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Organization name: **Friends Association for Children**

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Mission:	To provide quality, affordable childcare, youth enrichment, and family support services to individuals and groups with emphasis on the development of the entire family.												
Population(s) served (number, demographics)	<table><tr><td>Childcare</td><td>976</td></tr><tr><td>Family Support</td><td>1,692</td></tr><tr><td>Leadership/career advancement</td><td>182</td></tr><tr><td>Music Program</td><td>340</td></tr><tr><td>Youth Enrichment</td><td>307</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>3,497</td></tr></table> <p>From 2008 Annual Report</p>	Childcare	976	Family Support	1,692	Leadership/career advancement	182	Music Program	340	Youth Enrichment	307	TOTAL	3,497
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<p>Main activities:</p>	<p>Childcare from 6 weeks of age to 5 years old.</p> <p>Before and after school care for older children.</p> <p>Support groups for music & performing arts.</p> <p>Vocal, instrumental & singing.</p> <p>Involving parents to help build health care.</p> <p>Support & counseling for parents & families.</p> <p>Youth enrichment such as GED classes & job training.</p> <p>Hand bell practice and concerts.</p> <p>Musical and dramatic presentations.</p> <p>Sign language development.</p> <p>Neighborhood classes.</p> <p>Family support services.</p> <p>Involvement with Art 180.</p> <p>Visitation with adult mentors.</p>
<p>Annual budget (w/administrative percentage):</p>	<p>For 2008, total expenses were \$2,981,077.</p> <p>85% was used for public services.</p> <p>11% " " " management & general expenses.</p> <p>4% " " " development.</p> <p>Please note that need has increased since 2008 but donations have dropped.</p>
<p>Volunteer opportunities:</p>	<p>Tutors</p> <p>Music instructors</p> <p>Drama and dance teachers</p> <p>Teacher assistants</p> <p>Sign language interpreters</p> <p>Administrative help</p>
<p>Anything else like RFM to know about your</p>	<p>The Friends Association was founded shortly after the Civil War as an orphanage for African-American children left homeless after the war. Mrs. Lewis Goode Brooks, from a group of black civic workers, the Ladies Sewing Circle for Charitable Works, sought the assistance of</p>

organization:	<p>the Richmond Society of Friends because of their humanitarian interest in helping less fortunate people. Over the years, the goals of the organization have changed. Now their focus is on child care, the family and how to help all children and young people reach their true potential. (From a history written by Donna Knicely.)</p> <p>There are two other Friends Associations in Richmond: one in Church Hill and another on the Southside.</p>
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Observations from on-site visit (if possible): During my site visit, there were classrooms of children of different ages in childcare groups and a rehearsal for the group's performance of the "Suess in the Summer" based on Horton Hears a Who! which was performed at Imperial Plaza on July 23rd and 24th. All the young people were having a great time!

On August 20th at the 1004 Saint John Street Center, there will be Lunch With Friends 2009. Please contact Shellie Smith at 644-2357 about attending.

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