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P.A.C.E. (Canada)

PROJECT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
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Spring-Summer 2014



UPCOMING EVENTS

P.A.C.E. (Canada) / J.C.A. Walk Good Walkathon

Sunday, May 4th, 2014

Jamaican Canadian Association Centre,
995 Arrow Road, Toronto (Finch & Hwy 400)
For more information:
email email@pacecanada.org or call 416-208-3103

P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 13th, 2014

6:00pm – 8:00pm

The Consulate General of Jamaica
303 Eglinton Ave East, Toronto

Guest Speaker:

**Jacqueline Brooks, Senior Advisor,
Full-Day Kindergarten, Early Years Division,
Ministry of Education, Government of Ontario**

Light Refreshments

RSVP: 416-208-3103 or email@pacecanada.org
by Monday, May 5th, 2014



*Some of the 62 students at Chantilly Garden
Early Childhood Institution in Savanna-La-Mar,
Westmoreland; P.A.C.E. (Canada) Adopt-A-
School Sponsor: Mrs. Joyce Burke*

Calendar for Adopt-A-School
Sponsorship Funds and School
Supplies
Transmission and Delivery to
Schools

Transmission:

Spring: Send to Jamaica
March 12th, 2014

Fall: Send to Jamaica
September 2014

Delivery to Schools:

Spring: Complete by end
June 2014

Fall: Complete by end
December 2014

P.A.C.E. (Canada)
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Executive Committee
2013 – 2014

ELECTED TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

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President's Message



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

This issue of *Keeping PACE* will be my last as President of P.A.C.E. (Canada). Following the Annual General Meeting on May 13, 2014, I will move on with sincere gratitude to the dedicated members of P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Board and Executive Committee and very fond memories of tremendous demonstrations of human kindness.

Carpenters in Ontario celebrated the success of their charity golf tournament by making an outstanding donation towards the construction of a very special early childhood centre that will be located at Sam Sharpe Teachers' College in the parish of St. James.

The Royal Bank of Canada has celebrated the achievements of their high performers with donations that have equipped dozens of schools with playgrounds and sanitary facilities.

Despite their own financial challenges, students of Jamaican heritage at the University of Toronto Scarborough spread the word about P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s work while raising funds for the cause.

The Canadian Chapter of the Jamaica College Old Boys Association has adopted a Basic School that is located very close to their Alma Mater in the parish of St. Andrew.

Donors to Dr. Ralph Masi's Family Health Fund have funded the production of thousands of workbooks and state-of-the-art learning resources for resource centres in every parish.

Janet Collins and several of her friends in London, Ontario and beyond pool their funds to sponsor multiple schools.

KatieBears.ca in Arnprior, Ontario very generously sponsors schools in the parishes of Hanover and Westmoreland with funds raised in that Ontario community.

Dr. Carl James and Dr. Andrea Davis have designated royalties from their book to the new early childhood centre at Sam Sharpe Teachers' College in the parish of St. James.

Births, Birthdays and Passings have been marked by donations in honour of loved ones.

Hundreds of caring individuals and organizations have been helping to ensure that thousands of children can have healthy meals, better equipped schools, qualified teachers and more suitable physical environments in which to develop.

For all that you are all enabling through your support of early childhood education, I cannot thank you enough.

"The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy." - Kalu Ndukwe Kalu

~Dr. Mary Anne Chambers

How would you like to receive your Newsletter?

P.A.C.E. (Canada) can deliver your 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



Profile of an Adopted School Uni-Pen Early Childhood Institution

21A Brumalia Road, Mandeville, Manchester
Sponsor: David Smith

Principal: Eulalee Laylor

Number of Teachers: 6

Certification:
Complete - Yes Underway 0

Number of Staff / Volunteers: 2

Number of Students:
Boys 31 Girls 34 Total 65

Inspection Completed: Yes

Use of Sponsorship Funds:

In the past: To renovate and upgrade sick bay; to purchase teaching aids / resources; to install two white boards
This year's cheque: Improve bathroom facilities; to put in place a sleeping area for the toddlers / 3 year olds; to assist with a breakfast programme for needy students.

Highlights of the School Year:

Field Trip, Sport Day, Prize Giving Day; 10 Teacher Workshops – planned and random; Sponsor visits, Hat and Tie Day, Jamaica Day etc.

School Needs:

School needs a new roof and computer room / lab; Story books, Soft Toys, Building blocks (large), Computers; Deep Freeze; Current Sanitary facilities need improvement; Playgrounds are not completely enclosed; Teachers are all certified but welcome opportunities to engage in lifelong learning.

DID YOU KNOW ...

While P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Annual General Meeting and Board and Executive Committee meetings are held in Toronto, Ontario, many Adopt-A-School sponsors reside outside the city of Toronto. Sponsorships come from friends of Jamaica and people of Jamaican heritage who reside in

Toronto	143
Beyond Toronto, within Ontario	222
Beyond Ontario, within Canada	16
U.S.A.	11
U.K.	1
Jamaica	1

There are more than 2,600 registered Early Childhood Institutions / Basic Schools in Jamaica. Any of these schools can be adopted through P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Adopt-A-School program. There are currently 321 of these schools adopted throughout Jamaica's 14 parishes. Some schools have more than 1 sponsor and some sponsors have adopted more than 1 school.

P.A.C.E. (Canada) provides schools with their sponsors' names but no contact information. Sponsors are provided with contact information for their schools and are encouraged to visit and to communicate with their adopted schools.

Approximately 45% of Early Childhood Practitioners (teachers in Early Childhood Institutions / Basic Schools) do not meet the minimum level of qualification (Level 2) as called for in the standards defined by Jamaica's Early Childhood Commission (ECC). That's why, since 2011, P.A.C.E. (Canada) has partnered with the ECC and HEART, Jamaica's National Training Agency, to subsidize Level 2 training and certification for early childhood practitioners. To-date, 48 early childhood practitioners have been certified through this partnership, with a commitment to an additional 50 over the next 12 to 18 months. While priority is given to early childhood practitioners in schools sponsored through P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Adopt-A-School program, practitioners from other Early Childhood Institutions / Basic Schools are also eligible for subsidized training and certification through this program.

Another Successful Adopt-A-School Brunch

By Carolyn Goulbourne -Warren, Communications Director

P.A.C.E. (Canada) hosted another successful Adopt-A-School Brunch on Sunday, November 17 at the Hilton Suites Conference Centre in Markham.

President of P.A.C.E. (Canada), Dr. Mary Anne Chambers, who presided over her last Adopt-A-School Brunch as President, highlighted some of the accomplishments achieved during her tenure.

“More than 100 schools have been able to acquire playground equipment; more than 55 schools have installed toilets, urinals and wash basins; 100 early childhood practitioners have been given the opportunity to receive formal training and certification; more than 340 boxes of school supplies have been purchased from Sangster’s Book Store and delivered to adopted basic schools and early childhood institutions; more than CDN \$400,000 in sponsorship donations have been provided to adopted basic schools and early childhood centres in Jamaica and Canada; creative state of the art learning resources for the provision of parenting education programs and early childhood curriculum workshops have been funded for resource centres in each parish; and 45,000 workbooks have been produced and delivered to basic schools and early childhood institutions.

Dr. Chambers informed guests that a donation 2 years ago of CDN\$50,000 by the Carpenters’ District Council of Ontario became the seed money for the creation of an Early Childhood Centre and Practicing School at Sam Sharpe Teacher’s College just outside Montego Bay. When opened in 2014, it will also serve as a special needs assessment and intervention centre for children living in northwest Jamaica and who will no longer have to travel all the way to Kingston to seek help.

Guest speaker was Canada’s High Commissioner to Jamaica, His Excellency Robert Ready, who gave a wide-ranging speech on his first year serving in Jamaica and on Canada/Jamaica relations.

He noted that the leadership in both countries understands the importance of the relationship. He said the Jamaican leadership is well connected to Canada through their own Canadian experiences and the Jamaican diaspora, while Canadian leadership recognizes the positive contribution Jamaicans have had and continue to have in Canada. The high commissioner said Canada’s priorities in Jamaica are to create economic opportunity; support security and justice; and foster people-to-people ties, especially in the health and education fields.



L-R: Olive Marshall, Eunice Roberston-Allen, Dr. Enid Collins, Dr. Pamela Appelt



L-R: Dr. Mary Anne Chambers, Consul General George Ramocan, High Commissioner Sheila Sealy Monteith, High Commissioner Robert Ready, Local 27 Carpenters Union President Mike Yorke



L-R: Christine Williams, Dr. Ralph Masi

High Commissioner Ready has visited several basic schools in Jamaica, noting that the visits “really touched me”. He told the audience that the schools reminded him of photographs from “my dad who began his career in education in a one-room school in the wilds of North Frontenac county.”

The high commissioner said he was proud to be serving Canada in Jamaica, and he’s having a great time enjoying every minute and meeting some of the best people in the world.

Jamaica’s High Commissioner to Canada, Her Excellency Sheila Sealy Monteith, brought greetings on behalf of the Jamaican government. She expressed gratitude for the assistance that P.A.C.E. (Canada) has been giving to Jamaican children, parents and early childhood practitioners. The high commissioner who was named as P.A.C.E.’s first Honorary Patron in 2012, said investing in early childhood education was equipping schools appropriately.

Grade Six student, Ayo Adereti, received a standing ovation when she spoke about giving children the right conditions to develop and make their dreams a reality.

P.A.C.E. (Canada)’s Community Builder Award, created to honour individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding social awareness, inspiring community spirit and a commitment to empowerment through education, was presented to The Dr. Ralph Masi Family Health Fund; GraceKennedy (Ontario) Inc.; TD Bank Group; and Scotiabank.

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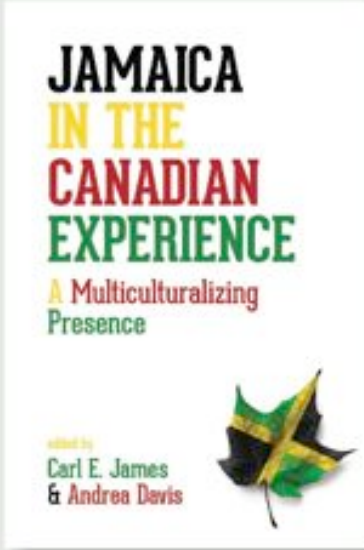
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Dr. Chambers thanked the recipients for their commitment to P.A.C.E. (Canada) and she also thanked the members of the Board and Executive Committee; and the organization's friends and supporters, who have "provided fuel, tangible encouragement, for our passion for making life better for the children so that the socio-economic circumstances that happens to be their reality will not determine or limit their potential to succeed in life."

The successful event was attended by many, including founder and former president of P.A.C.E. Dr. Mavis Burke; Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto, Seth George Ramocan; Ontario's Fairness Commissioner Dr. Jean Augustine; Patrons Dr. Pamela Appelt, Dr. Inez Elliston, Mr. Denham Jolly, Dr. Ralph Masi, and Dr. Keith McLeod; and former presidents and board members.

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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.

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Alvin Curling** on having a street, *Alvin Curling Cres.*, and a school, *Alvin Curling Public School*, both located in Scarborough, Ontario, named in his honour
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsors **Leon and Carmen Sutherland** on being honoured by the Jamaican Canadian Association for 25 years of Service to the organization
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor and P.A.C.E. Vice-President, Education, **Jacqueline Spence** on being appointed Superintendent of Education, Western Region 2, for the Toronto District School Board
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Winsome Smith** on receiving the Canadian African Caribbean Unsung Heroes Health Care Award
- to P.A.C.E. Patron **Dr. Avis Glaze O.Ont.** on receiving the Robert Owen Award from the Government of Scotland
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Peter Sloly**, Deputy Chief of Police, Toronto Police Service on receiving the *Top Cop Award* for Social Media Leadership at the Internet & Law Enforcement conference in Omaha, Nebraska
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor and P.A.C.E. President, **Dr. Mary Anne Chambers**, on receiving the 2013 Friend of Africa Award from the Casa Foundation for International Development
- to P.A.C.E. partner, the **Jamaican Canadian Association**, under the leadership of President **Audrey Campbell**, on receiving the Planet Africa Heritage Award
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Sylvanus Thompson** on being appointed to the Board of Humber River Hospital Family Health Team
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Camille Logan** on being honoured by the Harmony Movement with their Leadership in Education Award
- to P.A.C.E. Supporter **Delores Lawrence O.Ont.** and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **David Taylor** on being among the first lay members of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto to be honoured with the Order of the Diocese of Toronto
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Erma Collins** on the occasion of her 80th Birthday
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Alvin Curling** on being awarded the Order of Ontario, the Province's highest honour
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsors **Sam Billich, Badge of Merit** and **Philip Mascoll O.D.** on being recognized for their achievements at the Jamaican Canadian Association's Black History Month celebration
- to recipients of Vice-Chancellor Awards to be presented at the 2014 UWI Toronto Gala
 - **Dr. Anna Jarvis**, Adopt-A-School Sponsor and Founder's Award recipient
 - **Delores Lawrence O.Ont.**, P.A.C.E. Supporter
 - **David Taylor**, Adopt-A-School Sponsor

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 is tracked to the date of your last payment. Fees can be paid at any time 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

... IN JAMAICA

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS and 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 September 2013 disbursement was comprised of:

Adopt-A-School Sponsorship Funds for 122 schools - **\$56,777.60**

Funds to purchase **Boxes of School Supplies** from Sangster's Book Store in Jamaica, for delivery to 41 schools - **\$4,500**

TOILETS, URINALS & WASH BASINS

In addition to Adopt-A-School Sponsorships and School Supplies, the September 2013 disbursement included a very special **donation from Royal Bank of Canada** which was allocated to 40 schools that had identified the need for **Toilets, Urinals and Wash Basins** - **\$10,000**

HEART Trust / NTA TEACHERS TRAINING INITIATIVE

Proceeds from fundraising events have enabled P.A.C.E. (Canada) to continue support for teacher training in Jamaica. In September 2013, P.A.C.E. (Canada) signed a second Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HEART Trust / NTA, Jamaica's National Training Agency, and Jamaica's Early Childhood Commission (ECC) to support the training and Level 2 certification of up to 50 additional early childhood practitioners. While these practitioners have already been teaching children in Basic Schools and Early Childhood Institutions, for most this will be their first formal training and certification in early childhood education. Training under the second MOU is scheduled to commence between February 2014 and April 2014 at centres in Petersfield (Westmoreland), Port Maria (St. Mary), Old Harbour (St. Catherine) and Kingston. P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s commitment to the second MOU - **\$15,000**

SAM SHARPE TEACHERS' COLLEGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Planning is underway for the construction of this Centre which will also serve as a Practicing School for students at the College and a Special Needs Assessment and Intervention Centre for children in the northern and western parishes of Jamaica. P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s commitment to this project - **\$108,000**

... IN CANADA

ADOPTED CHILD CARE CENTRES

During National Child Day events in November, 2 cheques, each in the amount of \$1,000, were presented to East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club to assist **Eastside Child Care Centre** and **East Scarborough Child Care Centre**. East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club is the administrator for these two centres. - **\$2,000**

TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD's AFRICENTRIC ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Also in November, a donation was made towards the acquisition of teaching aids for the kindergarten classes - **\$1,000**

GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE BURSARIES

The annual commitment towards 2 bursaries for students in the College's Early Childhood Education program was honoured in December - **\$1,000**

Because you care, the children impacted by P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s initiatives will have a much brighter future.



New Adopt-A-School Sponsorships

New Town Phase 2 Basic School, Clarendon
Renea Douglas

Mt. Carey Baptist Basic School, St. James
Troy & Lavonne Anthony

Antioch Early Childhood Institution, Manchester
Eugenie Green

Maranatha Basic School, St. Andrew
Salome Miller

Upper Top Lincoln Early Childhood Institution, Westmoreland
KatieBears.ca

Bradford Basic School, Kingston
Philip Mascoll in Honour of Dominique & Nathaniel Mascoll

Balaclava Basic School, St. Elizabeth
Pamela Morgan

Moneague Teachers College Early Childhood Institution, St. Ann
Dr. Winsome Smith

Port Maria High & Prep. School (Prep. School division), St. Mary
Judy Powell

Good Hope Basic School, St. Catherine
The Family of Eva Bailey

Alley Infant School, Clarendon
Velma Morgan in Memory of her Father, Barrington L. Morgan

Railway Lane Basic School, St. James
Mikeisha Anderson



Immaculate Conception Prep. School, St. Andrew
Dr. Yolande Chan

Braes River Primary School, St. Elizabeth
Nadine Brown in Memory of her Mother, Lena Brown, Principal in the 1970's

St. Paul's Basic School, Manchester
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