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MARANATHA COMMUNITY
TRANSFORMATION CENTER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose, Vision & Mission

Sgt. Maranatha Community Transformation Center was founded in 1998. We bring people from different nations / cultural background/ethnicity together, sharing life and serving our community together 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.

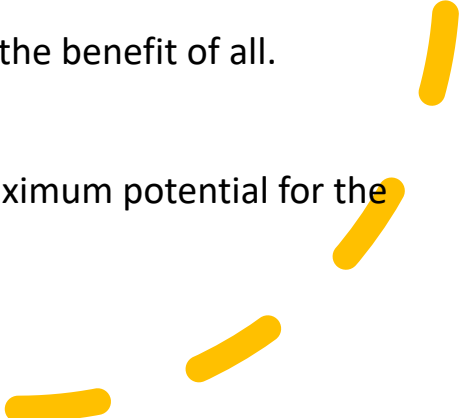
Our purpose is to create/build a community where everybody is actively involved, a community where we receive and give love, take ownership of our lives together, peacefully co-existing and productively contributing to the economic development and peace of the nation.

- **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.



2022. PROJECT/ACTIVITIES

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PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BREAKFAST





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- More bassischool children enjoyed the breakfast project in 2022 in comparison to 2021. In the beginning of the year the numbers start increasing and by the end of 2022, more than 90 children were receiving breakfast twice a week (Every Tuesdays and Thursdays).
- The economic hardship and the high cost of living contributed to the increase of the numbers of children and the parents were glad that we could support them twice a week with healthy breakfast for their children as they go to school.
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- We had a meeting twice during the year with the teachers and the teachers were also very happy because of the impact on the children. According to the teachers, they observe that the children are calmer and there was an increase in concentration with less conflict.



ALLEVIATION OF LONELINESS THROUGH LUNCH & DINNER





- Loneliness is one of the major causes of death in Amsterdam. Through this lunch and dinner projects, we provided opportunity for lonely people to get connected and increase their social contacts.
- Lunch was provided every Tuesday and dinner every Thursday. We started by providing for 15 families, by the end of the year the numbers increase tremendously to 40 adults and more than 20 children during dinner time.
- An average of 25 adults attended the lunch weekly. 5 of the participants are now members of our volunteers' team. It was great to see people in conversation long after the dinner in a relax and happy mood.

SEWING PROJECT



Sewing project

- In 2021, 10 women consistently attended the sewing project but in 2022, the numbers increased to 21. These 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.



SPEELGOEDTHEEK

SPEEL-O-THEEK

- Speelgoedtheek was introduced as a pilot project to provide opportunity for children in H buurt who do not have toys to play with. It became a great success. Every Thursday and Sunday, the container with different types of toys is open for the children in the neighborhood.
- The children came from everywhere to play with the toys. What we observed is amazing, as we see the children from different ethnic background playing together, planning, and discussing how to build houses with big lego. We see that this project provided opportunity not only to borrow and play with toys, but also stimulate teamwork, cohesion, and connection among the children.

WEEKLY PERSONAL GROWTH



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- Every Sunday and Tuesday, we provided opportunity for personal growth.
- An average of 25 people attended the weekly Tuesday zoom personal growth seminars in 2022. The topics dealt with in these seminars ranged from loving your neighbor to issues dealing with freedom in making choices for personal development that will also benefit others,
- We also recorded an average attendance of 100 adults, 21 young adults and 30 children during our weekly Sunday motivation gathering and celebration.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT





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17 young people ranging from 16 to 21 years old participated in this year personal development training. This training was given twice a month.

The goal of this training is to support these young people in developing good self-esteem and the ability to make rational beneficial choices that will enhance their success and benefit others.

MCTC/CLT PROJECT



POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

- Ik ben echt enthousiast omdat ik weet dat we samen een sterke, actieve, voor ons allen voordelige gemeenschap in de H-buurt kunnen blijven opbouwen.

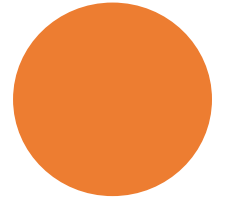


MCTC/CLT PROJECT

- As co-initiator of Community Land Trust in H-buurt, MCTC took part in all the activities organized by CLT. One of the major activities was the training of active residents in H buurt as community builders. It was a 10 sessions training that gave the participants the skill of connecting to the residents, building community, discovering skills and talents in the community, and bringing the people and the skills together for mutual benefits of the neighborhood. It is called ABCD (Asset Based `community Development) training. 12 participants from different parts of H buurt took part in this yearlong training and 5 of these are from MCTC.
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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- **HUISWERK BEGELEIDING:** After school program for basisschool children is one of our major projects contributing to prevention of school drop-out.
- Most of the residents of H buurt are from outside the Netherlands and are unable to support their children in their learning process.
- We organized support for the children of these families every Friday with our professional volunteers who are teachers. 27 children took part in 2022.



GARDEN PROJECT

- 18 residents of H buurt took part in our garden project. We planted and harvested various crops together. It was a great opportunity to connect and build relationship while we continue to enjoy biological fruits and vegetables.



FOOD PACKAGE FOR UNDOCUMENTED

- With the support of Human Aid, we were able to provide food package to 35 undocumented and less fortunate people of our neighborhood every week.



CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT

- In 2021 we distributed 800 Christmas gifts to our H buurt neighbors. In the month of October, 2022, residents were already coming to ask if they will receive the Christmas gift again this year.
- We contacted our partners in Waddinxveen and Boskoop, and together, we were able to raise funds that made it possible to give all the residents of Huigenbos and Hakfort a big box of quality product as Christmas gifts. 800 boxes of gifts were again distributed.
- Residents came to our building collecting their gifts, spending time to meet and talk to one another. It was again a great way of building relationships and sharing what we have together.



END OF THE YEAR MCTC/CLT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

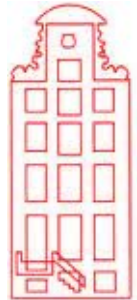
- At the end of the year 2022, December 23rd, we had a wonderful celebration as community together with all members of CLT community as we reflected on all that was accomplished during the year.



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND FUNDS



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Land Trust
H-BUURT



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