- To provide a supportive environment in which black women and their families can work toward their personal goals and self empowerment.
- To provide advocacy on issues such as education, employment, parenting, immigration, the justice system, economics and health issues that affect black women, and youth.
- To develop relations with other local, national and international organizations whose aims and objectives and purposes are in keeping with those of the Congress.
- To plan and implement a program of education for Black Women
- To constantly re-examine our objectives and purposes and adjust our efforts accordingly.



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The Congress of Black Women of Canada chose the cactus as a symbol to show the strength and resiliency of Black women.

The Cactus is of a family of plants that strives under the most adverse conditions. No matter how arid the soil, even when no care or attention is given, the cactus survives, multiplies, flowers and bears fruit.

A fitting symbol.

With, or without assistance the Black woman manages to educate her children, tend to her sick and aged, labors both inside and outside her home. She survives and the race survives.



Congress of Black Women of Canada Ajax/Pickering Chapter

Connection... Encouragement... Wisdom... Laughter... Harmony...



#### **Our Vision**

The Ajax Pickering Chapter in partnership with local organizations is a single point of contact for black women in the community to help them identify and utilize the services and knowledge required to enable them to improve their lives.

#### Who Are We?

The Congress of Black Women of Canada is a non-profit national organization. The Ajax/ Pickering chapter is involved in developing activities that will promote the well-being, health and educational opportunities for black women and their families. We also work to foster harmony within our community.

The Congress is a dynamic group of women dedicated to advocating on behalf of and improving the lives of Black women and their families.

#### What Services Do We Offer?

- Scholarships:
  - High school students who have enrolled in a post secondary institution.
  - Adult women enrolled in continuing education programs.
- ↑ Tutoring
  - . Ages 6 to 12.
- Parent Education Resource Group.
  Seminars:
  - We host seminars on topics such as:
    - Effective parenting
    - . Health
    - Immigration
    - . Youth and the Law
    - . Investment and Financial Planning
    - . Employment Issues
    - Other member initiated topics

### Why Should I Become a Member?

Membership in our group will create a community of women who are able to use their skills and talents to support one another, support our children and offer assistance to others, within the realms of our capabilities.

Our chapter takes time to organize social events for members and their families. We plan:

- ♦ Children's Christmas Party
- ♦ Black History activities
- Day trips
- Picnics
- Afternoon Tea
- Games Night

# What is Expected of Me As a Congress Woman?

- Share your ideas and suggestions for chapter growth
- Participate on a committee in a capacity in which you are comfortable
- ♦ Support Chapter services and activities
- Pay a membership fee of \$25.00 and be at least 16 years old

The Ajax/Pickering chapter of the Congress of Black Women of Canada meets on the third Saturday of each month at the

Sarah McDonald Building
1467 Whites Road North, Pickering at
10:00 a.m.

(Building is at the NE corner of Whites Road and Hwy #2, just north of the ESSO Gas Station)

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