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The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global non-formal education framework which operates in more than 130 countries and territories, helping to inspire young people to dream big, celebrate their achievements and make a difference in their world.

The Award is:

- open to all young people aged 14-24, regardless of their circumstances.
- about personal development; it is a non-competitive, enjoyable, voluntary and balanced programme, which requires sustained effort over time.
- a non-formal educational framework which can complement formal education or offer a substitute where formal opportunities are not available.
- a programme that enables young people to demonstrate self-development within an internationally recognized framework.
- comprised of three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold - each progressively more challenging.
- comprised of four sections: Voluntary Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey, and includes a Residential Project at Gold level.

The unique strengths of the Award are that:

- ⇒ it can be used by any group or organization working with young people. It offers youth agencies and organizations a way of gaining international accreditation for development activities with young people.
- ⇒ it is based on enduring principals and robust methodology, but is flexible enough to be used with any group of young people, whatever their needs.
- ⇒ it focuses on self-directed learning, based on individual goals. Any young person can take part and achieve their Award in their own personal way.
- ⇒ it is a low-cost intervention which uses existing youth development networks and infrastructure to reach young people. Each new leader trained to run the Award supports around twenty new participants to begin their Award.
- ⇒ it is a locally adaptable programme, flexible enough to meet the objectives of local and national youth policy objectives.
- ⇒ it is supported by an extensive global network that ensures its quality and provides access to youth development expertise, training and best practices.



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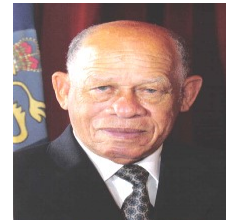
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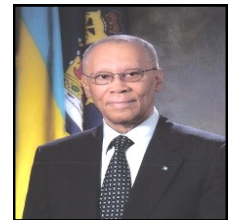
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MR. JOHN BETHELL JR.
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2019 was a good year for our Organization.

Registration was up 14% to 1786 registered participants in 57 units managed by 162 volunteers. Three of these volunteers were selected as Teacher of the Year. We had four new units, one in Grand Bahamas and three in New Providence. Two Units were restarted, one in New Providence and one in Bimini.

We attended and participated in: the Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council (CASC) AGM and Adventuress Journey held in St. Lucia; The Americas Region Conference; the International Council Meeting in London and the Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE) travelling to three Bahamian Islands.

During this year the new Governor General Mr. C. A. Smith consented to become our new Patron following the retirement of Dame Margarite Pindling. The GGYA was once again recognized by the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture as one of the outstanding youth programs in our country.

The GGYA received donations from the T. K. Foundation, the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture and the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology.

At the end of the year the northern Bahamas was hit by Hurricane Dorian which caused catastrophic damage to Grand Bahama and Abaco. The GGYA has assisted with relief efforts and we are now trying to get our programs in those islands restarted, however, with our country in lockdown, due to the Covid-19 crises, it will take longer to reorganize these groups.

The Board of Trustees is carefully monitoring the financial position of the group to ensure that when the curfew/lockdown is lifted we are able to restart our program quickly and effectively.

Mr. John Bethell Jr.
Chairman



ARCHDEACON JAMES PALACIOUS
CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL BAHAMAS

The Governor General's Youth Award (GGYA) is continuing its drive to be the programme of choice for young people of our nation as it seeks to motivate and inspire them to become nation builders. The GGYA has made tremendous strides in moulding our youth, many of whom have now become model citizens contributing to the growth and development of our society.

Last year has been a truly outstanding one for various reasons. We were able to start three new units, as well as relaunch an additional three more. Participants had the opportunity to sail to three Bahamian islands on an Adventurous Journey. In November I was fortunate to have attended the International Council meeting in London.

We presented Gold Awards to some well-deserving young people. Additionally, the GGYA was recognised by the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture as one of the leading youth organizations in the country. Our overall participation by young people has seen a promising increase.

As we all know, two of our islands, Grand Bahama and Abaco, were devastated by Hurricane Dorian, and the term “#BahamasStrong” was never so courageously displayed in our young participants. Many of them, on those islands, used skills that they learned in GGYA to overcome some obstacles, and others assisted with hurricane relief efforts through The Bahamas Red Cross, and World Central Kitchen.

The national office also held its first ever Activities Showcase as a means of recruiting new participants, and also introducing young people to non-traditional activities they can use to satisfy their Award requirements.



Many other notable accomplishments that will be mentioned in this report speak to the dedication, commitment and tireless efforts of our National Executive Director, Ms. Denise Mortimer; the Management Council, the Management Council, the helpful staff of GGYA, and, of course, our many volunteers who give of their time and talent to guide the nation's youth. We owe all of them a huge debt of gratitude for their time and talents in encouraging our young people to succeed.

We thank our corporate and individual donors, especially the generous donation from the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, and humbly request their continued support in the future.

Covid-19 has changed the world drastically forever, and adjustments to our programme in various forms are inevitable going forward. However, with God's grace and support of the society we will continue to make a difference.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, our former Governor General, for her role as our National Patron, and for her support of the GGYA. In the same vein, we welcome and are pleased to have His Excellency, The Most Honourable-Cornelius A. Smith, Governor General, as our Patron. May God's continued blessings be with you all.

2019 Highlights

- 1786 Registration Up 14%.
- 142 Awards gained.
- 57 Units.
- 162 Volunteers
- 4 New units: Ruthnell Technical Institute in Grand Bahama and on New Providence Windsor School, Willimae Pratt School for Girls and C.V. Hart Institute
- 2 Units Restarted: New Providence at C.C. Sweeting Sr. and Bimini at Louise McDonald High
- Presented Gold Awards
- Assist with Hurricane Relief effort
- Participated in Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council (CASC) AGM and Adventurous Journey held in St. Lucia
- Attended and presenter at Americas Region Conference
- Management Council Chairman attended International Council Meeting held in London
- Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE) sailing to three Bahamian Islands.
- N.G.M. Major High School participants receives 9 Bronze Awards.
- GGYA Recognized by Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture.
- 3 Volunteers selected as Teacher of the Year.
- New Patron.
- Financial support continued from Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture and Ministry of Education, Science & Technology.
- 2nd Grant drawdown from T.K. Foundation.
- First Skill Showcase.
- 2nd Physical Recreation Day.

National Executive Director Message



In 1991, when I assumed the role of Director of The Bahamas' Duke of Edinburgh's Award, there were 151 participants operating through five New Providence-based units supervised by six volunteers.

Back then, my knowledge of the Award Programme was extremely limited. Once I had successfully completed my training, I happily realized I had stumbled into a once in a lifetime opportunity to become a part of one of the world's "best kept secret."

During my 29 years spent serving at the helm of this great organization we racked up successes, but we also dealt with setbacks.

It was my honor and privilege to preside over an award-winning programme which saw 32,000 young Bahamians step out of their comfort zone taking up the Award's challenge to gain skills, make friends and discover their place in our community.

In 2019 alone, there were 1,786 registered participants attached to 56 units on 11 islands with over 100 volunteers helping to power the programme.

Our transformative work has embraced all. Through GGYA, marginalized young people have found a sense of purpose. The learning and physically challenged have gained independence and self-care skills. From followers we have seen leaders emerge along a path to a purpose-filled, productive future.

As we turn the next chapter in GGYA's leadership, I encourage you all to continue to work together to the best of your ability. The young people in this country need our guidance and advice now more than ever.

Recruiting volunteers to deliver the Award throughout The Bahamas has always been a challenge. Without you, our volunteers, the nation's youths would not be able to make personal achievements, develop self-confidence, take initiative, persevere, discover their country and learn the value of giving back to others and their communities.

Undoubtedly, the Governor General's Youth Award is exceptional and that is due in no small part to the unwavering commitment of our volunteers.

The memories made and the time we shared, not only on adventurous journeys, are some of the most rewarding aspects of my tenure. The look on your faces, the obvious pride you felt when your participants stepped up to receive their Award, mirrored my pride in you volunteers and what you have accomplished within your respective units.

A shortage of space would not allow me to list all our outstanding volunteers, some of whom have provided service for over a quarter of a century.



My prayer is that you all stay involved. Stay engaged. I hope you continue to find fulfillment and achieve success working with our next generation of leaders. Your commitment to the young people of this nation is indeed priceless. The late basketball great, Kobe Bryant said “the right mindset isn’t about seeking a result. It’s more about the process of getting to that result. It is about the journey and the approach.” Let’s continue to strive together in our approach, embracing all and not just some.

It was under the guidance and assistance of a very active Management Council, that GGYA accumulated this core group of volunteers who selflessly devote their free time to uplifting the nation’s youths. So, it is also through the Council’s labour that this Award is recognized as one of The Bahamas’ leading youth programmes. I am tremendously grateful to the Council for your support throughout the years.

The Council’s involvement in the day-to-day operations of the GGYA has acted as a catalyst to our growth. Council members, past and present, spear no effort in conceiving ways to inspire young people to take up the Award challenge and have inspired adult volunteers to stay engaged. The many hours Council members spend attending monthly meetings, Award ceremonies and rendering assistance in many other unseen areas will continue to positively impact the growth and success of the Award into the future.

Our organization’s financial stability is due to our Board of Trustees. It would be mission impossible to reach at least 25% of our population between the ages of 14 to 24 without adequate funding. Our Trustees do not tarry in their efforts to raise funds to ensure that a quality programme is available to all. In the current economic environment, this task will be no easy feat. We should all greatly appreciate their efforts.

To my staff, past and present, thank you for your enthusiasm and your loyalty. Your service and commitment to excellence is unmatched. Special mention must be given to Mrs. Alicia Owens-Newton who continues to perform over and above the call of duty, ensuring that all GGYA stakeholders are treated with respect and care.

As I transfer the reigns to the next generation of GGYA leaders, recognize young Bahamians will need your support more than ever. We know some young people face overwhelming challenges daily. Therefore, your work will be difficult at times. Continue to stoke your passion and your yearning to positively impact the lives of young people. Do not allow external forces to deter any of you from this goal. True leadership requires personal sacrifices.

I leave you with the words of our first Prime Minister, the late Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling: “*Our stated concerns and our determination to do something about crime would be insincere and meaningless if what we do is demonstrated only by what we are prepared to DO to young people and not by what we are prepared to do FOR young people*”.



2019 Stats

Participation

A young person 'actively participating' is defined as a young person currently pursuing his/her Award by undertaking regular activities for at least one section of the Award. This includes all new entrants and those who previously joined the Award, even if they have not yet achieved the Level of Award they are currently pursuing.

Award Level	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	740	754	1494
Silver	108	121	229
Gold	38	25	63
Total	886	900	1786

New Entrants

This includes:

- Direct Entrants– Starting programme for first time
- Continuing Participants – Achieved a previous Award but moving to the next Award level

Award Level	Male	Female	Total
Bronze – <i>Direct</i>	569	589	1158
Silver - <i>Direct</i>	7	12	19
Silver – <i>Continuing</i>	101	109	210
Gold - <i>Direct</i>		2	2
Gold - <i>Continuing</i>	38	23	61
Total	715	735	1450

Reaching Young People From Diverse Backgrounds

This include targeted persons and those that participated in GGYA.

Group	Targeted		Number of active participants in 2018
Does your organisation have a formal definition of Young Offenders ?	Yes		11
Young people from immigrant communities or with ethnic minority background	Yes		375
Young people who are considered to have a physical, learning or other disability	Yes		70
Does your organisation have any other diversity categories and definitions?	No		

Units

University	2
Uniformed Organizations	3
Government Schools	27
Independent Schools	1
Community Group or Organization	1
Private Schools	22
Open Award Centre	1

Volunteers

Award Leader (including voluntary Award Leaders and youth workers) 162	Other adult volunteers (including assessors, but not Award Leaders) 43
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Island by Island

Positively impacting the lives of young people throughout the Bahamas continues to be our number one priority. Despite the damage done by Hurricane Dorian in 2019, eleven islands continued to deliver the Award to participants.

From Abaco in the north to Inagua in the South, young people worked hard to complete their Award requirements. Many of them made personal sacrifices to provide voluntary service to the community, take up new hobbies, keep fit and venture out on expeditions or explorations.

New Providence

Recruitment on New Providence continued to meet success. We were able to operate in 30 units around the island with an adult volunteer capacity of 89. The 984 participants engaged in a number of activities that were available to them.

Although each Award journey is different from one young person to the next, most were involved in activities such as team games/sports, music and art skills in addition to tutoring in advanced classes. The service section saw very meaningful interaction as many young people worked with vulnerable persons in the community (children and elderly).

In the latter part of the year units work directly with The Bahamas Red Cross and World Central Kitchen in packaging and preparing meals for islands and communities impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

The exciting Adventurous Journey section encouraged participants to challenge themselves in various types of expeditions and explorations across all three levels. From three island expeditions, to kayaking and cycling, to exploring and researching natural ingredients for individual use, there was no limit to what young people found interest in to fulfill their Award requirements.



Islands	No. Units	No. Participants	Volunteers
New Providence	30	984	89
Grand Bahama	11	378	32
Abaco	2	37	5
Andros	3	47	3
Berry Islands	1	17	3
Bimini	1	30	2
Cat Island	2	15	2
Eleuthera	3	143	11
Exuma	2	83	4
Inagua	1	26	4
Long Island	1	26	7
Total	57	1786	162

Grand Bahama

Although devastated by Hurricane Dorian, volunteers must be commended for their resilience and tenacity. Units were revived as soon as possible and many were involved with hurricane relief efforts.

Nearly 380 participants supervised by 32 volunteers assisted in roofs repairs, debris removal and care packages dispersal on Grand Bahama. In May, 51 young people received Awards, which included eight Golds.

Units were located at Bishop Michael Eldon High, Lucaya International School, St. Paul's Methodist School, Sunland Baptist Academy, Tabernacle Christian Academy, Ruthnell Technical Institute, Jack Hayward Senior and Junior High Schools, St. George's High, Eight Mile Rock High and Mary Star Catholic Academy.

In fulfillment of their Award requirements young people participated in a wide range of activities including a jazz band, junkanoo, music and dance troupes, RBDF Rangers, Junior Achievement, cycling and animal care.

Abaco

Before Hurricane Dorian made landfall, there were two units in Abaco at the Patrick Bethel High School (19 participants) and the S. C. Bootle High School (18). Five volunteers supervised the young people who commenced activities for their various sections and started to log their progress online. They were to have completed their Bronze level in October. Unfortunately, due to the Category-5 storm this did not happen.

Two participants were young sailors who made successful regattas showing in the Junior and C-Class Divisions. In May, nine participants completed their Bronze requirements marking the first Awards ceremony to be held in Long Island in six years.



Andros

Units on Andros are located at BAMSI (10 participants), Huntley P. Christie High in the north (12 participants) and South Andros High (25). One volunteer supervised the newest unit, the Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute.

Led by its two volunteers South Andros High participated in the Bahamas Award Super Expedition/Exploration (BASE) for the first time.

In fulfillment of their Award requirements participants pursued interests in junkanoo, art, music and dance.

Berry Islands (Great Harbour Cay)

There are 17 participants and two volunteers at the island's only school, R. N. Gomez All Age. A popular section of the Award was its skill component where many opted to improve in music and/or take up a sport. Many participants were members of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) Rangers.

Bimini

Welcome back! We were successful in reviving the Louise McDonald High School. It returned to GGYA with 30 participants supervised by two volunteers. The first order of business was providing online training to the adult and assisting participants with navigating the online record book (ORB). Some of the young people were members of the RBDF Rangers. For some, plans were in the works to take part in Junior Junkanoo.



Cat Island

The two high schools on Cat Island at Old Bight and Arthur's Town combined to make one unit comprised of 15 participants and two volunteers. Despite limited resources, many participants pursued sports, music, choir and debating in fulfillment of the Award's requirements.

Eleuthera

The GGYA maintained its prominent standing on Eleuthera. Units are located at the Harbour Island All Age School (48 participants), North Eleuthera High (55) and Preston Albury High (40). Popular activities included environmental projects, junkanoo, music and dance. Some young people were also involved in the RBDF Rangers.



For the first time in a long while, young people from Preston Albury participated in BASE where they completed their Bronze level requirements. We await final information from Harbour Island participants necessary to fulfilling their Award requirements.

Exuma

Our stalwart Exuma units at L.N. Coakley High (57 participants) and St. Andrews Anglican High (26) are each led by two volunteers. Many participants were RBDF Rangers. Music was a popular skill while sailing was introduced for the first time.



Inagua

In 2019, Inagua All Age School had 26 participants supervised by four volunteers. The group executed most of its activities in the community including environmental projects, junkanoo art, music and dance.

Adventurous journeys are a treat on this island that is home to one of The Bahamas' most renowned national parks. Participants trek for miles to view flamingoes, wild donkeys and the Bahama parrots in their natural habitats.

Long Island

Two units are registered for this island, but only one was active in 2019. There were 26 participants and seven volunteers at N.G.M. Major High School. Popular activities ran the gamut from cleanup projects to sports and choir.



Training

GGYA volunteers participated in workshops designed to enhance their knowledge and skills necessary to deliver a quality Programme. These courses covered included: The Adventurous Journey (AJ); American Heart Association (AHA) Lifesaver, and the Online Record Book (ORB).

“The AJ is part of the Programme that attracts the young people. The aim is to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery,” said Lawson Clarke, the former Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) marine who led the two-day training session.

Topics covered:

- Types of Expeditions/Explorations
- Safety and Emergency Procedures
- Land Navigation
- Selection of Equipment and Care
- Camp craft
- Role of the Supervisors & Assessors
- Assessment
- Country, Highway and Water Codes
- Report Writing

From training and leading participants to conducting and assessing a qualifying venture, the course ensures that the standard of the global Award, which operates in more than 130 countries and territories, is maintained locally.

During the adventurous journey component, supervisors are responsible for the unit's safety. They must shadow groups, which means sticking close enough to prevent any dangerous or potentially dangerous actions during journeys. Assessors ensure that the requirements are met and must check on the groups at least once a day. Qualifying expeditions/explorations last a minimum of two days, one night for Bronze; three days, two nights for Silver and four days and three nights for a Gold Award.



AHA Course

Twenty-eight volunteers gained knowledge and skills that may help save a life. A biennial training exercise, the course completion card for the American Heart Association Life-savers Course with a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) component is valid for two years. A chief goal of the course is to teach volunteers how to be responsible for hundreds of teen and young adults and how to respond in an emergency.

Volunteers learned the basics of first aid, the most common life-threatening emergencies, how to recognize them and how to help. Volunteers also learned how recognize when someone needs CPR, how to administer it and use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), a device that delivers a therapeutic electric shock to the heart as treatment for sudden cardiac arrest

Certified American Heart Association (AHA) lead trainer, Terrance Arnett echoes the sentiment, “We don’t know when an emergency can happen, at work, home or just out shopping”.

At the end of the training GGYA Volunteers knew how to control bleeding, how to bandage, use an epinephrine pen and know the first aid actions for life threatening conditions such as heart attack, difficulty breathing, choking and environmental shocks such as hypothermia.

“We want to focus on extending the Award programme as far as we can get it in The Bahamas,” she told the gathering of unit leaders, volunteers and other stakeholders from across The Bahamas assembled at Government House Saturday morning.

“We want to reach many more young people. We are leaving a lot of our at-risk young persons behind so that is what we are trying to do and without you, we can’t do it. We are hoping that in 2019, we can reach our goal of 2,000 young people.”



Awards

Three Award presentations were held on three different islands.

First up was the ceremony in New Providence, held at Superclubs Breezes. A total of 63 received their Awards. These included 8 Gold, 13 Silver and 42 Bronze.

Awards were presented by Mrs. Rosamund Roberts, Mrs. Nancy Kelly and Archdeacon James Palacios.

Following these Awards presentations, the Chairman and Director travelled to Grand Bahama days later to present 45 Awards. These were presented by Grand Bahama Minister of Youth Representative Mrs. Carla Brown-Roker and Archdeacon Palacios.

Next was Long Island. This marked the second presentation for the N.G.M. Major High School unit. Nine recipients received their Bronze Award from Archdeacon Palacios, assisted by Ms. Susan Ginton.

It is anticipated that another ceremony will be held in New Providence this November.

With its non-formal education framework, GGYA - an affiliate of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - challenges young people to discover their potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world, regardless of their background or ability.

New Providence Awardees:



Gold Recipients



Grand Bahama Silver Awardees



Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE)

The 27th Bahamas Award Super Expedition/Exploration, (BASE), was held June 25th- July 5th. Code named "3-Island Adventure", BASE entailed visits to three islands – Long Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador.

The base camp was set up at United Estates Primary School (formerly, San Salvador Primary) where the expedition/exploration was held.

A total of 56 persons took part in BASE, which included three Bronze groups, two Silver sections and two Gold levels.

The Silver exploration group studied historical locations such as The Dixon Lighthouse, ruins of the Farquharson Plantation, and Landfall Park. Gold and Silver expedition groups hiked around the entire island over four-five days. They camped at different locations on the coastline.

The groups spent only one day on both Long Island and Rum Cay. During the visit to Long Island, they spent the day at the breathtaking Dean's Blue Hole and on Rum Cay, they had the opportunity to visit historical Port Nelson.



Dean's Blue Hole, Long Island



San Salvador Lighthouse



Farquharson Plantation, San Salvador

International Event

Americas Regional Conference

The annual Americas Region Conference was also held in St. Lucia beginning Monday, August 26 to Wednesday, August 31st.

The GGYA had five persons in attendance which included the Chairman, Rev. James Palacios, Deputy Chairperson, Anna Martin, Asst. Treasurer and GAH, Mr. Lamar Pinder, the Director and Asst. Director.

There were representatives from the 12 NAOs that help to make up the region. In addition to the 10 Caribbean countries there were delegates from the U.S, Canada and staff from the DOE International Foundation in addition to the Americas Region Director and Assist. Director; DOE International Award Foundation Treasurer and the Special Projects Director.

ZOOM (online video application) presentations given by Foundation staff in London which covered the following areas:

- ORB - Updated
- Sub Licenses - New format
- World Fellowship - Donations and benefits to NAO
- Brand and best practices – Implementing #WorldReady Global Campaign
- Measuring the Impact
- Award Community and Award Learning Policy

In person topics included:

- ◇ Special Project's Three Funds Grants
- ◇ Delivering the IAA Strategy
- ◇ Validation, Reviews, Implementing new licenses, generic sublicenses, Policy Development (Child Safeguarding)
- ◇ IC/Forum 2018-Proposals from IC (MoU in action) and IC role
- ◇ Beyond the Handbook—developing new operational and volunteer support material
- ◇ Model for small island development states-Eastern Caribbean Model
- ◇ NAO operating models, account management development and growth plans
- ◇ Global Partnerships-towards a global register of Award partners

International Council Meeting (IC)

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Association International Council meeting was held November 12th - 15th in London. Delegates attending was from the four Award Region.

The IC was established as a representative group of the Association. Its purpose is to act for the Association between Forums and gives effect to the decisions taken at the Forum. The Forum's purpose is to provide a means of consultation, discussion and mutual cooperation between all. It is the established assembly of the Association.

Representative from The Bahamas was Father James Palacios, GGYA Management Council Chair. Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, Chair of the International Trustee was also in attendance.

Caribbean Award Sub-Regional (CASC) Expedition/AGM

CASC 2019 events involved the Annual General Meeting and Adventurous Journey. Both events were held in St. Lucia beginning Saturday, July 27th. The first event was the CASC AGM that was attended by representatives from eleven countries. These included: Bermuda, Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Vincent and The Grenadines, St. Lucia, Grenada, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago. Delegates from the DOE International Foundation were also in attendance.

Countries' reports were submitted in addition to the following reports:

- CASC 2018 Financial Statement and 2019 Budget
- Chairman's Update
- CASC business model and charity status
- CASC NAO full licenses/sub-licenses
- CASC charitable status and corporate establishment
- CASC future executive officers
- Report on the 2018 CASC held in The Bahamas
- Update on CASC 2019 being held in St. Lucia
- Presentation on CASC 2020 scheduled for Jamaica
- Location for CASC 2021 and 2022



The 2019 CASC expedition on foot was held in St. Lucia from Saturday, July 27th to Sunday, August 11th. The Bahamas had 4 persons in attendance; two training leaders and two persons serving on the staff. They were: Mrs. Jacquetta Maycock- Deputy, A/M Kevin Hall of the RBDF and GGYA Adventurous Journey Panel, W/M Erica Longley also from the RBDF, and GGYA Young Adventurous Coordinator, Ms. Darisha Johnson.

Unfortunately, the six participants that had expressed interest had to pull out due to financial constraints and were therefore obtaining summer jobs and college obligations.

Ms. Longley and Ms. Johnson were successful in completing the CASC Supervisors and Assessors course. All of them completed the grueling six-day expedition beginning with the world renowned Pitons.

It is anticipated that for CASC 2020, scheduled to be held in Jamaica, we will have Gold participants as the costs will be less



Young Adventurers Program (YAP)

Similar to Governor General's Youth Award, The Young Adventurers Programme allows participants to give **Service** to their **Community**, to be introduced to worthwhile **Hobbies or Skills**, to become **Active** in physical activities, and to engage in **Outdoor Experiences**.

At the completion of the programme each participants earned a **Personal Achievement Certificate**. Additionally, these young people have the privilege of being introduced to the Governor General's Youth Award Programme. Below is a list of the engaging activities the participants were involve in: Junkanoo pasting , tour of the Primeval National Forest, dance lessons, two days one night camp and bowling at Mario's.



As the new school term (September 2019) approached I decided to include male participants to the Young Adventurers program. Registration ended with 6 males and 13 females participants. Below is a list of the engaging activities the participants were engaged in team building exercises, a Coastal Clean-up, learning how to cook and donated food items to the school.



Treasurer Report

January 1st 2019 – December 31st 2019

The year 2019 was another good year for the GGYA. We were able to meet all of our financial obligations within a timely manner. We have been blessed with generous donors who have been ever ready to partner with our cause. Our biggest contributor once again was the government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

During the course of the year we were able to stay within our budgeted expenditure. We exceeded our target income for the year by 13 %. All in all it was a fruitful year. Kudos, to the Management council and our director for steering and keeping the ship on course.

This year due to the Covid -19 Pandemic, we like many other organizations have been forced to tighten our belt. The global pandemic has impacted just about every aspect of our lives and our operations. Some of our major events have been cancelled due to social distancing. Interactions between our participants have been suspended. Our economy is basically at a standstill. The effect on our operation over the next few years is un known, but we will persevere to continue the great work espouse to us.

Many thanks to the TK foundation for their grant over the past two years, which came to an end December 2019. We are considering re applying for another grant from them. Their grant was specifically for the development of the Northern Bahamas. We are presently pursuing a grant from the Duke of Edinburg to assist with the development of challenged young persons within New Providence and Grand Bahama. Grand Bahama and Abaco has been hit by Hurricane Dorian last year and our units in those areas have been greatly impacted.

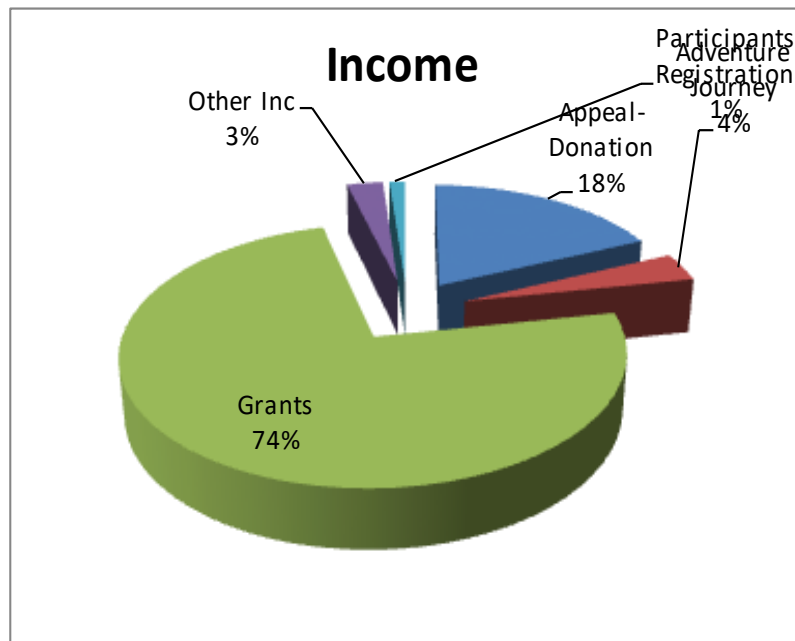
We cannot rest on our laurel as there are many young people who are in need of what the GGYA is offering. Many thanks to our various donors and supporters, who have blessed us financially or with other resources over the past year. We look forward to their continued support as we partner hand in hand to develop our nation youths.

Sincerely,



Everette Z. Mackey
National Treasurer

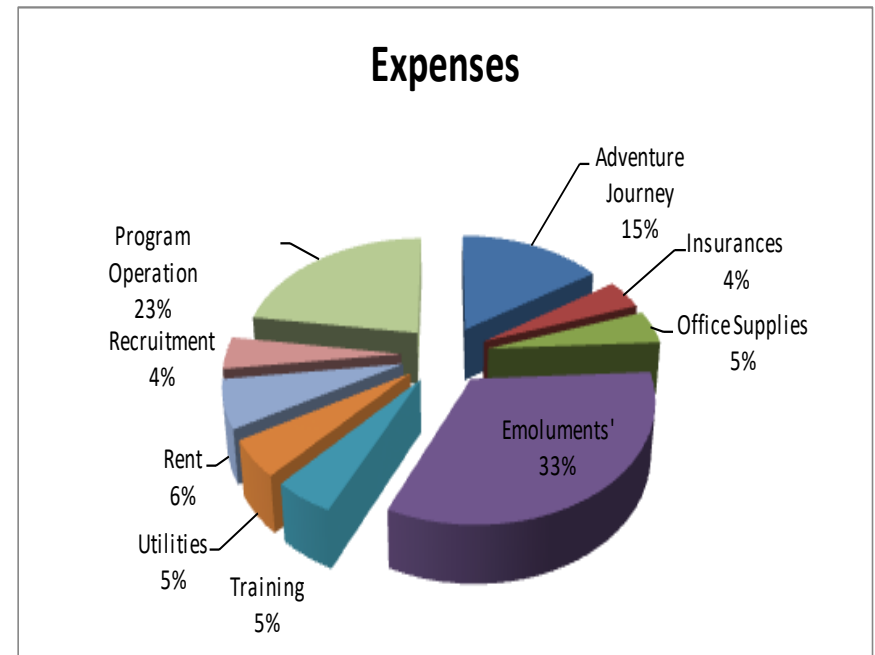




INCOME

Appeal-Donation	95,168.25
Adventure Journey	19,141.18
Grants	386,000.00
Other Inc	14,479.43
Participants Registration	6,289.00

TOTAL INCOME **521,077.86**



EXPENSES

Adventure Journey	74,352.38
Insurances	19,638.76
Office Supplies	21,803.45
Emoluments'	157,106.63
Training	22711.59
Utilities	23761.06
Rent	31,253.44
Recuitment	21,064.76
Program Operation	108,795.38

TOTAL EXPENSES **480,487.45**

“We Did It”

When tenth grader Keshawn Gardiner strutted across the stage to celebrate achieving Bronze, it was a defining moment for the autistic teen who had never participated in a mainstream youth programme alongside his peers without disabilities.

“I didn’t like hiking or the camping part. I wanted to stop,” said the outspoken Hope Academy student who completed GGYA through the C.V. Hart Enhancement Institute.

“I like this part,” said Keshawn, pointing to his certificates.

It was a fitting end to a six-month journey, which for Keshawn, and other Bronze Award honorees, featured two 15-mile hiking expeditions, each spanning two days and one night of camping outdoors.

The experience marked the first time the 18-year-old was away from the watchful eyes of his parents, Marcus and Christine.

“This was special for Keshawn. He fully enjoyed it. As his parents we were more concerned than he was, since it was the first time our baby was ever away from us,” shared Mr. Gardiner.

Keshawn also participated in 2019 BASE and completed his Silver Adventurous Journey!!

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In contrast, tenth grader Canaan Cooper is adamant, he is headed for Silver, then Gold. It’s a goal which will take a minimum 18-month commitment to achieve. “I pooled some of my friends together to form a group of seven. I would encourage persons considering the programme to round-up five to seven friends and get them involved, that way you won’t feel the walking,” the Aquinas College student advised.

“It’s an experience that changed me for the better,” said Emily Thain, a twelfth grader at Lyford Cay International School.

“I realized how far I could push myself, both physically and mentally. There were times at all three award levels when I wanted to quit. I managed to break through the wall I built up in my head and succeeded through all three.”



Canaan Cooper



Emily Thain

It was equally enriching for Durran Thompson, a twelfth grader at C.V. Bethel High School.

“It was a great experience,” said the Gold Award recipient. “It molded me into the person I am today which is a more confident version of myself.”



Durran Thompson,

National Events



Skill Day



Hurricane Relief



Coastal Clean-up



Blind Fold Challenge



Physical Recreation Day



Youth March

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Ms. Waysha McKinney

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