UAACC Heal the Community 2011 tour

Charlotte Hill O'Neal aka Mama C artist, poet, musician, long time community activist and co Director of **United African Alliance Community** Center UAACC based in Tanzania, is pleased to announce that plans for UAACC Heal the Community 2011 have begun!



Mama C in Durban, South Africa during the Poetry Africa tour 2010



UAACC Leaders of Tomorrow Children's Home founder Mzee Pete O'Neal with some of the first children in the program

Mama Charlotte will be visiting the United States starting from late February 2011 until early June 2011 and will be available to visit your community to speak about more than two decades of UAACC outreach in America and East Africa including the UAACC Leaders of Tomorrow Children's Home program*

Mama C will also be available to...

Assist the screening in your community of A Panther in Africa* the award winning PBS documentary by Aaron Matthews about the life, work and inspiration of former Kansas City Black Panther leader and founder of UAACC, Pete O'Neal



Also...

Lead community discussions resulting from the film and speak about the community work, collaborations and outreach projects at UAACC

- Facilitate film festivals of exciting documentaries and music videos by East African film makers that focus on art as a vehicle for social activism and empowerment
- Speak on student exchange and volunteer opportunities at UAACC



Mama C with gifted students at the Freedom School, a special leadership training community institution in Philadelphia 2010

- Perform spoken word from her poetry book 'Warrior Woman of Peace' * and selections of original compositions from her latest albums
- Building cultural community bridges and spreading the spirit of volunteerism in the global community

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More on Leaders of Tomorrow Children's Home Program

United African Alliance Community Center UAACC continues to grow organically both in outreach and solutions! This has been a successful, relevant approach for the more than twenty years that we have been serving and organizing in the Arusha region in Tanzania.

As more and more families and children in particular become affected by the urban migration of rural populations in our region and negative influences of alcoholism and disease combined with tough economic realities, more and more children in our communities are in need of care, nurturing and guidance.



In helping to address this need we at UAACC have endeavored to provide a home for some of these children in great and urgent need. We presently have 21 children from ages of 5 to 15 living at Leaders of Tomorrow Children's Home at UAACC.

Through years of experience we have seen the affects of *empowerment* upon young people...the self esteem and release of creativity and spontaneous desire for healthy, balanced lifestyles full of creativity and sharing is amazing...and much of this empowerment comes from the exploration and release of the *'artist within'* all of us.



So in addition to the health care, food, clothing, shelter, education and love that these children receive, they will have the opportunity to be mentored by experienced artists in all spheres including dance and music; fine arts; music production; film making; hip hop/poetry/spoken word; design; sports; yoga; community theater and public speaking at UAACC

We are determined that these young people will be confident, creative, loving, humane and globally aware leaders of tomorrow through community support and guidance

More about 'A Panther in Africa'

*A Panther in Africa, by Aaron Matthews, was nationally broadcast on PBS's landmark documentary series Point of View (P.O.V). on September 21, 2004 and continues to play on PBS stations across America and in film festivals around the world.

It was selected as one of the documentaries for the landmark Global Voices, a new series on PBS World that showcases internationally themed documentaries made by independent filmmakers from around the globe!

*The film has won the Audience Award, Best Documentary award at the St. Louis International Film Festival; Official Selection for the Margaret Mead Film Festival; the Cine Golden Eagle Award; Silver Doc AFI Film Festival and more!. To find out more about this Aaron Matthews's film visit: www.apantherinafrica.com



More about Mama C's poetry

Warrior Woman of Peace

Mama C's hard hitting reflections on life and love and community activism are highlighted by the dramatic delivery of her spoken word performances often laced throughout with her unique vocals and percussions. Her song writing and performing talents have been showcased on television and radio, classrooms and stages in many cities and universities across America and Africa.

Mama C launched her book of poetry, Warrior Woman of Peace, in 2008 and will soon launch her newest selection of poetry titled "Life Slices...a Taste of My Heaven".

She recently completed her 4th music/spoken word album produced at Peace Power Productions studio at UAACC and she has directed and appeared in several music videos featuring East African artists.

Mama C was one of the poets selected from around the world to participate in the 1st Poetry Africa tour to Cape Town; Harare, Zimbabwe and Blantyre, Malawi that culminated in participation in the 14th Annual Poetry Africa Festival all organized by the Center for Creative Arts from the University of kwaZulu -Natal in Durban, South Africa.



Mama C Spoken Word Performance Harare, Zimbabwe 2010

"The healing power of art was so apparent during the whole experience!"

Mama C observed.

"The spontaneous release of love that comes from poetry and music and art, in general...that thing that binds us all together and builds solidarity and understanding among all people no matter where they are from or what language they speak, is like magic!"

Select list of cities from Heal the Community venues 2010

Kansas City, Mo.

Johnson Country Community College

Newport, RI

Providence, RI

Bridgewater State University

Seattle, Washington

Washington, DC

Sanctuary for Independent Media

Ujamaa Shule

DuSable Museum

Sierra Center II

KRST Center Los Angeles, CA

Lotus Academy

Freedom School

Fordham University

Bronx, NY

Brooklyn, NY

Harlem, NY (judge at the Apollo!)

Susquehanna University

Baltimore, Maryland

Philadelphia, PA

Temple University

Red Emma's Bookstore event

Malcolm X Day festival Oakland, CA

Sacramento, CA

Seal Beach, CA

Troy, NY

University of Denver