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MARANATHA COMMUNITY
TRANSFORMATION CENTER

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Sgt. Maranatha Community Transformation Center was founded in 1998. We bring people from different nations / cultural background/ethnicity together, sharing life together and serving our community for mutual benefit. Therefore, we train people for personal/spiritual growth and community development.

At MCTC we train people to develop their maximum potential for the benefit of all.

We do what we do because we believe in mutual sharing of what we have, we believe in stewardship of our resources, talents and gifts and we want to live in a peaceful, fruitful and healthy community, where every individual will have the opportunity to participate.

Our purpose is to create/build a community where everybody is actively involved, a community where we receive and give love, take ownership of our lives together, peacefully co-existing and productively contributing to the economic development of the nation.

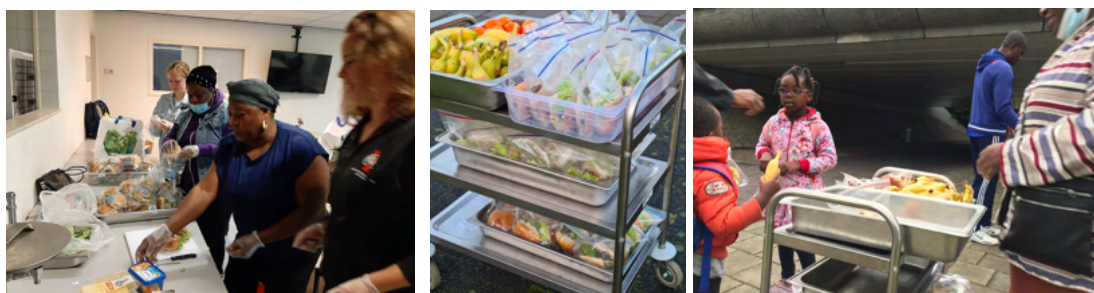
Vision statement

Spiritual, social and economic transformation of our community for the benefit of all.

Mission statement

Our mission is to train, develop and inspire people to reach their maximum potential for the benefit of all.

Breakfast Project



Breakfast project for basisschool children started with 30 children in January 2020 but by the end of 2021 the numbers of children has increased to 90. This project was in response to our discovery in 2019 that many children go to school with empty stomach; this is due to many reasons, such as unemployment/financial problems among the residence of H buurt, other reasons are single parents who leave home early for works without food for children.

We also meet the parents twice to discuss the importance of healthy breakfast especially for children.

We are grateful to all the organizations that partnered with us to make this possible

Leadership training HG protocol



All the project and volunteer leaders in our organization participated in this Prevention of Domestic violence seminar. The issues dealt with are

* All forms of domestic violence for proper identification.

- * Information about the Dutch law on FGM, child abuse, forced marriages the Temporary Restraining Order Act and the various options and the new guidelines of the Safe Church
- * Sensitize the target group to the fact that they play a crucial role in stopping domestic violence.
- * Discuss pitfalls and misinterpretations of religious understanding that might trivialize domestic violence.
- * Equip the target group by training conversational techniques.

Weekly Personal Growth Seminars



An average of 21 people attended the weekly Tuesday zoom personal growth seminars in 2021. The topics dealt with in these seminars ranged from personal goal setting to issue dealing with self- esteem, character building and relationships.

We also recorded an average attendance of 90 adults, 17 young adults and 35 children during our weekly Sunday motivation gathering and celebration.



Great Dad debate



The men met several times in the year to learn from one another as they share valuable experiences as fathers.

Some of the topics dealt with during these meetings are:

* - How to give unconditional love

The effect of unconditional love, prevention of low self-esteem, which underlies many problems with teenagers. Fathers who are mentally or physically absent from parenting also create low self-esteem in children.

* Exercises with showing and expressing unconditional love.

*Don't: Over-control, ignore, explode

*Do: Discipline, communicate, affirm, speak positively about your children

*Communicating with your child

- Passing on norms and values to your children
- Making rules in your family and enforcing them non-violently
- Bringing up taboo subjects
- Role-playing to improve communication skills with your child
- Technique of communication: Ask, Listen, Share.

Sewing Project



Women came together every Monday to share life together and to develop their talents in sewing cloths. This project provided opportunity for lonely women and single mothers to broaden their social networks. It also contributes to their financial sustainability as they repair their own cloths themselves and making also new cloths. Above all, opportunity was provided for social support and encouragement.

Garden Project



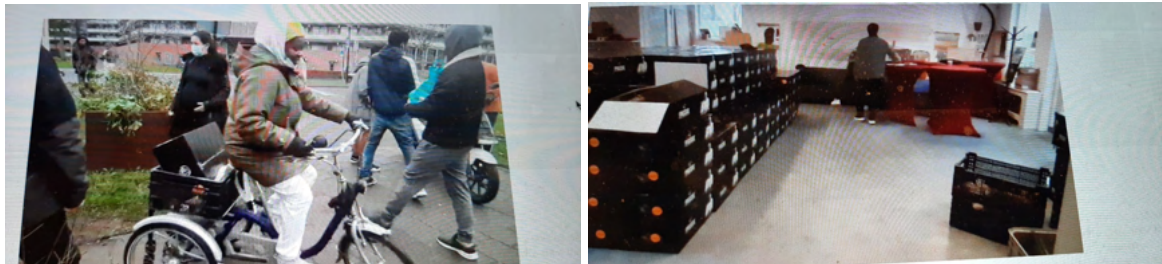
Together with our neighbors in H buurt, we maintained our garden as we develop relationship and friendship. This garden brings people from social, ethnic, religious and economic status together enhancing social cohesion. We plant together, maintain the garden and harvest bomber harvest of different crops the year long.

CLT/MCTC Excursion to Ecodorp Boekel



In the month of October, we visited Ecodorp in Boekel . The purpose of the visit was to see first-hand a group of people that live as a community. We went to learn how this was organized, the process, the benefit and the challenges. This was in anticipation of the CLT project that we are trying to accomplish in H buurt.

Kerstpakket Project



Partnering with a group of young men from Waddinxveen and Boskoop, we were able to distribute 800 Christmas gifts to our H buurt neighbors. Through this gift we went to every door in Hakfort and Huigenbos to meet the residents and get to know them. For a whole week, residents came to our building collecting their gifts, spending time to meet and talk to one another. It was a great way to end the year 2021.

PARTNERS

