



## Updates for Uzima Women Relief Group International JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Uzima Women Relief Group International was founded in 2012 by our current Executive Director Jacobet E. Wambayi. In 2007 she was appointed to the Ministerial Advisory Council on HIV & AIDS. The Council advises the Federal Minister of Health on the Federal Initiative on HIV & AIDS.

Edith's International experience includes assignment to Bangladesh with Canadian Public Health Association/Canadian International Immunization Initiative/WHO/CDC/UNICEF where she provided technical advice to the Ministry of Health and participated in the Polio eradication and other vaccine preventable diseases initiatives.

The goals for Uzima Women Relief Group International are:

To provide care and support to families affected by the effects of war and disease in Canada in order to contribute to the global efforts to relieve poverty and improve women's health and education.

To advance education and relieve poverty of Black (racialized) community members in the Toronto area by providing employment-related workshops and training on resume writing, job interview preparation, job skills training, mentoring programs, and job placement assistance.

To relieve poverty and advance education in agricultural and farming techniques, and kitchen garden training to poor women in rural communities.





"Nothing is more fulfilling than being able to add enrichment into another persons life; the best way to do that, is to teach."

- Uzima Staff Member



## BACK TO OUR ROOTS!

After spending most of the year collecting donations and meticulous planning of the rest of the staff at Uzima; we were able to go to Kenya

In June, Uzima's very own Dr. Edith Wambayi Executive Director, and teammate and staff member Jenny Muyia went on their mission to improve the lives of the people they were with. 30 days and the dedication to make a difference these women went to teach them to garden and foster a skill that will change their lives



In Uzima we have a mission and that mission is dedicated to a world where women understand their rights and have access to quality health, education and economic stability.

Women of colour are often the ones who are the ones to struggle to get access to resources and help services and here at Uzima we are proud to say that we fight to grant access to these women,







# AFRO FEST



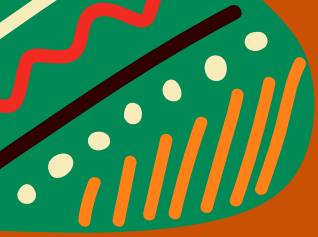
- This year would be Afro-Fests 34th year running.
- This is Uzima's first time with Afro-Fest
- This year is the first time that Afro-Fest is having a 3 day festival at Woodbine park

Woodbine Park (695 Queen Street East)  
July 8th, 2022 | 6:00-9:00pm  
July 9th-10th, 2022 | 12:00-9:00pm

Afro fest is a festival to celebrate the cultural music, multinational artists and initiatives which aim showcasing the diverse and beautiful nature of various cultures in Africa

JOIN US FOR THE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE!!!





# ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEW MOVES.....

We are always looking for the next move on how to better help our communities and better pushing forward our vision of a more equal opportunity and just world for women and minorities.....



## French Project:

Leading a project that aims to enhance Uzima's capacity in delivering French Language Services. Uzima already provides services to marginalized communities with a focus on Black communities in Toronto and beyond. The development of this project will allow us to further expand our target group to Francophones who may miss essential services and resources. We are planning to start by conducting French classes beginning at the end of July for our staff and members who are interested in further increasing their language capabilities.

## YVHTPP:

**The ongoing Youth Violence and Human Protection Program has made continuous progress in targeting vulnerable populations and youth in Toronto and beyond. We have just concluded our last two focus group discussions that provide many resources and help for youth covering topics such as financial literacy.**

We will now be moving on to our next set of workshops that will raise youth awareness on different social topics and challenges, as one of the objectives of YVHTPP, we are scheduling youth workshops on different topics, including job readiness/employment-related topics that will begin by the end of this month.



# And hopefully many more to come!!!!



## A message from our Executive Director

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. Uzima is happy to share with you the successes and challenges that strengthen Uzima. As we enjoy the warm weather, we continue to support the vulnerable communities to ensure they benefit from summer activities around them.


To our partners and supporters we are most grateful for your efforts in holding us together in most desperate situations and helping us to reach greater heights. Uzima continues to grow with the just concluded Canada summer jobs hiring of youth from vulnerable communities who will work on various ongoing and new programs. Programs focus on fighting social determinants of health which include poverty and lack of access to social and health services. Above all, Uzima continues to spread awareness on the serious effects of COVID-19 and remind people to practice safe public health measures. We would not like to see vulnerable communities e.g. Black communities undergo the same experiences as they did during past waves of the pandemic with many developing mental health problems or becoming worse from existing conditions.


The dedicated Board of Directors, staff, and dear volunteers and all of you wonderful supporters have kept Uzima going strong. Please keep up your invaluable support.


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Executive Director

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