, School or Library Construction; Village Electrification, Mobile Unit Medical Care.

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