

DIRECTORY OF AFRICAN COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

AFRICOM - Coalition of African Communities – Philadelphia

The mission of AFRICOM - the Coalition of African Communities - Philadelphia is to empower the African refugee and immigrant communities by: (a) facilitating family access to health and social services, with special focus on women, children and the youth, (b) promoting economic development, (c) facilitating resolution of inter- and intra-group conflicts, (d) advocating on issues of concern to African communities, and (e) educating the media and broader public on African cultures and experiences. AFRICOM is expected to proactively seek and develop partnerships with non-profit, public, private, educational and African-American institutions in the greater Philadelphia area to achieve its mission. An e-mail group (AFRICOM@yahoogroups.com) was established in December 2000 to provide an information and discussion forum for AFRICOM's general membership. AFRICOM held its founding General Assembly on May 19, 2001.

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[Pan-African]

The African Congress

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The African Congress is a Pan-African community association of business Owners, professionals, and others in the Philadelphia area. It was founded by Dr. Cyprian Anyanwu in 1995, and currently claims over 1,000 members from a variety of African

communities, including Nigerians, Ethiopians, Eritreans, Sudanese, Sierra Leoneans, Ghanaians, Moroccans, Sudanese, Malians, South Africans, Liberians, and others. The African Congress functions as both a political and social network that seeks to unite Africans across numerous and diverse communities. The organization's objective is to help Africans pursue common interests, build visibility, enhance connections with local city resources and government, and provide social support to members and their families, as well as newcomers to the area. The African Congress holds weekly meetings, as well as hosts an annual barbeque and picnic.

Dr. Cyprian Anyanwu, Chairman
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[Pan-African]

African Cultural and Community Center

The African Cultural Center
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A 10,000 square foot community center for all Africans, with catering, a full kitchen, and banquet facilities. To open December 2001.

Chima M. Orji, Manager

[Pan-African]

Agape African Senior Citizens Service

African Immigrants Services Center
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The Agape Senior Center facilitates peer support groups of elderly Africans who have joined their children in the United States. Most of the time, these elders are shut up in their homes and are socially and culturally isolated. Their inability to communicate in English, in combination with the vast differences between their present environment and their native Africa (where the elderly are a respected, active and integral part of the community), make them unable to cope with normal living activities. Programs at the Center include English as a Second Language, literacy classes, classes in living skills, tours of Philadelphia, spiritual enrichment, and transport to and from the Center. As well, the Center provides the seniors with an environment in which they can practice the skills they have brought with them, such as folk crafts and

oral history traditions. The Center is predominantly pan-ethnic Liberian, but welcomes all.

Rev. John K. Jallah, Sr. Coordinator

[Liberia]

**Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria, Inc.
Greater Philadelphia Area Chapter**

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[Nigeria]

Angolan Community Center of Pennsylvania

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The Angolan Community Center was founded in December of 1995. While Pennsylvania retains the highest population of Angolans in the United States, the Philadelphia community numbers approximately 25 families, or 100 individuals. Recently, the Angolan Community Center of Pennsylvania achieved tax-exempt status, and is currently working on obtaining a community building. The association was originally organized to help Angolan immigrants (many of whom arrived as refugees in the last 10 years) overcome social, cultural, economic problems by either personal counseling or referral to the appropriate public or private agencies. The association aims to provide such services as English-language assistance, employment counseling, support for legal and immigration needs, parenting and family resources, information to community members, coordinating food distribution to needy Angolan families with local churches, and planning social and cultural events for the Angolan community and other neighboring groups. The twelve-member Executive Committee meets monthly, and general meetings are held every two months.

Fua-Disala Mika-Mika Valente, President
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[Angola]

**Association des Femmes Ivoiriennes de
Philadelphie (AFIP)**

AFIP was created in 1998 and numbers about 30 members. It provides support to its membership and meets once a month.

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[Ivory Coast]

**Association of University of Liberia Alumni in
U.S.A., Inc. (AULAU.S.)**

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AULAU.S. is a national organization of graduates, former students, and faculty from the University of Liberia, and is headquartered in Philadelphia. While a Steering Committee was formed in 1993, the group just recently became incorporated in 1998. With a membership of about 175 in the Philadelphia area, AULAU.S. focuses on raising resources for the reconstruction of the University, encourages the intellectual development of its members, and contributes to their social welfare through assistance with educational, employment, and other needs. While the organization is not formally affiliated with the Union of Liberia Association in the Americas (ULAA), much of the AULAU.S. membership also participates in ULAA (PA Chapter), and the current leaders of ULAA (PA Chapter) are all members of the AULAU.S..

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[Liberia]

**Association of Liberian Journalists, Tri-State
Branch**

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The Association of Liberian Journalists comprises about 20 to 30 members throughout the United States who had worked in journalism in Liberia prior to leaving the country due to instability and civil war. The ALJ assists Liberian journalists who are being censored or harassed, ensures the freedom of the press, sensitizes the public to the problem of free press in Liberia, and provides access to news stories that are otherwise censored. Although recently organized, the ALJ plans to open sub-offices in major American cities that have a concentration of Liberian journalists, such as Philadelphia.

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[Liberia]

Bartram High School African Students Association

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The African Students Association provides support to African students at Bartram High School and promotes a positive image of Africa and Africans.

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[Pan-African]

Bedin Society

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The Bedin Society was founded in 1992 and consists of people from the Bedin region of the northern Sudan. Members of the Bedin Society are also active within the larger Sudanese community and the Sudanese Society of Greater Philadelphia. Nevertheless, the organization, which currently has about 60 members, provides social support to its members in Philadelphia as well as people in the Bedin region in Sudan. Contributions and collections from association members help support the educational and medical expenses of people in Sudan as well as in the Philadelphia community. Newcomers to the area are provided with a social support network and assistance with housing, employment, language, and immigration. When the periodic flooding of the Nile River displaces people in the Bedin area, the Society provides financial assistance. The Bedin Society also hosts parties and festivals, particularly for religious holidays like Ramadan. There is one annual meeting for all the members, and monthly dues provide a pool of resources should members require assistance for medical or other expenses.

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[Sudan]

Benkomah (Mandingo Women's Association)

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Benkomah is an association for women of Mande ethnicity, regardless of nationality. Members come from Senegal, Mali, Liberia, Guinea, Gambia, Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone. The association organizes activities and provides mutual aid for its members.

Tiguída Kaba, President

Nyama Waritay, Association Founder/Treasurer
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[West African]

Coalition of African Communities – Philadelphia (AFRICOM)

See AFRICOM listing.

Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Mauritania, Inc. - Philadelphia Section

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The CDHRM, INC, a non-political organization, was founded in 1992 in New York City for the purposes of bringing national and international attention to the plight of black Africans in Mauritania, denouncing violations of fundamental human rights in Mauritania, and providing assistance to Mauritanian refugees and asylees residing in the United States, Senegal and Mali. The State of New York incorporated the CDHRM as a not-for-profit corporation in 1994. The CDHRM's section in Philadelphia has about eighty members in the Philadelphia region. The section holds regular meetings each month to discuss the current situation of refugees in Senegal, Mali and the United States, as well as to provide resources to the members and to integrate recently arrived asylees into the City of Philadelphia and its suburbs. Contributions and monthly dues from the members help support expenses to arrange lectures, debates and other public exchanges, in particular with Mauritanian human rights activists during their visits to the United States.

Souraghata Semega, Section Coordinator

[Mauritania]

Conseil Des Maliens De Philadelphie

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The Conseil Des Maliens De Philadelphie was born from the effort of a group of Malians concerned about the lack of unity in the Philadelphia-area Malian community. Its goal is to form an organization morally and financially capable of helping its members in the event of happiness or sadness. The Conseil would like to create a healthy socio-economic community for all Malians. Membership is open to all Malians upon paying a fee renewable every year. The Conseil Des Maliens De Philadelphie has a temporary board at its head.

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[Mali]

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Eritrean Community of Philadelphia, Inc.

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The Eritrean Community of Philadelphia, Inc. (ECP) was founded in 1983 as a non-profit organization with 501 (c) 3 status, and currently lists over 225 families as members. ECP's mission is to: (a) preserve values and cultural heritage of Eritreans, (b) promote mutual assistance among Eritreans, and (c) promote understanding and cooperation between Eritreans and other groups in American society. ECP operates as a strong social network for its members, providing financial and social support to members in need, help in adjusting to American society, and assistance for newcomers. Young Eritrean Americans are organized in a pre-college youth group (www.eycp.org) under the umbrella of the association. Eritrean Youth Club of Philadelphia (EYCP) members are offered programs in language, art, music, after-school tutoring, computer education and recreation. ECP's community center, located in West Philadelphia, was purchased in June 2000 and its main floor is used for meetings and as a social center during weekends and special/holiday events. The 2nd floor includes office and meeting space as well as a computer center with Internet access. The park across the street is often the site for picnics, barbeques, and informal soccer games. In order to facilitate communications and provide updates on community activities, ECP sponsors two e-mail discussion groups: EYCP@yahoo.com (for youth) and philly_members@yahoo.com (for general members). ECP is also focused on building bridges between the Eritrean community and regional African and American communities. ECP leaders are elected annually to a nine-member Board of Directors.

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Ethiopian Community Association of Greater Philadelphia (ECAGP)

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The Ethiopian Community Association of Greater Philadelphia (ECAGP) was formed in 1984, and remains the central and most visible organization of the Ethiopian community. It is one of the first African community organizations to have formed in the Philadelphia area, as well as one of the only ones to have tax-exempt, non-profit status. ECAGP has occupied several different locations in its fifteen-year history, moving into its present location at 44th and Chestnut Streets in 1999. ECAGP functions as a non-partisan, non-religious association that offers social services as well as cultural resources to the Ethiopian community. Open 9 AM to 5 PM daily, the community building is the site of social events and gatherings, as well as the location for meetings, after-school tutoring for high school students, and weekend Amharic classes for children in the summer months. ECAGP has a nine-member board of directors and is often cited by other African community activists as a "success story." In addition to ECAGP, other Ethiopian associations in the greater Philadelphia area include: the Tri-State *Idir*, Brotherly *Idir*, and Hundred Clubs *Idir*.

Afewerk Wogayehu, President

[Ethiopia]

Ga-Adangbe Association

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The Ga-Adangbe Association of Philadelphia is an organization made up entirely of people from the Ga-Adangbe region of Ghana, although like other Ghanaian groups it attracts and welcomes the participation of other Ghanaians, Africans, African-Americans, and anyone interested in Ghanaian culture. It is primarily a cultural organization that seeks to enculturate younger generations, as well as to educate the wider Philadelphia population about Ga culture and traditions through classes in drumming and language. The Ga-Mantse and the Queen Mother serve as cultural leaders or chiefs in their community, and

are elected to this prestigious role for life. The Ga-Adangbe Association holds elections every two years to elect the President, Vice President, and Treasurer to office. The Association has performed with the Philadelphia Folklore Project/Philly Dance Africa and the Odunde Festival, and boasts numerous talented artists, dancers, and musicians. It also puts on large outdoor picnic events and formal cultural shows or balls, such as the annual Homowo Festival, which is the New Year celebration of life, ancestors, and the harvest of corn. The celebration occurs in August and consists of an afternoon festival in Fairmount Park and climaxes with a formal dinner dance. Former Mayor Ed Rendell of Philadelphia was among the guests at the last four Homowo Festivals.

Dr. Samuel Quartey, Ga-Mantse (King)

[Ghana]

Guineans Association, Inc.

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The Guineans Association, Inc. is a non-profit/non-political social organization created in 1994 to promote the educational, social, economic, and legal welfare of Guineans living overseas, and particularly those living in the United States. The Association organizes various educational, cultural, and social activities to enrich the lives of its members.

Mohamed Kebe, President

[Guinea]

Kenyan Women's Investment Club

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Based in Maryland, the Kenyan Women's Investment Club has members from several surrounding regions, including the Greater Philadelphia area. The group meets regularly for two purposes: to make group investments in the stock market and to provide a social outlet for its members.

Jayne Musonye-Adhoch, Philadelphia Representative
Jayne Musonye-Adhoch, a member of both the Kenyan Women's Investment Club and the Trinity Episcopalian Church (see Religious Organizations), is the Director of Planning and Municipal Development for the Borough of Norristown.

[Kenya]

Liberian Redevelopment

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Liberian Redevelopment assists Africans in adapting to life in their new home. It was founded in 1994 and received 501 (c) 3, non-profit status in 1998. Programs include conflict resolution, food security for the elderly, housing and shelter assistance, refugee and immigrant support services, vocational training, and public affairs awareness.

Rufus K. Mendin, President

[Liberia]

Monrovia College Alumni Association in the Americas (MCAAA)

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The MCAAA is comprised of graduates and former students of Monrovia College, a post-secondary institution in Liberia, who are residing in the United States. The group's objectives, among other activities, are to provide support to the school and to seek the welfare of its members here in the States.

Patrick Pannah, President

[Liberia]

National Union of Eritrean Women - Philadelphia Chapter

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The Philadelphia chapter of the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) has been in existence for nearly twenty years. NUEW-Philadelphia originally formed as a regional branch beneath the central organization founded in Asmara in the 1960s for the advancement of women's rights. The headquarters of the NUEW in North America is located in Washington, DC. The regional branch in Philadelphia currently has about 30 active members, and functions as a fundraising and cultural committee for both the Philadelphia community and on behalf of events and institutions in Eritrea. Of particular importance is the education of new generations of Eritrean children and youth, and assistance to community members with the family-oriented challenges of biculturalism. NUEW-Philadelphia also assists members with English-language skills.

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[Eritrea]

National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students - Philadelphia Chapter

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The National Union of Eritrean Youth & Students - Philadelphia (NUEYS -Philly) is a branch of an association of Eritrean youth and students formed in Eritrea in the 1960s. Local chapters have since emerged in Eritrean communities all over the world. The NUEYS - North America headquarters is located in Washington, DC. NUEYS is an independent, non-political organization open to all Eritrean youth, students and young adults. The association provides activities such as pre-college counseling, mentoring, networking, and fundraising for local community programs and development in Eritrea, with the overall goal of promoting culture and a positive sense of community among young Eritreans. A recent noteworthy accomplishment for NUEYS - Philly was the 2000-2001 fundraising drive to renovate the recently-purchased community center of the Eritrean Community of Philadelphia, Inc. Over \$20,000 was raised during a 6-month period.

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[Eritrea]

Oromo Community Association of Greater Philadelphia

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The Oromo Community Association was founded in 1993 and has fluctuated in both its membership and activity, often in response to developments in Ethiopia. The Association consists entirely of Oromos, who despite their geographical and political designations in Ethiopia, define themselves first as Oromo. The headquarters of the Association is in Philadelphia, where members are currently working

on obtaining a community building in which to hold meetings, events, and offer services to members.

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[Ethiopia]

Owerri Obinwanne Association

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The Owerri Obinwanne Association is a non-profit community organization consisting of Igbos from the Owerri region of Nigeria. The group was founded in 1990 and currently lists about 24 families, approximately 75-100 members. The association functions as both a cultural organization and charitable social support network for members in the Philadelphia community and in the Owerri region. Different fundraising activities are organized to support various charitable organizations as well as underprivileged communities or populations in the Owerri region or in the United States. In recent years, the Salvation Army has been a beneficiary in the form of cash contributions and organized clothing drives. For nine consecutive years the Owerri Obinwanne Association has hosted an annual fundraising gala, in which traditional Igbo food, dress, dance, and music are celebrated. Educating children into Igbo traditions also remains very important. The Association is currently working on obtaining a community center building. Members meet on the first Sunday of each month in one another's homes.

Michael Anyanwu, President

[Nigeria]

Penn African Student Association (PASA)

PASA may be contacted through:

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215-898-6971
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PASA was formed in the early 1980s by African graduate students at the University of Pennsylvania. PASA's computer listserv currently contains about 200 names, but approximately 20-30 students form the active core of the organization, with most of these being undergraduates. The majority of PASA members are second-generation African immigrants, African-Americans, and others who are interested in Africa. PASA's mission is to educate the student body and public about the cultural, political, and economic diversity of Africa, and the organization sponsors everything from movies and lectures to the annual

Africa Fest and Calabash celebration, the latter being co-hosted with the Caribbean student group. General monthly meetings with guest speakers are held, and PASA maintains strong relations with the African Studies Center, the Umojaa Club, and the Black Student Organization.

[Pan-African]

Philadelphia Eritrean E-Mail Networks

Philly_Members@yahoogroups.com
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The Philly_Members@yahoogroups.com e-mail list currently includes 105 members who communicate regularly over e-mail. The group serves as an extension of the Eritrean Community of Philadelphia and has several non-Eritrean members who are in some way involved with the Eritrean community. Postings about local community events are circulated and discussion between individuals is encouraged. EYCP@yahoogroups.com was established to facilitate communications and provide updates on activities sponsored by the Eritrean Youth Club of Philadelphia (EYCP). There are presently 31 subscribers in EYCP's e-mail group.

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[Eritrea]

Radio Tam-Tam

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Radio Tam-Tam is broadcasted daily in both French and English. The French-language program runs each morning from 6:30-7:00 AM, before the news report from Radio France Internationale, and the English-language program runs each afternoon from 2:00-2:30 PM. Radio Tam-Tam targets the francophone African community in the Delaware Valley region, which includes immigrants from both Sub-Saharan and North Africa. It caters to no single national or ethnic group, serving the entire francophone African community by featuring news and music from Africa as well as advice and messages from and for its listeners. The host, Mody "Modibo" Diagne, is a local Senegalese businessman. Co-host Eric Edi is from Ivory Coast.

Modibo, Program Director

[Pan-African]

Senegalese Association of Philadelphia

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The Senegalese Association of Philadelphia is a not-for-profit, self-help organization serving the Senegalese community. The Association was initiated in October 1999 to confront the problems facing the community, ranging from the need for legal services and health care to the return of the deceased to their home country. The group also provides a forum for the community to discuss its problems and seek solutions within its own ranks. In July 2000 the organization was officially formed and a board of directors was elected.

Elhadji Ndiaye, President

[Senegal]

Sierra Leone Convent Girls' Association

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The Sierra Leone Convent Girls' Association was the first Sierra Leonean organization founded in Philadelphia, having been initiated in 1981. Its main objective has been to reunite and maintain close communication between women of the Philadelphia Sierra Leone community who attended St. Joseph's and Holy Rosary schools back home and continue to uphold the values they learned there. The Association also helps support the continuation of Catholic girls' education in Sierra Leone by purchasing and arranging for the delivery of school supplies. Currently, the Association has less than ten members. The former President, Angela Dixon, recently passed away.

Angela Jengo, Social Secretary

[Sierra Leone]

Sierra Leone Women's Club

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The Sierra Leone Women's Club is an association of women in the Philadelphia Sierra Leone community who have returned to school or otherwise furthered their formal education since coming to the United States. The club functions as a social support network for these women and provides them with a forum to communicate about the process and experience of returning to school as adults and as members of an

immigrant community. Although the Women's Club is not formally affiliated with the Tegloma Association, many of the women are members of Tegloma as well. Currently, about 15-20 members participate.

Angela Jengo, President

[Sierra Leone]

Somali Association of Greater Philadelphia

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The Somali Association of Greater Philadelphia was founded by former Temple University student Abdullahi Abdalla in 1994, who also currently serves as its President. While the Association does not have its own building, it holds religious and cultural classes for young people at the Masjid Al-Jamia at 4228 Walnut Street on Sundays, has conducted culture and diversity classes for high school students, and plans events for the entire community. The Association holds two general meetings per year, and the President and Executive Director meet on a monthly basis.

Abdullahi Abdalla, President
Mumina Hussein, Vice President

[Somalia]

Sudanese American Business Association

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The Sudanese Business Association's objective is to organize Sudanese business Owners in the Philadelphia area and to support and to provide credit for those who are starting up businesses. The SBA's long-term goals are to develop a national basis in the United States, and to make commercial and trade contacts with Sudan in the future.

Steering Committee:

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[Sudan]

Sudanese Society of Greater Philadelphia

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The Sudanese Society of Greater Philadelphia is a non-profit organization founded in 1997. The Society is concerned with the welfare of its membership and the surrounding community. There is a summer school that offers classes encompassing various aspects of Sudanese culture. Computer training and

English classes for newcomers and other members are planned for the near future. The Society also organizes picnics, family day festivities, and sports festivals for its members and friends.

Ali B. Ali-Dinar, President
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Omar Idries, Secretary

[Sudan]

Tegloma Association - Delaware Valley Chapter

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The Tegloma Association is a nationwide Sierra Leonean organization consisting of Mende people, with chapters in numerous states throughout the U.S. and Europe. In the Mende language, "Tegloma" means "advancement." The Delaware Valley chapter has approximately 1,000 members, and holds monthly meetings at members' homes that usually draw about 75 people. The Tegloma Association was formed in Southwest Philadelphia in the late 1980s. The group is heavily involved with issues in Sierra Leone, supporting the education and well being of its members in Philadelphia and of Mende people in Sierra Leone. Regular fund-raisers such as picnics, dances, cultural events, and the contributions of members help to support those in need within the community as well as purchase such necessities as school books and medical supplies for the communities in Sierra Leone. The Tegloma Association also works to enculturate children born in the United States into Mende culture and traditions, and assists members in identifying the educational needs of themselves and their children. Elections for officers are held yearly, and membership is open to all Mende people and those committed to embracing Mende values and traditions.

Jonathan Kpolie, President

[Sierra Leone]

Union of Liberia Association in the Americas Liberian Association of Pennsylvania, Inc.

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Clifton Heights, PA 19018
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ULAA is a national umbrella organization that includes local chapters all over North America. Beneath each local chapter are numerous regional or ethnic associations that project their own interests and sponsor their own events. The three most dominant of these beneath the Liberian Association of Pennsylvania, Inc. are the Nimba, Grand Gedeh, and Mandingo Associations. Within these associations are also smaller groups based on even more specific

regional origins. Despite this great internal diversity (which many describe as fragmentation), the Liberian Association of Pennsylvania, Inc. tries to create broader Liberian unity and national identity through reconciling issues of ethnicity and region with individuals and communities. In response to the recent civil war and the hostilities generated by it, the Association is currently attempting to confront the psychological and emotional impact of the war on its diverse members. Under the current leadership, the Association has been seeking the guidance of psychologists, organizing community counseling, and familiarizing people with the benefits of therapeutic intervention. The Association has also been communicating with the Philadelphia School District regarding the best way to help Liberian youth who have experienced extreme disruption in their education due to the war. The Liberian Association of Pennsylvania, Inc. therefore provides resources for the Liberian community, as well as recently arrived refugees or asylees, to adjust to life in the United States and begin confronting their experiences in Liberia. The Association is non-denominational and non-sectarian.

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Martin Sheriff, Coordinator

[Sierra Leone]

Wharton African Student Association

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
WGA Office, Vance Hall, Second Floor
3733 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-952-2544
oadebayo@wharton.upenn.edu

The Wharton African Student Association has been in existence since the early 1990s. There are approximately 15 to 20 members in the association, all of who are MBA students at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. The Association holds regular meetings and plans to organize a series of economic seminars on Africa.

Oyeni Adebayo, President

[Pan-African]

Victory Women in Development Association U.S.A.

335 Congress Avenue
Lansdowne, PA 19050
610-623-8241
610-905-4940
610-622-1628
viwidausa@mail.com

VIWIDA-USA aspires to improve and enrich the life experiences of women and youth. Programs aim to provide the job skills necessary to increase employment opportunities, to educate women on high risk medical conditions by providing free medical testing for HIV, pregnancy, etc., to provide free or low cost individual counseling and support groups for women, and to create opportunities for youth. Youth programs focus on reducing truancy and improving academic performance through volunteerism and summer academic studies in collaboration with VIWIDA-Tanzania. (Further information about VIWIDA-Tanzania is available through the VIWIDA-USA contacts.)

Alwiya Omar, Coordinator

[Pan-African]

Yoruba Development and Cultural Organization of the Delaware Valley

106 North 11th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-418-2251
isedale@msn.com

The YDCO is a Yoruba organization in Philadelphia. The YDCO is the Delaware Valley Chapter of Egbe Omo Yoruba North America, which has headquarters in Washington, DC. Despite the large numbers of Yorubas in the Delaware Valley area, the active YDCO membership numbers only several hundred. It was founded in late 1993 and began functioning in 1994. The YDCO holds general monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month, usually on the University of Pennsylvania or Temple University campuses. The YDCO is primarily a cultural organization that seeks to educate the second generation of Yorubas living in the United States, as well as African-Americans of Yoruba heritage. Executive officers are elected every two years, and the YDCO sponsors cultural events and celebrations, as well as offers Yoruba language classes for all interested. Many of its members are students in Philadelphia universities, such as Penn, Temple, and Drexel.

Peter Olosunde, President
Adegbola Ige, Vice President
Ademola Ajibade, Secretary

Yekini Atanda, Treasurer

[Nigeria]

RESTAURANTS, BARS, & CLUBS

Abby's Desert Lounge

4704 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-727-4560

Abby's is a local neighborhood bar and lounge with a jukebox.

Abdoul Ahmed, Owner

[Ethiopia]

Abyssinia Ethiopian Restaurant

229 South 45th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-387-2424
215-387-3155 (fax)

Since 1995, Abyssinia has offered authentic Ethiopian cuisine with a traditional atmosphere. There is a full bar in front featuring an Ethiopian jukebox, and Italian billiards on the second floor. An independently-run gallery and music performance space is also located on the upstairs level. Abyssinia features live Ethiopian music on some weekends, and informal parties on Saturday evenings.

Haddish Teke, Owner

[Ethiopia]

Asmara Conxion

6521 Haverford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA, 19151
267-979-3178
215-747-7188

A lounge and jazz club.

[Eritrea]

La Calebasse

4519 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-382-0555
215-386-3994

Formerly Benkady Fatima's, La Calebasse is an Ivorian-owned restaurant that caters to a larger West African clientele. The cuisine features authentic

favorites from Ivory Coast and other western African regions.

Bakary and Sindore Cissé, Owners

[Ivory Coast]

Chef Abu's Kitchen

500 North 9th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-235-0935
215-235-6311 (fax)
215-319-2302 (pager)

Authentic African and Caribbean cuisine, specializing in catering private parties, weddings, corporate affairs, and anniversaries.

Abubokha Amedu, Owner

[Nigeria]

La Crêperie Café

1722 Sansom Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-564-6460
215-564-0808 (fax)

La Crêperie is an upscale café located in Center City, specializing in French cuisine, particularly all kinds of crepe dishes, quiches and salads. Special parties and Sunday brunches are also offered. Ivorian cuisine available with three days notice.

Marietou Fanny, Owner

[Ivory Coast]

Dahlak Eritrean and Ethiopian Restaurant

4708 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-726-6464

Dahlak offers Eritrean/Ethiopian cuisine in a traditional atmosphere, featuring an outdoor back patio, live music every first and third Friday, full bar, extensive wine list, and homemade honey-wine on Saturdays and Sundays. Dahlak has been featured numerous times in Zagat's restaurant guide. In 1998, it was rated "excellent," and, in 1997, it was rated as one of Philly's top restaurants.

Amare Solomon and Neghisti Gebrehiwet, Owners

[Eritrea]

Fatou and Fama Restaurant and Catering

6132 Lansdowne Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151
215-877-5278
215-726-7098 (fax)

Fatou and Fama features dishes from West Africa and the southern United States, including Senegalese *chebujen* (fish with rice), Malian peanut sauce, various vegetarian dishes and soul food. The restaurant offers full catering service for events, and is open Monday - Saturday, 11AM - 9PM. Fatou and Fama will be relocating to 1601 Cecil B. Moore Avenue.

Fatou Ndiaye, Owner

[Senegal]

Gojjo Ethiopian Cuisine

4540 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-386-1444

Full bar and restaurant, with pool hall and live music every other weekend upstairs, and patio in the back. Gojjo caters to a diverse clientele of Ethiopians, Americans, and others.

Habtamu Shitaye and Frehiwot S. Desta, Owners

[Ethiopia]

Meskerem Ethiopian Restaurant

1627 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19146
215-729-7744

Since September ("Meskerem" in the Ethiopian calendar) of 1993, Meskerem has specialized in traditional Ethiopian vegetarian cuisine. The restaurant offers an unlimited and affordable vegetarian buffet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and ten percent discounts for students with ID and for Vegetarian Club members. In the summer of 2001, Meskerem moved to its South Street location, making it the only Ethiopian restaurant in Center City.

Kebebush Gebregiorgis, Owner

[Ethiopia]

Mike's Cart

Broad and Spring Garden Streets (southwest corner)
Philadelphia, PA
215-327-4339

Mike's Cart is a mobile restaurant serving breakfast all day, as well as a wide variety of pastries, sandwiches, and Philly favorites.

Mike Debessai, Owner

[Eritrea]

Queen of Sheba Pub and Restaurant

5540 Woodlawn Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143

4511 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-382-2099

Queen of Sheba has been in operation for 10 years, featuring a full bar and a restaurant serving Ethiopian food and soul food.

Woubshet Gebremanuel, Owner

[Ethiopia]

SPECIALTIES, RETAIL & SERVICES

Addison Tours, Inc.

4712 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-729-1116
215-729-1117 (fax)

Complete travel service specializing in all kinds of travel, package tours, cruises, and air travel to Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe.

Ike Odenigbo, Travel Consultant

[Nigeria]

African Audio Video and Copy Center

4612 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-386-4022
215-386-4188 (fax)

African Audio Video is a meeting place for Africans as well as Americans, and is a resource for those needing faxes, document translation, phone cards, flyers designed and printed, or video conversion from foreign (PAL-SECAM) to American systems (NTSC). The shop also carries the latest in African music, music videos, and services. Video photography and sound system services are also available for weddings and other events.

Alou Traore, Owner

[Mali]

African Expressions

6201 N. Front Street (and Godfrey)
Philadelphia, PA 19120
215-924-0444
215-924-0445 (fax)

African Expressions meets all your Afrocentric needs, selling African and African American artwork, clothing, books, video and audio tapes, and Christmas

and Kwanzaa cards. The shop also features school uniforms and Christian books and tapes, including Bibles. A wedding consultation service is also available.

Belinda Otusanya, Proprietor

[Nigeria]

Amigo African Food Market

50th Street and Springfield Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-662-1968
215-662-9512 (fax)
267-242-9536 (fax)
okeosisi@aol.com

Amigo is the largest African-owned food market in Philadelphia, specializing in African, Caribbean, and Spanish food products. The market also carries phone cards, cosmetics, fresh produce, African newspapers and magazines, as well as providing an African video rental club, video conversion, faxes, color photocopying, check cashing, utility bill payment center, key duplication, and Western Union and Vigo money transfer services. As well, Amigo has an African gift shop featuring music, carvings, fabrics, and musical instruments

Chima M. Orji, Owner

[Nigeria]

Baltimore African Market

4533 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-387-5705
215-387-5706 (fax)

Grocery store specializing in African and Caribbean food products, videotapes, music, phone cards, and other products such as cosmetics, produce, and halal meat.

Morifing Kone and Drissa Toure, Owners

[Ivory Coast]

Central Glass Company, Inc.

4313 Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-222-3777
215-387-4540 (fax)

Central Glass, Inc. specializes in industrial, commercial, residential glass and mirrors. The business has been operating in Philadelphia for 19 years.

Afeworki Yohannes, Owner

[Eritrea]

Chic Afrique

703 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
215-592-9023

Chic Afrique is an upscale boutique featuring clothing, artifacts, jewelry, and other accessories. It is also the only store of its kind that manufactures natural skin and hair care products using raw materials from Africa.

Victoria Onwuchekwa, Owner

[Nigeria]

Computing 2000+

1050 Bullock Avenue
Yeadon, PA 19050
610-284-0360
comp.plus@verizon.net

Computing 2000+ provides a wide range of computer services, including computer network design, implementation and maintenance, new and used computer sales and repairs, and computer training. Youssouf Diakite is a Microsoft Certified Professional Systems Engineer and a Cisco Certified Network Associate.

Youssouf Diakite, Owner

[Mali]

Fast Cash Systems, Inc.

2 Bala Plaza
Suite 300
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
1-888-771-2253
215-548-1733 (fax)
fcashinc@aol.com

ATM placement, sales and services.

Muda Adeokun, Sales Executive

[Nigeria]

Freetown Market

6634 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19142
215-724-0100
215-724-0100 (fax)

Specializing in African food products, cosmetics, stationery, phone cards and other goods.

Mohamed O. Sesay, President/Owner

[Sierra Leone]

Greenway Communication Services

4514 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-386-2221
215-386-2970 (fax)

Wholesale phone cards, cellular phones and pagers.

Daoud Adam, President

[Sudan]

Isedale - A Celebration of African Heritage

106 North 11th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-418-2250
215-418-2253 (fax)

Isedale specializes in African and Afrocentric clothing, accessories, gifts, drums, crafts and home furnishings. Custom orders are welcome.

Peter Olosunde, Owner

[Nigeria]

Lady Liberty Transportation Co., Inc.

1242 S. 47th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-724-8888
215-724-7777 (fax)

Lady Liberty offers airport shuttle service 18 hours per day, from 5 AM to 1 AM, and services over 150,000 customers per year. The business has been operating in Philadelphia for 13 years.

Solomon Habtemicael (Wedi Hakim), President
Georgina Habtemicael
Musse Habtemicael

[Eritrea]

Makola African Fashion Boutique

4614 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-222-7390
www.makolaboutique.com

Makola specializes in African clothing, fabrics, jewelry, music, and other products.

Cynthia Dicker, Owner

[Ghana]

Mt. Nimba Computer Center

5263 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19139
215-748-7495
215-748-7434 (fax)

1-888-388-8209 (pager)
mvoker1@aol.com

Mt. Nimba specializes in new and used computer sales and service, and offers basic computer training, computer upgrading, parts, and other electrical appliances.

Moses Voker, President

[Liberia]

Nilien Insurance Service

4521 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-387-8911
215-387-8922 (fax)
siddiq01@aol.com

Nilien provides all kinds of insurance, auto tags, and notary services.

Siddiq A. Hadi, Proprietor

[Sudan]

Palace Travel, Inc.

5301 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19139
215-471-8555
215-471-8898
info@palacetravel.com
www.palacetravel.com

Palace Travel is a full-service agency established in 1991. Its services include airline tickets, cruises, tours, and vacation packages, but the agency specializes in customized eight-day and 10-day tours to West Africa, including Senegal, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Mali and Benin. Another specialty is low airfares to all West African destinations.

Lloyd C. Murray, Manager

[Pan-African]

Palm Branch Corporation

5343 Arlington Street
Philadelphia, PA 19131
215-477-1424
1-888-541-2369 (pager)
215-327-0905 (cellular)

Palm Branch is a user-friendly business serving an exclusively Liberian clientele. The company provides shipping services between the United States and Liberia, and specializes in personalized attention to its customers, including in-home service, assistance with paperwork and English-language needs, and low-cost money transfers. It also allows customers to arrange complex distribution instructions for goods and money sent to Liberia (up to 14 recipients for a single

shipment), and will deliver messages to recipients on how to use or redistribute transferred money or goods.

Tonneh Tokpah, Permanent Representative, U.S.

[Liberia]

Pessicom Wireless, Inc.

6643 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19142
215-724-2119
215-724-2119 (fax)
paul@pessicom.com
www.pessicom.com

Authorized dealer of electronics, pagers and satellite systems.

Paul Pessima, President and CEO

[Sierra Leone]

Sandaga Custom Made Clothing

7130 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19119
215-753-0455

Open since 1992, Sandaga specializes in custom-made African clothing, as well as fabric, art, jewelry and other accessories.

Alassane Gueye, Proprietor

[Senegal]

Sandeco African Inc. International Market

325 South 52nd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-476-1042
215-471-4087 (fax)
adesandeco@hotmail.com

Sandeco is an African market catering to an almost exclusively African clientele. First opening in South Philadelphia in 1989, Sandeco moved in 1995 to its present location in West Philadelphia. The market serves West African and Caribbean communities from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Jamaica, Trinidad and Haiti.

Sunday Adeoye, Owner

[Nigeria]

Side Technology, Inc.

215-17 South 45th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-386-3222
215-386-3234 (fax)
www.sidetechnology.com

Side Technology offers services for computer systems, integration, design, engineering, computer sales, technical and software training.

Simon Kioko and Rose Munga, Owners

[Kenya]

T and H Partners Laundromat

227 South 45th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Tedla Abraham and Haddish Teke, Owners

[Ethiopia]

Tropical Hair Designs

African Cultural Center
50th Street and Springfield Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-662-1968
267-242-9536
215-662-9512 (fax)
okeosisi@aol.com

A full-service salon providing hair braiding, a barber shop, cosmetics and accessories.

Chima M. Orji, Owner

[Nigeria]

Urban Tees and Gifts

234 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-627-3366
1-800-507-1608 (pager)
718-543-4353 (New York office)

Amadou Diallo, proprietor

[Senegal]

U.S. Copy Center

1541 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130
215-567-2209
215-567-1687 (fax)

Services for copying, printing, letterheads, business cards, faxes, typing, mailboxes, invitations, photo IDs, shipping and mailing, money transfers, school supplies, phone cards, keys, notary, auto tags, typewriter and computer rentals, and passport/immigration photos.

Richard Baye, Owner

[Nigeria]

Uzoamaka's Worldbeat Emporium

1532 Sansom Street
2nd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Uzoamaka, owned by a young Nigerian woman of the same name, has been in Philadelphia since 1991. The boutique specializes in art, collectibles and artifacts such as masks, textiles, and carvings, tribal jewelry, special body care products, cards and stationery, and home accessories from Africa and around the world. Uzo Amaka, who first came to the United States in 1985, also custom designs and makes clothing and jewelry.

Uzo Amaka, Owner

[Nigeria]

West Philadelphia Auto Service, Inc.

1242 South 47th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-729-0911

Specializing in all kinds of auto repair and maintenance for foreign and domestic vehicles.

Solomon Habtemicael (Wedi Hakim), President

[Eritrea]

AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING SALONS

Adja Braiding

4505 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-386-0727

Atajmil Braiding and Boutique

830 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-627-3693 (phone/fax)

African Hair Braiding Salon

997 Marshall Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-574-9350

Amy Professional African Hair Braiding

2754 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA
215-228-6770

Assata's Hair Braiding

2207 South 63rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19142
215-729-1623

Astan Hair Braiding

802 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

215-492-7601

Atajmil Braiding Boutique

830 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-222-0732

Biba's Hair Braiding Salon

1825 North 54th Street
Philadelphia, PA
215-877-1500

Blek African Hair Braiding

4616 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-382-9737 (shop)
215-382-2365 (home)

Dounaba Braiding

1044 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-928-4744

Fatou's African Hair Braiding

5709 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19119
215-438-1360

Fatou's African Hair Braiding

337 West Girard Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-763-4338 (shop)
215-533-6579 (home)

Kadiatou African Hair Braiding

6116 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19119
215-844-4301

Kane Braiding

4424 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-386-2155

Kany's Braiding

834 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-413-9058

Mamiya African Braiding

1106 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-625-0219

Massango Hair Braiding

5715 Germantown Avenue
2nd floor
Philadelphia, PA 19144
215-849-2484

Tina's African Braiding Shops

5129 Walnut Street
 Philadelphia, PA
 215-474-3605
 6327 Germantown Avenue
 Philadelphia, PA
 215-424-2276

Traditional Hair Braiding Salon

2727 West Girard Avenue
 Philadelphia, PA 19130
 215-978-5280

Tropical Hair Designers

50th and Springfield Avenue
 Philadelphia, PA 19143
 215-662-1968
 215-242-9536

Wrodougou African Hair Braiding

1424 South Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19147
 215-731-0151 (shop)
 215-755-1619 (home)

CULTURAL SPECIALISTS**African Cultural Alliance of North America, Inc.**

51 W. Baltimore Pike
 Clifton Heights, PA 19018
 610-284-9953
 215-683-6490
 voffee.jabateh@phila.gov

The African Cultural Alliance was established by local artists of the African Diaspora, many of who are refugees and many of who are from West Africa. With their diverse talents, artists of the Alliance have participated in community arts efforts and have been involved in collaborative efforts with many different organizations, including the City of Philadelphia's SUNOCO Welcome America Celebration, the Philadelphia Folklore Project, Philly Dance Africa, and the Southwest Community Development. The Alliance's aims include the promotion of African art and culture as a unifying element within the community, the development and promotion of new talents, and the education of the next generation through youth outreach. Events on the 2001 calendar included the hosting of an awards program, a dinner dance, and participation in the SUNOCO Welcome America Concert.

Voffee Jabateh, President

[Pan-African]

Sunday Adeoye, Textile Designer

325 South 52nd Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19143
 215-476-1042
 215-471-4087 (fax)

Sunday Adeoye began designing textiles while a university student in Philadelphia. After graduating from the Philadelphia College of Textile Science in 1973, Adeoye obtained a Master's degree from the Philadelphia College of the Arts. Specializing in tie-dye, printing and weaving, Adeoye designs custom-made textiles.

[Nigeria]

Owusu Ansah, Sculpture and Stained Glass

2024 Fitzwater Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19146
 215-893-0295

Owusu Ansah came to the United States from Ghana in 1979 as a student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. After graduating, he became the first sculptor of African descent to win the Henry Schiedt Memorial Traveling Scholarship in 1983. That same year he received official recognition from the Afro American Historical and Cultural Museum for "outstanding contribution to the world of current thought" in the arts. In 1986 he completed his M.F.A. at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was further trained in sculpture. He then went on to study foundry (bronze casting) techniques at the Johnson Atelier Technical Institute of Sculpture. In the mid-1990s he participated in a show called "African Presence" at the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum. His work includes sculpture (bronze, wood, terracotta, and steel), stained glass, glass carving, and calligraphic renderings of original poetry and philosophy. Philosophical and spiritual themes influence his work and communicate a "positive universal message with an African accent."

[Ghana]

Richard Baye, Sculpture

1541 Spring Garden Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19130
 215-567-2209

Richard Baye first came to the United States from Nigeria in 1989, and settled in Philadelphia in 1993. He received his Master of Fine Arts in Nigeria, and trained further in sculpture techniques in the United States. He has taught at three U.S. universities: Akron, Wilberforce, and Central State, all in Ohio. He has been sculpting for about twenty years, and works primarily in bronze. His art reflects themes about life, yet with a humorous perspective, and combines Nigerian cultural traditions with western discipline and technique. Some of his work appeared in the July

2-August 28, 1999 exhibition "Wall-to-Wall Nudes" at the Sande Webster Gallery in Center City.

[Nigeria]

Big Steve, Musician & Songwriter

6908 Chelwynde Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19142
215-863-0541

Stephen Worjloh, commonly known as Big Steve, is a major recording artist from Liberia. He has won two musical awards, and his songs have been aired on such major networks as the BBC and Liberian National Radio. He became very popular in the latter part of the 1980s and 90s with the release of his hit song "Who Owns Lala." He was at the top of the charts in Liberia when the civil war and unrest forced him to flee. While he was in refugee camps, he used his musical and creative talents to develop programming for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees on behalf of refugees in Liberia, Ivory Coast, and other West African countries. His songwriting deals primarily with promoting Liberia's cultural heritage around the world, while his personal goal is to promote consciousness about equal opportunity, fair play, and justice through music. Big Steve helped organize the Saygbedetee Recording Club of Liberia, known for its traditional musical style. In the Kru language, "saygbedetee" translates to "togetherness." He has also performed alongside such renowned artists as James Brown, Miriam Makeba, Hugu Masekela, Toots and the Maytals, and others. In addition, he has written and produced theme songs and jingles for diverse organizations and major corporations, including the Liberian Wildlife Society, the Liberian Petroleum Refinery Co., Uncle Ben's Rice, and the campaign song for the Liberian national children's vaccination effort. Since coming to Philadelphia, Big Steve has performed at the African American Culture Fest, the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, Power 99 radio, Philadelphia's Welcome to America musical fest, and a charitable fundraiser and dinner called Operation Reach Back, as well as touring nationwide. Big Steve recently released a new CD called "Aay! Africa." At present he is working on "Mama," a new CD dedicated to the memory of his mother and to mothers everywhere.

[Liberia]

Sagwa Chabeda, Photography, Film and Video, and Graphic Design

Serengeti Studio
4529 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-662-1262
ayiecha@yahoo.com

Sagwa Chabeda came to the United States from Kenya in 1991 as a student. He began studying photography

at the Community College of Philadelphia, and earned his B.A. in Film and Media Arts at Temple University in 1998. Sagwa specializes in photography, multimedia, film and video, graphic design, and web design, and freelances extensively in Philadelphia. Issues that have influenced his work include the traditional values of his Kenyan upbringing, themes of broader African culture and unity, and the similarities that African societies and cultures throughout the continent share. Sagwa is part of a larger network of African artists in Philadelphia, and is available for some multimedia productions as well as photography.

[Kenya]

**The Foreign Diplomats -
Timbuktu Entertainment**

4612 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-386-4022
215-386-4188 (fax)

The Foreign Diplomats formed three years ago in the West Philadelphia area. The group, which has members from Ghana, Guinea, Mali, and Ivory Coast, mixes Mandingo, Wolof, French, and English lyrics with an eclectic blend of hip hop, reggae, and world music beats. Band members include Duski de Balde (Amadu), Furr, Mistical, Akan, and English. The Foreign Diplomats have performed at the annual Caribbean Festival for a crowd of more than 4,000, the Drexel University Spring Jam, and as the opening act for Ivory Coast's own Tiken Jah Fakoly. The band captivates crowds with their live instruments and highly creative, international sound.

[Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Ivory Coast]

D.J. Ishmael

4519 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-222-2140
215-888-4608 (cellular)
215-386-4188 (fax)

African, Caribbean, European and American D.J.-ing for weddings, anniversaries, showers and all types of occasions.

[Guinea]

Liberian Cultural Dance Troupe (LCDT)

4757 North Mascher Street
Philadelphia, PA 19120
215-457-2752
215-280-5900 (cellular)

The LCDT was recently formed by Kormassa Bobo, a renowned dancer who originally toured the United States in the mid-1980s as a member of the Liberian National Dance Troupe. Since 1997 she has worked

with the Philly Dance Africa workshop, organized by the Philadelphia Folklore Project. The LCDT currently has about 11 dancers, both Liberian and African-American. The mission of the LCDT is "to provide persons of all ages with the opportunity to fully experience Liberian traditional dance and music forms from the sixteen ethnic groups in Liberia, West Africa." The LCDT provides not only performances, but also instruction in African dance, drumming and percussion, and Liberian heritage workshops for schoolchildren, stressing such cultural values as respect for elders and the role of the creative arts in everyday life.

[Liberia]

**Mogauwane Mahloele -
Dikoma Aesthetics**

57 Letchworth Avenue
Yardley, PA 19067
215-321-3755
www.mogauwane.com

Mogauwane Mahloele was born and raised in South Africa, where he nurtured his master musical skills and the crafting and playing of African drums, stotolo (mouth harp), dipela (kalimba), naka, flute, sekere, kora, and makhoyane (bowed instrument with gourd resonator). He is also a sculptor, painter, actor, and audio engineer. Mr. Mahloele left his family and his country in 1975, knowing that if he stayed, his life would be wasted in jail, where his close friends were incarcerated during the apartheid years. In Philadelphia, he makes his living teaching music and performing. In the absence of other musicians from South Africa, he has begun to nurture an ensemble of diverse African and African-American musicians, teaching them traditional music and his own compositions. Mr. Mahloele performs widely — from Germany to California, and from Turkey to France — in many styles. He has performed and collaborated with such artists as Homer Jackson, Khan Jamal, Odean Pope, Robert Crowder, Alfie Pollitt, Byard Lancaster, Dudu Phukwana, Phillip Tabane, Joe Malinga, Hugh Masekela and the Art Ensemble of Chicago. Mr. Mahloele has received grants from the Pew Fellowships in the Arts and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and has worked with the Philadelphia Folklore Project in arts education residencies, Philly Dance Africa, and "Folk Arts of Social Change."

[South Africa]

**Hawa Daisy Moore -
Princess Hawa and the Jungle Dancers**

2111 South 60th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19142
610-626-0946

Hawa Moore is a singer, songwriter and dancer from

Monrovia, Liberia. She came to the United States in 1991 after a long and established career as a performer in Liberia. A traditional singer and dancer since a very young age, Hawa was often called a "jungle girl" by those who both appreciated and disdained her talent. When she was as young as three, Hawa would spontaneously perform her own songs and dances in church and at other gatherings. Other children would remember the songs and continue singing them, and Hawa's father also captured many of them on tape. She appeared for the first time on television at age 10, and recorded her first LP, entitled "Just Dazy" in 1977, by which time she had already received recognition by such renowned African artists as Miriam Makeba. Her second album, "Hawa Daisy Moore," was produced in 1991. After arriving in the United States, Hawa first played in New York City with bands like Sintamu, and in California with the Dehcontee Dance Company, Inc. Since moving to Philadelphia in 1992, her work has continued to proliferate. In 1997 she appeared in a video called "One Happy Family: Hawa Daisy Moore," and in 1999 her album, "A Yam Yam Sae: Traditional and Colonial Songs from Liberia," was produced by the Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour and the Institute for Cultural Partnerships. She has performed at such Philadelphia venues as the Franklin Institute, Penn's Landing, Fairmount Park, the University of Pennsylvania, and numerous schools in the Philadelphia area, where she works with children to teach them about African cultural songs, dance, history, doll making, and clothing styles. Her dance troupe, Princess Hawa and the Jungle Dancers (comprised of her children and niece), was featured in the Philadelphia Folklore Project's Philly Dance Africa for 1997, 1998, and 2000. She is actively sought out by numerous institutions, and won a grant from the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts to participate in a 10-day workshop at the Green Tree School.

[Liberia]

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African language and African studies instruction.

[Nigeria]

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Archdiocese of Philadelphia - Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees

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The Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees facilitates the full participation of immigrants, refugees and migrants in the Roman Catholic Church through identifying current needs and resources, and collaborating with parishes and regions to develop strategies to assist in this process of welcoming and integration. The Office holds a Pan-African Mass every fourth Sunday of the month at 2 PM at St. Cyprian's Church, 525 Cobb Creek Parkway.

Father Tom Betz, Director

[Pan-African]

African Immigrant Ministries (AIM)

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Founded in 1995 and headquartered in New York City, AIM is organized beneath the Missouri Lutheran Synod and locally is a project of Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries. AIM is the umbrella organization in Philadelphia for several African churches, including Christ Assembly Lutheran. AIM works to help African immigrants adapt to life in the United States and provides services such as counseling, English language classes, and after-school programs for youth. AIM and Christ Assembly Lutheran work to meet the spiritual and social needs of the community, and have a long-term objective of establishing an academy.

Reverend Arthur W. Zogar Sr., Coordinator
Henry P. Joine, Assistant Coordinator

[Liberia]

Christ Apostolic Church of Philadelphia

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The Christ Apostolic Church is a Pentecostal congregation consisting of all ethnic groups from Nigeria. The congregation has been worshipping for approximately 13 years total, with about five of those years being in the present West Philadelphia location. The Church currently has about 250 to 300 members and sponsors events such as an annual family picnic, and a food, clothing and toy drive for West Philadelphia around the Thanksgiving holiday. The Church also plans to begin offering material support back to communities in Nigeria in the near future. Services are conducted in both Yoruba and English, and begin at 11:00 AM on Sundays. Sunday school is at 10:00 AM. Wednesday bible study is at 7:00 PM. There is a night vigil every Friday from midnight to 3:00 AM.

Rev. Emmanuel Odeyale, Pastor

[Nigeria]

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Christ Assembly Lutheran Church held its first worship service on August 31, 1997. The congregation is predominantly Liberian, but also includes Nigerians, Ghanaians, Syrians, and African-Americans. Current membership numbers about 130.

Also housed within the 63rd Street location is the regional African Immigrant Ministry office, the Agape African Senior Citizens Service, the Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, the Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service, and the Lutheran Family and Children's Services.

Reverend Arthur W. Zogar Sr., Pastor
Henry P. Joine, Chairman-Trustee Board
Tonneh Tokpah, Business Manager

[Liberia]

Christ International Baptist Church

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Christ International was founded in July of 1995 under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Napoleon L. Divine at the height of the civil war in Liberia. The congregation emerged in response to the extreme hostility and ethnic animosity generated by the war both in Liberia and in Liberian communities abroad, and sees the gospel of reconciliation and healing as the only solution to overcoming such divisions. Christ International currently claims about 50 members, and was accepted into the Philadelphia Baptist Association and the American Baptist family in April 1996. The Church sponsors or participates in numerous activities and initiatives for peace in Liberia, such as the Liberian Witness for Peace Project, as well as other programs, including a small business development training program that seeks to bring Liberian refugees in Philadelphia together across ethnicity in business endeavors, a strong youth program that uses drama and theater to present plays about ethnic reconciliation, an initiative to bring various American churches and ministries together to apply pressure on U.S. policy makers for economic assistance and to foster peace and reconciliation in Liberia, and a program that seeks to involve American universities in rehabilitating the University of Liberia and encourage the educational achievement of students, especially those who were former combatants. Within the congregation, nine of Liberia's sixteen official ethnic groups are represented. Recognizing that Liberian communities in the United States have access to greater resources and opportunities than Liberians at home, Christ International aims to create a strong community that overcomes the ethnic animosities generated by the civil war and represents a catalyst for change in Liberia itself. Sunday worship services are at 8 AM and 11 AM, with Sunday school at 9:30 AM and Bible study, prayer service, meetings and counseling on Thursdays at 6:00 PM.

Reverend Dr. Napoleon L. Divine, Pastor

[Liberia]

Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo, Debre Genet Kidus Amanuel Church

6825 Greenway Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19142

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Philadelphia was formed in June 1996. The congregation purchased the new church building in southwest Philadelphia in June of 1999, which has the capacity to house two priests, a social hall, and a sanctuary. Membership currently numbers about 75-100 at regular Sunday worship, though several hundred people often attend on holidays.

Aba Daganachew Tadesse, Priest
Aba Tsigeenet Kidanewold, Priest
Tsegaye Arrefe, Public Relations
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[Ethiopia]

Kenyan Christian Fellowship in America (KCFA) – Philadelphia Chapter

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The Kenyan Fellowship is a non-denominational, national religious and social organization formed by Kenyans in the United States in the early 1990s. The local Philadelphia group became active in 1994-1995. Most members are students, and the Fellowship remains the major organization that brings Kenyans together as a community. There are currently about 60 members in the Philadelphia Kenyan Fellowship. Meetings are held every last Sunday of the month in members' homes.

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Stella Mugambi, Secretary
George Otieno, Treasurer

[Kenya]

Masjid Al-Jamia

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Attendees include West, East and North Africans.

Imam Ali Faroukhi

[Pan-African]

Masjid Al-Tawheed

3027 North 22nd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19132
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Opened in Spring 2000, Masjid al-Tawheed is a predominately African mosque with a Liberian imam.

Imam Sekou Sheriff

[Pan-African]

**Masjid Musalla Ahli-Sunnah-Wal-Jamaah
Association of Islamic Charitable Projects
(AICP)**

4500 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-387-8888

Attendees at prayer include a wide representation of Africans, particularly Sudanese, Senegalese, Ivorian, and Malians.

Linda Hauber, Administrative Assistant (ext. 203)

[Pan-African]

Mount Zion United African Church

5117 Chester Avenue
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Created in 1994, the Mount Zion United African Church has a mostly Sierra Leonean congregation of mixed ethnicity. Sermons are in English. Everyone is welcome to attend. Sunday school is held at 9:30 AM, with Sunday service at 10:30 AM. On Friday night, bible study is held at 7:00 PM.

Reverend Joseph C. Abu
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[Sierra Leone]

**Oromo Evangelical Church of Philadelphia,
Waldaa Oromoo Warra Wangeelaa Kan
Filaadelfiaa**

PO Box 19806
Philadelphia, PA 19143

The Oromo Evangelical Church of Philadelphia was founded in 1995 by Reverend Waqtala Dinagde and members of the Oromo community. Oromo language services were originally held in founding member Fikru Daba's home in West Philadelphia. Since 1995 worship has been held at the Summit Presbyterian Church in Mt. Airy. Members currently number over 50 and growing.

Gemechissa Guja, President
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[Ethiopia]

Presbytery of Philadelphia

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The Presbytery of Philadelphia, because of historical mission connections with some African countries, has offered support to those communities in the Philadelphia area. In particular, it has assisted Ghanaian and Oromo congregations with funding and support.

Reverend Rebecca Blackwell

[Pan-African]

Le Secours Chrétien: la Voie de l'Amour et du Salut

4931 North Broad Street
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Le Secours Chrétien: la Voie de l'Amour et du Salut (Christian Help: the Way of Love and Salvation) caters to francophone Christians in the Philadelphia area. The ministry was created in 1998 and moved to its own place of worship in 2000. Its congregation is largely African but includes French-speakers from other parts of the world.

Services include bible study and prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 8 PM, and worship service on Sunday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Pastor Djiiga also broadcasts a spiritual message each Tuesday morning on Radio Tam-Tam (6:30-7:00 AM, WNWR 1540 AM).

Reverend Robert Djiriga, Pastor

[Pan-African]

Trinity Episcopal Church

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Located in the western suburbs of Philadelphia, the Trinity Episcopal Church was founded to serve the East African Christian immigrant community. Every Sunday, the Kenyan pastor conducts a service both in English (8:00 AM) and Swahili (12:00 PM). The congregation currently consists mostly of Kenyans, Ugandans, and Tanzanians.

Father Dominic Dai, Pastor

[Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania]

United Ghanaian Community Church

Presbytery of Philadelphia (PCUSA)
1100 West Rockland Street
Philadelphia, PA 19141

The UGCC was formed in December of 1995 to meet the religious and spiritual needs of Ghanaians in the Greater Philadelphia area. The congregation is almost entirely Ghanaian, though it is multi-ethnic in character. There are currently about 60 members. Worship is held on Sundays from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

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[Ghana]

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

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The Nigerian People's Forum is a nonpartisan, ethnically transparent American national organization of Nigerian-Americans and Nigerian nationals resident in the United States. It serves as the political voice for over 500,000 Nigerians. The NPF has chapters throughout the United States. Its core membership is drawn from expatriate academicians, professionals, political leaders and business entrepreneurs. The NPF's agenda is to use the resources and talent of Nigerians in America to work with American policy makers and business leaders to support democratic stability and economic development in Nigeria.

Vincent I. Ahonkhail, M.D., Chapter Chairman

[Nigeria]

Oromo Liberation Front – Philadelphia Chapter

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The OLF-Philadelphia is a local branch of the OLF North American organization, headquartered in Washington, DC. The OLF is an Oromo nationalist political organization that advocates Oromo identity and self-determination.

Fikru K. Daba, President

[Ethiopia]

Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) – Philadelphia Chapter

The SLPP is one of several branches of the main North American SLPP, headquartered in South Carolina. The SLPP in the United States was founded by Dr. David Squire in 1997, and currently has chapters in New Jersey, New York, Boston, Washington, DC, the Carolinas, and Texas, as well as in England and Canada. The SLPP supports and actively engages with the current government in Sierra Leone. Membership is open to all, regardless of ethnicity, but remains predominantly Mende. The SLPP makes proposals to the government and sends representatives from its local communities to Sierra Leone to deliberate on social and political matters.

Dr. David Squire, President of the Philadelphia SLPP,
Vice Chairman of North American SLPP
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Amadu Nallo, North American SLPP Chairman

[Sierra Leone]

Sudanese Anti-Torture Group

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The Sudanese Anti-Torture Group (SATG) was established by Sudanese in Egypt over five years ago. The North American chapter is headquartered in Philadelphia. SATG is an international human rights organization that aims to advance the education of the public concerning human rights, and in particular to enhance the education of people of Sudanese origin living in the United States and Europe. It works to relieve the poverty, sickness, and distress among people of Sudanese origin who are or have been the victims of torture, regardless of their current residence.

Mohammed Elghadi, President (Amherst, MA)
Siddiq A. Hadi, Secretary

[Sudan]

Sudanese National Rally

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The Sudanese National Rally (SNR) was founded in Philadelphia in December 1995. SNR is a political and cultural organization intended to serve as a permanent entity that will thrive even after the downfall of the current regime in Sudan. The SNR espouses the following principles: belief in democratic values, freedom of expression, respect for human rights, and the establishment of just and ever-lasting peace in Sudan. The SNR holds monthly meetings in which presentations of issues on Sudanese politics, economy, development, education, culture and religion are discussed and analyzed as to how they effect current and future political development in the Sudan.

Maryam Eltayeb, President
Egbal Elmardi, Secretary
Suaad Abu Elgasim, Coordinator

[Sudan]

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

The African American Museum in Philadelphia (AAMP)

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Founded during the United States Bicentennial in 1976, the AAMP is dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting the material and intellectual culture of African-Americans in Philadelphia and beyond, extending throughout the Americas. AAMP's exhibitions are augmented with workshops and demonstrations, concerts, films, dance performances, poetry readings, book signings, storytelling, lectures and seminars. Over the years, the Museum's collection has grown to include 400,000 examples of fine art, African-American artifacts and textiles, domestic and occupational tools, photographs, documents, audio and video recordings, books and journals. The AAMP has represented a resource for African immigrant communities in the past, such as the 1997 exhibition "African Presence" and the hosting of the Philadelphia Folklore Project/Philly Dance Africa's workshops. Currently, the African American Museum in Philadelphia (formerly known as the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum) has shifted its

collecting focus to concentrate primarily on people of African descent in the Americas.

Terrie S. Rouse, President and CEO
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CSS – Immigration Services provides legal assistance and counseling for immigrants and refugees.

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The Bridge Institute of Philadelphia

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The Bridge Institute of Philadelphia (B.I.P.) provides services including court filings, process serving, multi-lingual translators, and notary public. It also offers basic computer training, English as a second language instruction, and French courses.

Lancine Coulibaly, M.A., President

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HIAS provides immigration and naturalization services, including counseling of families of immigrants, legal assistance, preparation of documents, and referrals.

Judi Bernstein-Baker, Esq., Director

Intercultural Family Services, Inc.

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Intercultural Family Services, Inc. (IFS) is an independent, non-profit human services agency with a special focus on children and families. It provides an array of community-based health and social services, including programs for children in crisis, after school programs, summer day camp and ESL classes. IFSI has employees from several African countries, including Liberia, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Cameroon.

Evelyn Marcha-Hidalgo, Executive Director/CEO

Lutheran Children's and Family Services

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The mission of LCFS is to serve children and families in need. The Resettlement program provides initial orientation, support and referral services to new refugee arrivals, facilitating access to housing, education, employment and medical services. LCFS is the region's primary resettlement agency for refugees from Liberia, Sierra Leone and Sudan, and employs several staff members from these countries. The Legal Services program offers authorized assistance in matters of asylum, family reunification, permanent residence, naturalization and relief from removal (deportation). The Adult Education program offers community-based ESL classes. This program shares the facilities of Christ Assembly Lutheran Church and African Immigrant Ministries (see under Religious Organizations).

Yvette S. Bradford, Assistant Executive Director
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Janet Panning, Supervisor

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Mt. Nimba Information and Advisory Services offers immigration counseling and consultancy, legal referrals, document research and processing, and free information about immigration procedures, and refugee and asylee status. Services are provided to all Africans (as well as other immigrants), though it specializes in assisting Liberians. The service has been operating since 1990 and was founded in response to the outbreak of civil war in Liberia and the large numbers of Liberian refugees and others coming into the United States.

Moses Voker, President

[Liberia]

Nationalities Services Center

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The NSC was founded in 1921 as the International Institute. It is an affiliate of IRSA (Immigration and Refugee Services of America), represents one of five agencies contracted with the Department of State to resettle refugees, and is the only non-sectarian, non-religious service agency in the country. Currently the NSC is handling the resettlement of Kosovar refugees, but works extensively with Africans and all other immigrants and refugees from around the world. Several staff members and volunteers are African.

Contacts:

John Y. Kidane, originally from Eritrea and supervisor of Counseling at NSC, has worked with a highly diverse body of immigrants, and has extensive connections with African communities in the area. He supervises refugee resettlement, assists with family reunification, asylee, and other legal processes, and offers general information about immigration.

Tsegaye Arrefe, from Ethiopia, is an immigration counselor at NSC and has experience assisting immigrants, refugees, and asylees from all over the world. He has been trained in conflict

resolution and is a founding member of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Philadelphia.

Samuel Joe, also from Liberia, is a case manager at NSC and works extensively with asylees and refugees.

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Mr. Nduka came to the United States from Nigeria about twenty years ago, and has been practicing law for the last ten. He holds both a J.D. as well as a Master's degree in Law. Mr. Nduka's practice specializes in business and taxation in particular, but he also works in immigration, family (divorce and custody), criminal defense, real estate, and bankruptcy law. He represents a highly diverse clientele that includes Africans in the Philadelphia area. Mr. Nduka is also a member of the Owerri Obinwanne Association.

[Nigeria]

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The mission of the Office of Language Equity Issues (OLEI) is to promote academic excellence and success for culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) students in an increasingly technological, global society by meeting students needs, celebrating diversity, and establishing partnerships with family and community. OLEI aims to ensure equity by facilitating the delivery of language education services and by advocating for CLD students, parents and staff. OLEI supports school ESOL and bilingual programs and also offers a Newcomer Center high school program.

Mary I. Ramirez, Director

**Philadelphia Folklore Project -
Philly Dance Africa**

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The Philadelphia Folklore Project is a 14-year old independent folklife agency that documents, supports,

and presents local folk arts and culture. The PFP offers exhibitions, concerts, workshops and assistance to artists and communities. The organization conducts ongoing field research and organizes around different issues, as well as maintaining an archive and issues publications and resources. The PFP has worked extensively with African folk artists in Philadelphia. Since 1997, the PFP has organized three Philly Dance Africa events that have featured local African artists and performers, many of them recent arrivals to the area. Philly Dance Africa has included African countries and traditions as diverse as those of Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Congo, South Africa and Guinea, as well as those of Caribbean countries. The PFP and the Philly Dance Africa project represent a resource not only for the African performers and community groups who have been co-sponsors, but also for the wider public. The PFP also offers periodic classes in master drumming and dance, and other educational programs for children and adults that provide opportunities for local African artists.

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The Philadelphia Dept. of Public Health, through its district health centers, offers free comprehensive health care, including HIV services, to all persons living in Philadelphia regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status. Outreach Worker Tiguida Kaba has been hired to help us make the African immigrant community better aware of these essential and available services.

Tiguida Kaba, Outreach Worker and Community Liaison

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[Ghana]

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Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Association
Coalition, Inc. (SEAMAAC) is a non-profit refugee
service organization. Though it deals primarily with
Southeast Asian refugees, SEAMAAC also aids
African refugees with counseling and translation
services. It has an association with the Refugee
Communities Coalition of Philadelphia (RCCP)
(which includes the Ethiopian Community Association
of Greater Philadelphia), and also works with the
Liberian Association of Pennsylvania and the Eritrean
Community of Philadelphia, Inc. SEAMAAC employs
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Samien Nol, Executive Director

Alphonso M. Kawah, Liberian Case Manager

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criminal cases, and is himself a link between African
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[Mali]

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[Nigeria]