COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT VOLUNTEERS INTEGRATED COUNCIL*
(C.I.V.I.C.)

29 Realize Junction Road,
Princes Town.

LISTING OF ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS

PARTICIPATION - PRIME MINISTER'S BEST VILLAGE TROPHY COMPETITION


> VICTORIA EAST - First Place -Best Educational Project - Environmental Category - 2006, 2007 and 2009.

> NATIONAL - Third Place Winners - Best Educational Project - Training programme in plant propagation and food crop production - 2011.

> NATIONAL - First Place Winners - 'Village Chat', 2006 and Second Place Winners 2007.


> NATIONAL - Third Place Winners - 2007 and 2010 - Folk food festival.

> NATIONAL - Finalist- folk theatre presentation - 2006 and 2008.

(First group to enter all categories of the Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition as a 'first-time entrant' - 2008).

PARTICIPATION CRIME STOPPERS INITIATIVES

> Finalist in Crime Stoppers 'Signage Contest' 2009.

> Designed and erected Crime Stoppers Posters (4ft. x 8 ft.) at Ministry of Legal Affairs Offices - Port of Spain and San Fernando and on the Princes Town Market Building, Cacique Street-Princes Town.
COMMUNITY PROJECTS INVOLVEMENT

> Assistance - Cunjal Government Primary School and the Lengua Islamia TIA Primary School (Super Warriors 4/H club (Agriculture - 'Grow box'- Accessing funding from the EU).

> Community Training programmes in plant propagation and vegetable production - Temple Street- Princes Town, St. Mary’s Village - Moruga, Realize Road - Princes Town, Rosahrd Douglas Road - Barrackpore, Matbar Trace Barrackpore, Murray Trace - Siparia and DLS Incorporated - Carlson Field - Chaguanas.

> Representatives attended and submitted memoranda/recommendations at forum for Local Government Reform.

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> Accessed funding from the EU for the establishment of subsistence agricultural projects to assist low income families - established several home gardens using innovative ‘grow box’ techniques incorporating the use of discarded tyres and the conversion of biodegradable household waste into compost.

> Assisted in the re-activation of the Broomage ACS Limited.

>Designed logo and assisted in publication of Alcoholics anonymous local chapter publications.

> Provided technical advice and assistance to farmers (2001-2011)

>Assisted in the setting up of several micro-enterprises/assisted entrepreneurs in accessing financing from State and other institutions.

> Distributed an average of 100 crates vegetable seedlings and 100 fruit plants annually to low income families: 2001-2011.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

> First group to successfully graft vegetable seedlings 1981/1991 (Mr. Jaeson Teeluck and Mr. Arjune Teeluck).

> Published and distributed (2,500 copies each) books titled 'Dealing with Crime' and 'Not Me' – a play on HIV/AIDS.

> Submitted proposals/recommendations (Public relations programme - education/prevention strategies) to the national HIV/AIDS Council of Trinidad and Tobago.
> Member - International Seed Savers - supplied local seeds - 'Janki gub-gub' 2010 - Mr. Jaeson Teeluck.

> Established seed trial/demonstration plot in 2011 - tomato. Established several seed trial/demonstration plots - variety of vegetable crops between 2001 and 2110.

> Distributed hampers, provided counselling and general assistance to needy families (assisted such families in accessing assistance from state agencies - ongoing).

> Assisted voluntary groups in the community - Funding, fund raising ventures and hosting of national celebrations.

> Representatives attended and participated in working secessions of the Dennis Pantin Constitution Reform Forum of Trinidad and Tobago.

> Collecting/preserving and propagating a variety of indigenous plant seeds/tissues and those brought to the Caribbean by early immigrants – ongoing.

**GROUP AFFILIATION**

> Affiliate member of the Realize/Mandingo Community Council, the Victoria East Network of Civil Society Organizations (C.S.N.), 'The League for Socio-Economic and Political Equity' (S.E.P.E.) and Concern Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

*(The CIVIC foundation was established in 1981 and formally organised into a constituted group on January 1, 2001)*

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Mr. Arjune Teeluck (President)

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