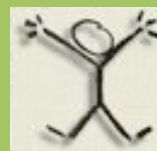


# Keeping PACE



## P.A.C.E. (Canada) PROJECT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Fall-Winter 2013

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 12:30pm Annual ADOPT-A-SCHOOL Brunch

Hilton Suites Conference Centre, Markham Ballroom  
8500 Warden Avenue (Hwy 7 & Warden), Markham, Ontario

**Featured Entertainers: The Joy Lapps Jazz Trio**

Tickets \$65 for adults, \$40 for children under 12  
See [www.pacecanada.org](http://www.pacecanada.org) for ticket order form

### Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 6:00pm – 8:00pm Annual P.A.C.E. (Canada) Christmas Toy and Book Drive

The Consulate General of Jamaica  
303 Eglinton Ave East, Toronto

Bring a donation for 3 to 6 year old children (Cheques, new Toys, new Books)  
Light Refreshments

RSVP: 416-208-3103 or [email@pacecanada.org](mailto:email@pacecanada.org) by Nov 29th, 2013

Calendar for Adopt-A-School  
Sponsorship Funds and School  
Supplies

Transmission and Delivery to  
Schools

#### Transmission:

Fall: Send to Jamaica  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

Spring: Send to Jamaica  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

#### Delivery:

Fall: Complete by end  
December 2013

Spring: Complete by end  
June 2014

P.A.C.E. (Canada)  
Board of Directors &  
Executive Committee  
2013 – 2014

ELECTED TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

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## President's Message



***"It is easier to build strong children  
than to repair broken men."***

**~Frederick Douglass**

At this year's P.A.C.E. (Canada) Strawberry Social the Hon. Justice Aston Hall of the Ontario Court of Justice reflected on why we do what we do. Justice Hall quoted Frederick Douglass, an influential 19th century American abolitionist born in slavery and perhaps most remembered for his profound declaration that *"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."*

In preparing the Articles for Continuance required for the transition of the organization to Canada's new Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, we have taken the opportunity to officially register the change in the name of the organization from Women for P.A.C.E. (Canada) to the Project for the Advancement of Childhood Education (Canada). P.A.C.E. (Canada) will continue to be the commonly used name. The official name change embraces the contributions that men have been making to P.A.C.E. (Canada) from its inception in 1987.

The Mission Statement of P.A.C.E. (Canada), as defined in its Constitution and By-Laws, remains unchanged:

*The purpose of this organization is promotion of early childhood education with a special focus on children of pre-school age in situations of racial, cultural or economic disadvantage. We recognize the importance of the early years in the process of child development. Our goal is to be responsive, mobilizing and supporting community efforts to provide a positive learning environment for young children by facilitating parent and teacher education and providing practical forms of assistance for the learning context.*

Whether it be through the Adopt-A-School program, the provision of learning resources used in workshops for parents and early childhood practitioners, the promotion of the creation of stories for young children, bursaries for students in post-secondary early childhood education programs, or subsidies for early childhood practitioners to receive formal training and certification, friends and supporters of P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Mission are helping to *"build strong children"* and providing brighter futures for these children, their families and their communities.

On behalf of the children, their families and their communities, I thank you most sincerely.

~Dr. Mary Anne Chambers

## How would you like to receive your Newsletter?

P.A.C.E. (Canada) has introduced a facility for delivering our semi-annual Newsletter either by regular mail or by email. If you would prefer to receive your Newsletters via email, please send us a note at [email@pacecanada.org](mailto:email@pacecanada.org).



## Profile of an Adopted School

### Gayle Basic School

Gayle P.O., St. Mary

Sponsor: Geraldine Booth & Carol Tracey-Steele

**Principal:** Candace A. Brown

**Number of Teachers:** 3

**Certification:** Complete 3

**Number of Staff / Volunteers:** 2

**Number of Students:**

Boys 50    Girls 55    Total 105

**Inspection Completed:** Yes

#### Use of Sponsorship Funds:

In the past:

Repairs to Perimeter Fencing;  
Purchased Deep Freezer; Made a  
Swing for the Play area

This year's cheque:

Purchase another Swing and Slide  
(Playground Equipment); Purchase  
teaching and learning materials

#### Highlights of the School Year:

Sport Day - March 25, 2013; Visited  
Hope Zoo - November 2012; Attended  
monthly Workshops

#### School Needs:

Ceiling in need of repairs; Table Top  
Activities (Learning Resources);  
Commercial type Stove; Tiles and new  
Face Basins for the Bathroom; Proper  
Perimeter Fencing; Teacher Training /  
Development - help with funds for  
studying; Computers & Photocopier;  
help with Salaries

## The Helen Isobel Sissons Canadian Children's Story Award

This Award recognizes the leadership and community contributions of this pioneer in human rights and equity in Toronto's public school system.

**Congratulations to 2013 winner Bev Johnston from British Columbia for her story *Finding Howard*.**

Create and submit a short story for young children that reflects the diversity of the world's population.

The author of the winning submission receives an Award of CDN \$1,000.

**2014 Submission Deadline: March 21, 2014**

For more information, please visit [www.pacecanada.org](http://www.pacecanada.org).





## A Love Story ...

**Industry Cove Basic School** is located in Cousins Cove, about 1 ½ miles East of Industry Cove, near Green Island, Parish of Hanover.

It was **founded by the late Ina Euphemia Jolly in 1962**, who got a small farm building from a local plantation owner, across the road from her home, in Industry Cove. When ownership of the plantation changed in 1988 it was moved to Cousins Cove. Presently the enrolment consists of 50 students.

Although she was not a teacher, and did not attend High School, she was a stalwart promoter of education, and was the sole administrator of the school. She went on to bring the Green Island High School onto an adjacent property to the original Basic School



In the early years the government gave some provisions like corned beef, rice, and flour, which she stored in her pantry along with the pots and pans for the school. The keys were also returned each day. She collected monies from the parents who could afford to help and solicited donations from willing contributors.

One landowner whom she approached offered that it was not in his best interest to support a school because if his labourers got educated they may not be interested in cutting cane anymore.

Adopting the school through PACE Canada (Adopt a School Program) was a no brainer, because it was a win-win for everyone. PACE's highly organized system of accountability was a big factor.

Going with PACE made the sponsorship a true team effort, because they also have great reach and involvement into all aspects of the education system of Jamaica.

Frequently, making donations of cash or kind to Jamaica is not easy, especially if Government agencies are involved, and often donations do not reach the intended destinations.



PACE provides a sure and honest way to do this. Furthermore they can work in concert with the Jamaican Government who recognize and appreciate their efforts. In fact, the Minister of Education Hon. R. Thwaites attended a recent PACE fundraising dinner, to personally thank PACE for the help they are providing to Basic Schools in Jamaica.

Whenever I visit Jamaica I make a point of visiting with the teachers and pupils at the school, and discussing their needs. From getting the grass cut, to fencing the property and supplying play sets to supplying a door for the toilet. I also drag my foreign guests along, who sometimes make donations. The kids enjoy these guests very much, and are fascinated with the foreigners who are equally fascinated by their smiling faces and oh so pressed and laundered uniforms.

Being from the area I can empathize with the situation, and try to do little things that mean so much to the kids like providing ice cream and cakes at Christmas and summer on the last day of school.

They say to give is better than to receive, which is certainly true in this situation. Plus the added bonus of supporting my mother's legacy.

Furthermore, as a former High School Chemistry teacher, I fully subscribe to the philosophy of United Negro College Fund and my MOM, that "a mind is a horrible thing to waste."

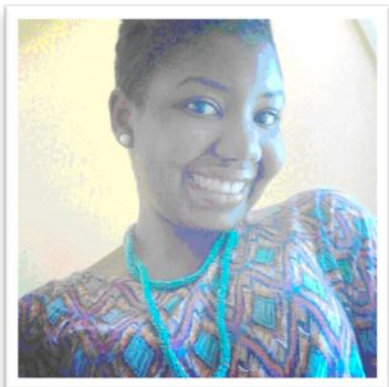


**Contributed by B. Denham Jolly,  
P.A.C.E. (Canada) Patron and Adopt-A-School Sponsor**

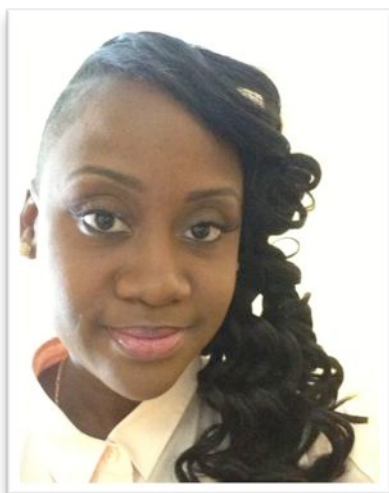
## P.A.C.E. presents Bursaries to George Brown College Students

In November 2012, P.A.C.E. (Canada) made a 5-year commitment to the George Brown College Foundation for the funding of two \$500 Awards annually, for students in the Early Childhood Education program. Recipients of the P.A.C.E. Bursary are selected by the College based on criteria established by P.A.C.E. (Canada).

The first two Awards were presented on April 11, 2013 by Winsley Belille, P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s V.P., Children's Issues. We are pleased to introduce the recipients:



**Tetchenia Archer** is 19 years old. She is of Jamaican, Cuban and Native Indian background. Tetchenia is studying in the Early Childhood Education Consecutive (Diploma/Degree) Program. Her experience working with children has included babysitting for family members and neighbours and volunteering with Parks and Recreation. She has also coached gymnastics. Tetchenia would enjoy the opportunity to teach young children because "those are the years when they start to form their own self and I feel like I could be an excellent role model for them and steer them in the right direction. Being enrolled in the Early Childhood Education at George Brown has really opened my eyes to the various opportunities out in the career world when it comes to working with children. After completing 2 placements in childcare centres, I have realized that going into a career that is based on working with children is what I need to do. Overall, the choices I have made already have shown me that I have made the right decisions and I am excited to experience the new adventures ahead of me working with children."



**Kerrissa Brewster** is a volunteer for Junior Achievers for the Economics For Success workshops for school aged children. The Economics for Success workshops promote education and the importance of staying in school, and also focus on employability skills that the children already possess. At George Brown College, Kerrissa's field placements have been at Leslieville Public School, Life Bridge, U of T on Charles and Jean Tweed. At Jean Tweed she worked with women and children dealing with addiction. This new experience was humbling and educational and it inspired Kerrissa's desire to make a difference and to have an impact on people's lives. While at this centre she organized fundraising efforts to provide a mother and her six children with Christmas gifts, groceries, clothes and cleaning supplies. She also facilitated a group called "Strengthening Families" which is a program that runs for 14 weeks and is focused on restoring relationships between family members. In the History of Social Policy Course at the College, Kerrissa articulately challenged ideas and required the class to think differently about common assumptions regarding children, families and populations of people in Canada. She demonstrated a unique ability to write about ideas and explore concepts of diversity, equity and human rights with passion and critical thinking.

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## Special Gifts

### *Happy 60th Birthday* to Daniel McCarthy ...

In lieu of gifts, family members and friends were kindly requested to make donations, through P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Adopt-A-School Program, to Haddo Primary and Infant School in Hanover, Jamaica where Daniel's wife, Elcho Stewart-McCarthy, was a student. Daniel and Elcho, who reside in Ottawa, Ontario, visit the school when they vacation in Jamaica.

### *With Sincere Sympathy* to the family of Dr. Lloyd Logan ...

The children at Green's Early Childhood Basic School in Portland, Jamaica will benefit from Dr. Logan's commitment to education as a result of his family's thoughtful request that donations be made in his Memory, through P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Adopt-A-School Program. Dr. Logan grew up in the parish of Portland. His wife Madge and their daughters Camille and Amanda are P.A.C.E. (Canada) Adopt-A-School sponsors.

## Congratulations! ...

- to P.A.C.E. Executive Vice-President and Treasurer and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Christine Williams** on being named a Harry Jerome Woman of Honour by the Black Business and Professional Association.
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Rashaan Allwood** for receiving the National Gold Medal for achieving 100 percent, the top mark in Canada, from the Royal Conservatory for his Piano performance.
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Amorell Saunders N'Daw** on receiving the Staff-Faculty Award from the University of Toronto Scarborough Students' Union for outstanding contribution to enhancing student life and advocating on behalf of students.
- to Inaugural Inductees to the Immaculate Conception High School Hall of Fame
  - o P.A.C.E. Founder's Award Recipient and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Anna Jarvis**.
  - o P.A.C.E. President and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Mary Anne Chambers**
- to P.A.C.E. President and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Mary Anne Chambers** on receiving the University of the West Indies Vice-Chancellor's Award.
- to Tropicana Community Services 2013 Award Recipients
  - o President's Award: Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Armand LaBarge**.
  - o Community Builder Award: P.A.C.E. Supporter **Delores Lawrence O.Ont.**
- on being awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws by York University
  - o P.A.C.E. Life Member and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Bromley Armstrong C.M., O.Ont.**
  - o P.A.C.E. President and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Mary Anne Chambers**
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Senator the Hon. Rev. Don Meredith** on being named a Distinguished Fellow of New Westminster College, British Columbia.
- to P.A.C.E. Community Builder Award recipient **Ucal Powell O.Ont.** on being awarded the Prime Minister of Jamaica's Medal of Appreciation
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Samuel W. Billich** on being awarded the Government of Jamaica's Badge of Honour for Meritorious Service



## Your Annual Membership Fees are Important

### Who are requested to pay Membership Fees?

With the exception of Patrons and Life Members, anyone who supports the work of P.A.C.E. (Canada) is requested to pay an annual Membership Fee.

### Why are Membership Fees requested?

Membership Fees help to cover the administrative costs of our volunteer-run organization. Administrative fees are not deducted from money designated for schools through the Adopt-A-School Program.

### Does P.A.C.E. (Canada) have an office?

No. P.A.C.E. (Canada) rents mailboxes for letters and packages, voicemail and email. We also have a website. Volunteers work from their homes and meetings are held at the Consulate General of Jamaica in Toronto.

### What other kinds of administrative expenses are there?

Other kinds of administrative expenses are bookkeeping, end of year accounting review, stationery and postage for correspondence with schools and donors, stationery and postage for tax receipts, production and mailing of newsletters, printing of donation forms, bank fees.

### When should Membership Fees be paid?

P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s financial year is April 1st to March 31st; however, Membership Fees can be paid at anytime during the year and are effective for one year. Adopt-A-School Sponsors are encouraged to pay the Membership Fee at the same time that they are establishing or renewing their Sponsorship.

### Will I receive a Tax Receipt for my Membership Fee?

Yes. Membership Fees are Donations to P.A.C.E. (Canada).

### How much are the Membership Fees?

Annual Membership Fees are \$40 per individual, \$60 per family, \$15 per youth / student.



## Making A Difference

### ADOPT-A-SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Adopt-A-School sponsors are helping to provide healthier and safer environments and a higher quality of education for thousands of little girls and boys in Basic Schools / Early Childhood Institutions in Jamaica. Disbursements are made in the Spring (March) and in the Fall (September), each year.

On receiving their cheques, the schools are required to complete an **Official Receipt** form and an Information for Sponsors form, which, along with items such as photographs and samples of the children's work, are sent by P.A.C.E. (Canada) to the sponsors of the particular schools. The March 2013 disbursement was comprised of:

**Adopt-A-School Sponsorship** Funds for 118 schools - **\$49,612**

Funds to purchase **Boxes of School Supplies** from Sangster's Book Store in Jamaica, for delivery directly to 69 schools - **\$6,850**

### HEART Trust / NTA TEACHERS TRAINING INITIATIVE

In 2011, P.A.C.E. (Canada) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HEART Trust / NTA, Jamaica's National Training Agency, and Jamaica's Early Childhood Commission (ECC) to support the training of up to 50 early childhood practitioners. For most of these practitioners, this has been their first formal training in early childhood education. It is estimated that over 2,000 early childhood practitioners in Jamaica have never received formal training. Proceeds from fundraising events have enabled P.A.C.E. (Canada) to support this critical initiative.

On March 20, 2013, the Final Payment on the 2011 MOU was made, marking the graduation and Level 2 certification of 48 early childhood practitioners - **\$5,280**

*Because you care, the children in P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s adopted schools will have a brighter future.*



### New Adopt-A-School Sponsorships

**Arnold Road Methodist Basic School**, Kingston  
Kerri-Ann Clare Sylvestre

**Preston Land Basic School**, St. Mary  
Judy Powell

**Highholborn Street Church of God Basic School**, Kingston  
David Bignell & April Arcott

**Accompong Basic School**, St. Elizabeth  
Savanna Grace Addorisio

**Wait-A-Bit Basic School**, Trelawny  
Donette Chin-Loy Chang in honour of Daphne Chin-Loy

**Canoe Pond Basic School**, St. Mary  
Salome Miller

**Bluefields Basic School**, Westmoreland  
Margaret Parsons

**Maggotty Basic School**, St. Elizabeth  
Ray & Donette Chang in honour of Lara Ann Brokelman

**Runaway Bay Basic School**, St. Ann  
MaryLou Ambrosi

**Green's Early Childhood Basic School**, Portland  
Camille & Amanda Logan

**Haddo Primary and Infant School**, Hanover  
Daniel McCarthy & Elcho Stewart-McCarthy

**Tobolski Basic School**, St. Ann  
Dawn Urquhart & Grant Robertson

**Timothy Burke Basic School**, St. Mary  
Norma Ellis

## Joy Lapps Jazz Trio to perform at Adopt-A-School Brunch – Nov 17

**Joy Lapps** is a musician and composer. She began playing the steel pan in 1997 at Malvern's Church of the Nativity under the direction of Vince Cato. As she realized her love for the instrument, her solo career soon came alive, earning her the title "**Princess of Pan**". Her efficiency with the tenor pan and her diverse performance range have led to great audience receptions, and flattering recognition from seasoned professional pannists. She has graced the stage of various festivals including Toronto's Afrofest, Muhtadi's International Drumming Festival and Antigua's Moods of Pan Festival.

**Joy performs primarily with her jazz trio with bassist Andrew Stewart and drummer Larnell Lewis** and often expands this formation to a quartet or to an even larger musical ensemble. She is also a member and supporter of the Toronto-based steelband, Pan Fantasy. As an audience favourite, Joy brings her genuine and bright personality to performances where she is known for gripping audiences. Joy has released three recordings, "Praise on Pan: How Great Thou Art" (2004), "Make a Joyful Noise" (2006) and "It's Christmas Time" (2007). Thankful for the opportunity to record great songs written by other artists, Joy is currently focused on writing and arranging new music for her ensembles.



She was recently nominated for a Caribbean Music and Entertainment Award in the Steel Pan Soloists Category. Joy was also a recent recipient of an Ontario Arts Council Access and Career Development Grant which she was awarded to support her study with Andy Narell; steel pan musician, composer and musician extraordinaire in May and June of 2013.

In addition to her work as a stage musician, Joy spent the last six years working in various roles at Drum Artz Canada, a registered charity committed to making music and arts programming accessible to all people. During the academic year, she teaches weekly steel pan lessons at Loretto College School, Oakdale Park Middle School and Firgrove Public School.

Reflecting on her blessings, Joy offers a four-fold explanation for her progress, noting first and foremost, "God's gift of music, dedicated teachers, extremely nurturing parents, and a supportive family and community".



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