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We cannot evolve if you don't get involved.

Greetings members and supporters:

After two years of hiatus, the Association for Haitian American Development, Inc (AHAD) is now gearing up for exciting new projects. We are re-dedicating ourselves to our mission:

- ❑ To bring awareness about Haiti and her people.
- ❑ To present information based on facts.
- ❑ To establish linkage between Haiti and the rest of the world.
- ❑ To promote unity and cohesion among all cultures.
- ❑ To embrace our culture.

AHAD is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1994 in Metro Atlanta, GA. The initial purpose of the organization was to provide a source of communication for Atlanta's growing Haitian population. The organization grew and became known throughout the world, thanks in part to its newsletter the **CRÉOLE CONNECTION**.

While on hiatus, we reflected profoundly on how to better serve "our" needs as Haitians. Thus, we decided to restructure the organization and make membership available to all. Please see the attached membership information for more details. We are presenting our past and future supporters with the challenge of keeping AHAD one of the strongest and finest organizations.

We are currently working on our 501©3 non-profit status and hope to have it completed by the end of the year. We are counting on you for support to help us fulfill our mission. AHAD has always been truly dedicated to its mission as is evident by some of our past endeavors:

- ❑ Organized and held Annual Haitian Culture Awareness Week Celebration from 1994 to 2000.
- ❑ Made presentation on Haiti at various universities.
- ❑ Co-sponsored the **HAITIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION** conference in Atlanta.
- ❑ Co-sponsored Workshop on Community Organizing with **NATIONAL COALITION FOR HAITIAN RIGHTS**.
- ❑ Organized Haitian participation in the Atlanta Peach Carnival for two years.

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- ❑ Collaborated with the **COALITION OF CONCERNED AFRICANS** to hold their first annual African Unity Day and Youth Summit.
- ❑ Collaborated with **WRFG 89.3 FM** radio and **AFRICAN EXPERIENCE WORLDWIDE** to produce Mother Africa weekly radio program for four years.
- ❑ Collaborated with **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE** to produce a Haitian Art show at their first annual **FRANCOPHONIE** celebration.
- ❑ Served as member of the organizing committee for the **Caribbean House** at the Atlanta University Center during the 1996 Olympics.
- ❑ Provided court translations and representations for Haitian refugees.
- ❑ Organized a Haitian community health fair.

We are happy to announce that we are diligently planning Haitian Culture Awareness Week 2002. The celebration will be held from November 3rd through 9th. More information will soon follow.

We have laid the foundation for a stronger organization, but AHAD's on-going success begins with you. Please support this initiative by becoming a member *today*.

Sincerely;



Serge Déclama
President