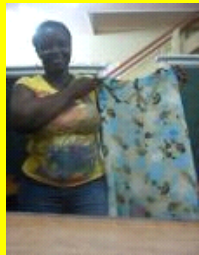


Volunteer Youth Corps Inc.

"Caring for Humanity"



A young woman displaying her dress made in VYC's sewing class.



Restoration of BV Community Centre (BBBS).



Community Service: Caring for the elderly



A Volunteer & a VYC youth participating in a Peace Session



Youth participating in a conflict resolution workshop, hosted by the ERC.



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Women & Youth Development

The WYD Programme aims to enhance the livelihood and career development of young individuals and single mothers living in the communities of Sophia, Tucville, Lodge, South Ruimveldt and Albouystown. By the end of June, 45 women & youth were recruited for this programme. Registrants were trained in sewing, attended computer classes and received business and skills training. Overall, the programme officer was able to make contact with 78 businesses, in an effort to build relationships between the private sector and VYC. The programme will continue its mission to help these individuals improve their lives. Come in & register for the valuable experience!! See you soon!

Big Brothers, Big Sisters (BBBS)

VYC's mentoring programme for the Lodge (& its environs) community's children has become committed to actively engage in community building and youth empowerment. As such, the BBBS children have engaged in a number of outreach activities. E.g the restoration of an old community building in Betervewagting (BV). Prior to starting the BV project, our BBBS children received mobilisation training so that they could go out into the BV community and encourage other youths to join the project. The restoration phase of the BV project occurred in May, and involved painting, cleaning and some gardening. In June, a workshop was held to sensitise the children about the power and messages behind popular music. The BBBS programme is currently closed and will resume in September...so please come out & be a mentor!! Please contact Ms. Shondel Dublin at VYC's contact numbers for more information on being a mentor.

Community Service Project

The Community Service Project is geared to encourage youth to give back to society. In March, the project involved outreach visits to geriatric homes (Uncle Eddie's, The Palms, and Archer's Home). At the homes, the children cleaned, painted areas in the building, and socialised with the elderly (combed their hair, painted their nails, talked with them). In June, another community service project was held, this time, aimed at environmental care and protection. This project required the children to plant 63 plants in VYC's compound and to learn about growing & caring for plants.

Peace Education

In April, VYC youth participated in a conflict resolution workshop hosted by the ERC and lead Mr. Juan Edghill. The resulting interactive discussion was based on handouts that were given to each child and short films, and questions that Mr. Edghill presented to the youths. The handouts and films highlighted possible solutions to conflicts. Additionally, three peace facilitators were hired to conduct peace education sessions. A total of 80 youths attending, 45 males and 35 females. The youths responded well to the sessions which were focused on self and self-esteem.

Sexual Reproductive Health

In May, VYC implemented plans to introduce Sexual Reproductive Health education session to several schools in Georgetown. This programme is designed to give students critical information for their healthy development. It focuses on providing learning experiences to In-school youth to reduce violence, peer mediation, sexual and reproductive health issues, enhance personal integrity and foster mutual respect and health lifestyles.

After School Programme: Literacy & IT

A literacy programme was also introduced in April, to aid some children in their reading and writing skills. Overall, 28 youths were able to benefit from the literacy initiative. At the end of April, the IT students wrote an exam that signaled the end of the Introductory course in IT. The vast majority of students were successful and will now move on to Intro. to Microsoft Office Word 2003. VYC continues its mission of empowering youth by providing them with key skills.

Empowering Women & Youth: Join now!!! (Free).

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