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**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**



2020 Review



Our Award

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.



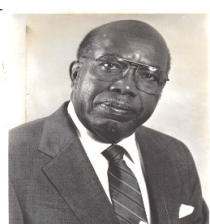
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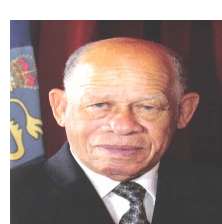
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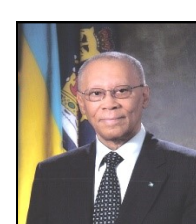
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In 2020 we saw the departure of Ms. Mortimer and the hiring of our third National Director Ms. Jacquetta Maycock. We would like to thank Denise for her service to our organization and for building it into the phenomenal organization it is today. Jacqui has ably taken up the reins of the National Director position and continues to grow our organization to help us out of the pandemic that affected us and many other organizations in The Bahamas.

In 2020, registration was down 41% to 728 participants. We had 42 registered units, including a new unit: Excellence for Higher Learning All Age. The Beacon School in Grand Bahama, Acklins Central High, and an open unit in New Providence were also reinstated. Fifty-nine (59) Awards were earned.

In 2020 we attended the Virtual Americas Region Conference, participated in the 1st Virtual Youth March, International Youth Day, and two persons participated in the virtual Train the Trainer session. Temple Christian and Preston Albury High School received Bronze Awards for the first time in five years. A Silver/Gold Adventurous Journey was held, and a cycling Adventurous Journey was held by the Lyford Cay International School.

We would like to thank the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture and the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology for their continued financial support and the staff, volunteers and participant who make our success possible.

Mr. John Bethell
Chairman



ARCHDEACON JAMES PALACIOS
CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL BAHAMAS

I am pleased to present this report for Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021 booklet. This presentation affords us the opportunity to review our successes and challenges of the preceding year, while developing strategies and methods to further strengthen the Award during the current year and beyond.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award exists in more than 130 countries with over one million young people participating worldwide on an annual basis. Despite these challenging times, The Bahamas continues to engage young people who participated and completed the Award, which speaks volumes to the resilience of this youth programme in The Bahamas.

This year, covid 19 was a major hurdle in every aspect, for all of our stakeholders. However, we were and continue to be encouraged and inspired by the determination of young people and the unwavering commitment of our volunteers, who have likely been impacted the most in their usual operations by the pandemic.

In this regard, I wish to thank the many persons who work tirelessly to ensure that the core values of the Award were embraced and diligently executed, despite the disruptions of covid.

We are grateful to our new Patron, His Excellency The Most Honourable Sir Cornelius Smith, Governor General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. We look forward to his support in the coming years.

There are never adequate words to express the depth of appreciation and gratitude to our many leaders, volunteers, parents and teachers for their overwhelming assistance with the Award, particularly during the last year.

Thank you sincerely to our new director, Jacquetta Maycock, whose persistent commitment to the daily operations of the programme has seen to the success of which we boast. Also, to the office administrator, Mrs. Alicia Owens-Newton, who has quietly been the engine that keeps the GGYA machine functioning effectively. Our collective hats must come off for the contributions of our former director, Ms. Denise Mortimer. A pioneer for this award programme, countless young people have benefitted from her vision. We thank her for the legacy she leaves behind.

Best wishes for continued success in the coming years.



National Executive Director Message
January - September

As I transfer the reigns to the next generation of GGYA leadership, I 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. Authentic leadership requires personal sacrifices.

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 are unmatched. Special mention must be made of Mrs. Alicia Owens-Newton who continues to perform above and beyond the call of duty, ensuring that all GGYA stakeholders are treated with respect and care.

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".*



Meet our New GGYA National Director...

Not in a million years could Jacquetta Lightbourne-Maycock imagine heading the GGYA, a programme she joined as an eleventh grader to stave off boredom, get out of the house, and broaden her horizons while growing up in the sleepy settlement of Rock Sound in Eleuthera.

Lightbourne was first introduced to the club, also known as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), by one of her older brothers, who attained all three awards. It wasn't until after he completed the programme did her mom, Stephanie, allow the only girl in a brood of five to become involved in the International Award for Young People, best known for over-night hiking and camping expeditions away from home.

"I always loved the outdoors, but being involved in GGYA as a teenager helped me to pursue many other interests and channeled them in a positive direction. Growing up on an island with limited activities resulted in my involvement in church and civic groups, which fostered my passion for voluntary service.

After receiving her Bronze Award, Lightbourne took a hiatus to focus on completing her final year at Preston H. Albury Senior High School. In 1998, she enrolled at The College of The Bahamas (now University of The Bahamas) to pursue a bachelor's degree in education.

"I began assisting in editing the GGYA newsletter and learning photography at Devin's Photo Lab. Since I spent so much time at the Award office interacting with volunteers, many of them thought I would be a perfect fit for the programme. I never seriously considered it, even then."

Lightbourne joined GGYA full-time in July 2018 as assistant national director. Unbeknownst to her, grooming for that role began as far back as 2003 when she attended the Americas Region Gold Event Conference in Barbados. At the time, she served as a part-time field officer responsible for public schools' recruitment and supporting unit leaders.

"My involvement with GGYA, at all levels, has made me living proof that your gift makes room for you. I am driven by my own experiences to make this programme available to young people, particularly from more diverse backgrounds who would otherwise not have access to mainstream clubs or programs."

2020 Highlights

- 3rd National Director Hire
- 728 Registration (down 41).
- 59 Awards gained.
- 42 Registered Units.
- 125 Volunteers.
- A New unit: Excellence for Higher Learning All Age.
- 3 Units Restarted: Grand Bahama at The Beacon School, Acklins Central High and an Open unit in New Providence.
- Assisted with Food Care Packing/International Volunteer Day (Red Cross; Bahamas Feeding Network).
- Attended Virtual Americas Region Conference.
- Financial support continued from Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture and Ministry of Education, Science & Technology.
- Participated in the 1st virtual Youth March.
- Participated in the International Youth Day.
- Temple Christian and Preston Albury High School received Bronze Awards for the 1st time for more than 5 years.
- A Silver Q/Gold P Adventurous Journey held.
- Cycling Adventurous Journey held by the Lyford Cay International School.
- 2 attended the virtual Train the Trainer.
- Grand Bahama and New Providence got Awards during the Covid-19.

2020 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	242	258	500
Silver	97	86	183
Gold	27	19	46
Total	366	363	729



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>	119	124	243
Silver - <i>Direct</i>	11	14	25
Silver – <i>Continuing</i>	86	72	158
Gold - <i>Direct</i>	1	4	5
Gold - <i>Continuing</i>	26	15	41
Total	243	229	472

Reaching Young People At Risk Groups

This include targeted persons and those that participated in GGYA.

Group	Targeted		How many Award Centres do you have that works with this at-risk group?
Does your organisation have a formal definition of Young Offenders ?	No		
Minority linguistic, religious, and ethnic groups that are marginalised	Yes		17
Adolescents in urban settings	Yes		33
Young people who are considered to have a physical, learning or other disability	Yes		12
Young people in humanitarian settings - internally displaced, refugees, separated, unaccompanied	Yes		11

Units

University	1
Uniformed Organizations	3
Government Schools	17
Community Group or Organization	1
Private Schools	18
Open Award Centre	2



Volunteers

Award Leader (including voluntary Award Leaders and youth workers) 125	Other adult volunteers (including assessors, trustees, and management council members, but not Award Leaders) 43
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Thank You

"Volunteers are not paid—not because they are worthless, but—because they are thankless". Anonymous

Volunteers are the driving force behind the success of this programme in their ability to reach scores of young people. While it is an understatement that COVID-19 has challenged the very presence of our organization, the active engagement of the Board of Trustees, Managements Council, Award Alumni. Teachers and organization leaders, we wish to extend sincere thanks to you for your dedication during this period.

We look forward to continuing to help young people find their purpose, passion, and place.

Islands	No. Units	No. Participants	Volunteers
New Providence	22	402	67
Grand Bahama	10	159	27
Acklins	1	22	3
Andros	1	13	2
Berry Islands	1	11	3
Eleuthera	3	66	10
Exuma	2	17	4
Inagua	1	28	4
Long Island	1	11	5
Total	42	728	125



Photos of some of our volunteers.



Inagua All Age



North Eleuthera High



Lucaya International School



Queen's College



Lyford Cay International School



Awards

Congratulations to the fifty-nine(59)participants who received their respective awards in 2020 after completing the minimum requirements on the following— islands: New Providence, Grand Bahama and Eleuthera.

Bronze: Darrielle Bullard, Corizma Charlton, Pevaughn Christie, Arthur Tabary-Devisme, David Doodnauth, Xavier Dupuch, Mary Edomwonyi, Aryan Ganpat, Elyza Hechanova, Dea Hepburn, Denae Inniss, Kyle Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Sidron Johnson, Caterina Lean, Gianna Malabanan, Michael Massy, Edward McKenzie, Waynieka McKenzie, Tranique Miller, Jonathan Mindorff, Delaney Mizell, Kevaghan Neely, Timothy Quant, Drea Roberts, Jubilee Rober, Trevanna Rolle, Julia Schreier, Ocean Smith, Fudail Syed, K'Majha Theophilus, Isabelle Torzsas, Simone Watson, Vance Wheaton, Jordin Wilson, Devaughn Woods, and Nathan Wright.

Silver: Antiniqua Burrows, Kyle Burrows, Zuriel Carey, Krystin Cartwright, Wilton Cartwright, Godfrey Cooper, Whittley Deleveaux, Charlotte Fernie, Tyler Forbes, Sara Gottberg, Veronica Guzman, Elvardo Johnson, Kristin Martin, Ryesha Pinder, Sophie Price, Annabel Purvis, Norman Rolle, Zuriel Thompson and Maleah Wilchcombe.

Gold: Yvann Roy, Lendeic Smith and Sophie Wineberg

To achieve the Bronze Award, participants are required to engage in three months of physical recreation, skills and service. Additionally, three months in either physical recreation, skills and service. A log of all activities are required and successful completion of a two-day, one night expedition, covering 15 miles or more.

The Silver Award takes a minimum of 6 months in three activities, if a Bronze recipient. Additionally, participants must successfully complete a three-day, two nights expedition, covering a minimum of 30 miles. An exploration requires less hiking and more research of a specific topic.

The Gold Award takes a minimum of twelve months for Silver recipients working in Service, Skills and Physical Recreation. The Adventurous Journey is an expedition, exploration or other activity spanning four days and three nights.

Award	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	19	18	37
Silver	8	11	19
Gold	1	2	3
Total	28	31	59

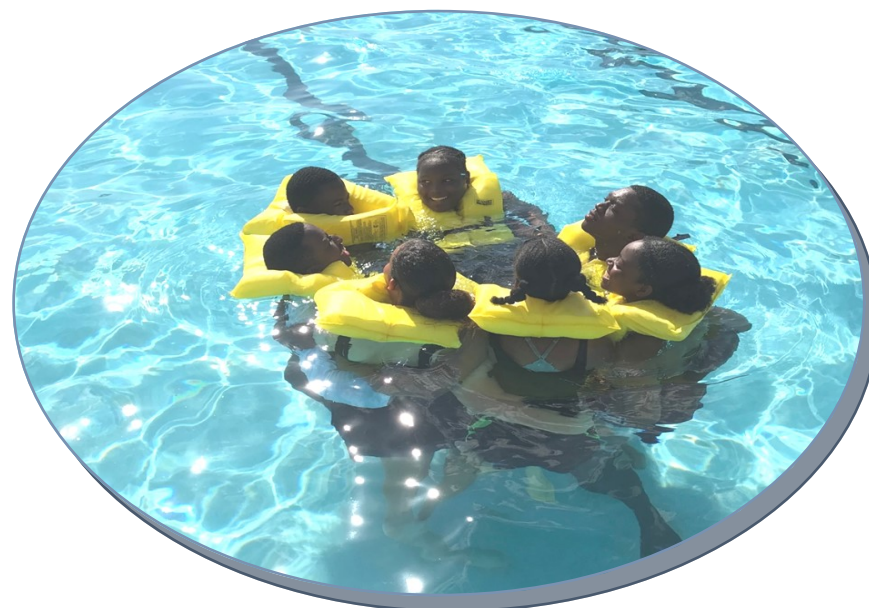
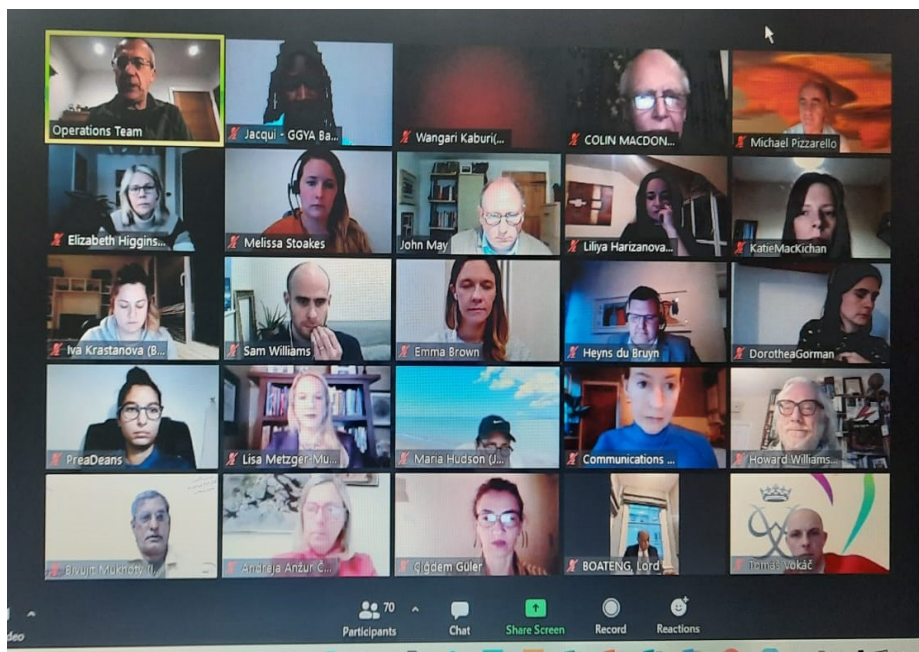


Training

Training continues to be a vital tool that enables our volunteers to meet the needs of young people and deliver a quality programme. As we sought to navigate through the pandemic, and engage young people through what would likely be one of the most difficult periods of their lives, we were able to provide a few training opportunities for our participants in the short time pre-pandemic, and also towards the end of the year. While our volunteers can benefit from leadership courses via online modules provided by the International Award Foundation, many used the opportunity to achieve their certification during this time.

Additionally, two staff members were able to participate in a virtual training workshop. This workshop provided 22 adult volunteers, from around the world, the opportunity to learn how to run an engaging virtual training on an online digital platform. This tool was particularly useful considering the present climate, where virtual engagements and gathering take place.

We look forward to resuming face-to-face training as this is beneficial way that volunteers and stakeholders receive hands on learning in practical ways that assist them with many facets of the many programs offered through the GGYA. Again, we say thank you to all volunteers.



GGYA Takes Local Lead in World Youth Skills Day

Organization helps young people develop skills for life and work



It is one of the few programs driving young Bahamians to equip themselves with practical and vocational skills for life and work. As the United Nation observes World Youth Skills Day, the Governor General's Youth Award said it's important to recognize young people who work to enhance their knowledge and celebrate the effort they've put in.

Last year, 729 GGYA participants from across the nation gave it a go learning a new skill or improving an existing one. Conservative estimates placed their total combined effort at well over 25,000 hours, building expertise in a wide range of areas.

Each GGYA participant must commit at least an hour a week to developing a skill. The duration depends on the Award level. For the 500 Bronze participants it was 60 minutes a week for 13 weeks. The 183 young people who pursued Silver engaged in a skill-building activity over 26 weeks, while Gold demanded an hour a week for one year.

"This shows motivation and commitment," said Jacquetta Maycock, GGYA's assistant national director. "By developing skills in line with their personal interests our participants, who are between the ages of 14 and

24, increase their employability. This is particularly useful in today's ever-changing environment."

Not surprisingly, skills development could play an important role in building a brighter future for many.

R.M. Bailey tenth grader, Samuel Sherman used his time spent in Technical Cadets as his skill requirement. This summer, he put his knowledge and natural curiosity to use when he attempted coding – using a programming language to get a computer to behave how you want it to.

"Do a skill that could benefit you in the future," advised the 15-year-old, Bronze-level participant who ultimately hopes to create robots or computer games.

According to the UN's World Skills Day website prior to the current crisis, young people aged 15-24 were three times more likely than adults to be unemployed and often faced a prolonged school-to-work transition period.

"In post-COVID-19 societies, as young people are called upon to contribute to the recovery effort, they will need to be equipped with the skills to successfully manage evolving challenges and the resilience to adapt to future disruptions," said the UN.



As the local arm of the UK-based Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, the world's leading youth achievement program, GGYA helps young people gain essential skills, experience, confidence and resilience to successfully navigate adult life.

When it comes to building skills, participants are only limited by their imagination. The activities run the gamut from cooking and music to fishing, junkanoo, CPR and everything in between.

"The skills component of our program brings with it a sense of achievement as participants must show growth," said Ms Maycock. "Learning something new or building upon existing knowledge increases confidence. We also find our skill section provides an avenue for participants to further differentiate themselves in a highly-competitive market. Our program prides itself on young people engage in non-formal activities that will equip them for life"

Hard-pressed to keep her GGYA unit going during the COVID-19 pandemic, Anatol Rodgers High parent-leader Shari Green got creative when it came to identifying a skill her 72-strong unit could complete.

Then, she found a free AED/CPR and First-Aid certification offered online. She utilized Google classrooms and Zoom to facilitate the learning experience. To motivate the 46 participants who accepted her challenge, she offered to assist with costs associated with the adventurous journey for the first 10 students completing the course.



"This is more than a skill, this training is life-saving," said the parent who began assisting the unit last January and ultimately became unit leader after her son graduated from the school.

"Seeing how we are going through this pandemic this training is particularly useful. This is not just for GGYA. Throughout their life, in the event of an emergency, they can use this knowledge.

Designated by the General Assembly in 2014, the World Youth Skills Day is an opportunity for young people, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions, and public and private sector stakeholders to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.



GGYA Youths Venturing Out, Find Purpose in Volunteering

Missed activities emphasizes the importance of real-life connections

For hours 14-year-old Ethan Pinder stood, diligently arranging grocery items in a seemingly unending line of brown paper bags. He wasn't tipped a dollar as a bag boy would in a supermarket. Instead, he received a greater reward – thinking of the world outside of himself, something experts say lays the foundation for compassion and engagement.

"I decided to volunteer Saturday because I realized not everyone is as fortunate as me and can do the things I can do, like go the store and pick up what I want," said the C.I. Gibson tenth grader.

"Some people are more dependent on others to help them out. I figured if God blessed me to be able to go to the store, I should be able to go out and bless others."

The Governor General's Youth Award (GGYA) arranged for 30 of its participants from five schools and two youth organizations to lend a hand at the Bahamas Feeding Network and the Red Cross, over the weekend in commemoration of International Volunteers Day, observed in 80 countries on December 5, for the past six years.

Tweeting about the day's importance the United Nations' Twitter handle read, "Volunteering provides opportunities for people to play a constructive role in their communities [and] to feel connected with others through a shared sense of purpose."

For Pinder, who is also a member of the Boys Brigade 23rd Company, this wasn't his first time helping someone else. On November 28, his Boys Brigade Unit helped create a garden at St Barnabas Anglican Church.

Kimeko Greene was by his side both weekends.

"It feels good helping out. It feels good to see faces my age instead of just laying down in my room doing school all day," said the 16-year-old, R.M. Bailey student. "You can't take for granted what you have since many persons don't have enough."

When so much is out of their control, the act of volunteering puts some power back in the hands of young people.

"This year hasn't been what I hoped. It's been really stressful in some ways but I'm making the best of it. Homeschooling is not the same as in person instructions. When I'm in school, I learn more. I'm engaged more. At home I feel as if I'm slacking off a bit. Even when I try not to it still feels that way sometimes," said twelfth grader, Gabrielle Fox.

"Being out here today at the Red Cross, even though I am still wearing a mask, it almost feels like I can finally take a breath of fresh air. Even though we have these restrictions it feels good to be around people, helping others."





The bulk of GGYA's participants were deployed to the Bahamas Red Cross headquarters on John F Kennedy Drive to assist with the organization's Volunteers' Appreciation Day, thanking individuals who work tirelessly throughout the year.

GGYA participants directed traffic, helped with registration and assisted with the set-up and post clean-up for the event. They also distributed plates of food and assisted with pinning and presenting gift bags to Red Cross volunteers. Later, they helped pack food supplies for those in need.

With the normal rhythm of their life very much disrupted, the community service presented the perfect opportunity to occupy and engage young people who might otherwise feel stuck.

"This is a new environment for me. I haven't been out of the house since March, so this is fun and engaging," said 15-year-old Kiara Christie, as she directed cars into the Red Cross parking lot. "I'm getting a lot of fresh air and I'm having a good time."

Temple Christian student, Shante Sifford agreed: "It just feels more productive. Being at home for long periods of time gets boring, so coming out here and doing something productive is fun. It feels like we're returning to normal."

For others, adjusting to the new norm still took some getting used to.

"You can't hug your friends. You can't stand too close to them or interact too closely. You don't get the same intimacy you did before COVID-19. Despite all that, I still feel blessed to see my friends and be able to look them in their eyes and see that they really are good, when they say they're okay," said Queen's College twelfth grader, Megan Glasgow.

"I know there are lots of people who don't have. As someone who is blessed and privileged to have simple things like food, water, a home, and clothes on my back, I'm happy to really give back."

Fifteen-year-old Nathan Hart, from the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Rangers programme, assumed volunteering would have left little time for peer connections and demanded more physical exertion as it has done in the past when he helped to clean up road verges.

"I thought we would have been more restricted and not be allowed to socialize," said the C.V. Bethel High eleventh grader. "I was happy to see that wasn't the case that we were able to have fun while observing social distancing protocols."

A world-renown mark of achievement, GGYA is the local arm of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Participants gain a wealth of skills and attributes through the non-competitive programme which promotes the involvement in extracurricular activities focused on community service, physical recreation, skills and outdoor explorations.



Treasurer's Report

January 1st 2019 – December 31st 2020

The year 2020 would go down in the history books, as one we will all remember, and should remember well. Our normal average daily activities practically ceased to be, as we all had to adjust to a new norm. We saw a drop in our membership and a drop in our finances. With prudent management which forced changes to our daily operation, we continued our operation and worked with the funding available to us. We experienced no hardship.

Actual receipts for the year 2019 totaled \$ 518,941.77, compared to \$ 287, 631.11 in 2020. As the income dropped so did the expenses. Expenses for 2019 were 480,487.45 compared to \$ 243, 277.35 in 2020. Our funding from the government was reduced, as was expected considering the economic hardship being experienced. There was no golf tournament in 2020, our appeal and donations were practically suspended. The TK Foundation funding to the Northern Bahamas Operation ended in 2020 and was not renewed.

During the year 2020 we saw the departure of Ms. Denise Mortimer as a full time staff member and the confirmation of our new Director Mrs. Jacquetta Maycock. Ms. Mortimer has been a great asset to this organization—her exit would reduce some of our recurring expenses. However, we are in the process of potentially seeking additional staff to further the development of the program. It is our hope that this realized in 2021 as the country opens up further and we get back to a sense of normalcy.

We were recently granted a three year matching grant by the Special Projects: Three Funds Grant from the International Award Foundation in the amount of £10,00.00 per annum, this will help much with further development of our Northern region.

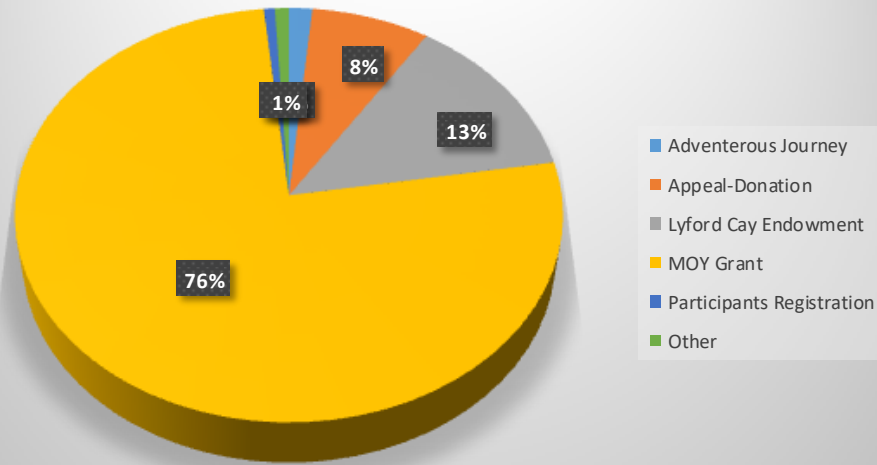
In-spite of the pandemic we had, and still have a lot to be thankful for. Thanks, are extended once again to the Government and people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for the continued confidence reposed in us. Much appreciation to our diverse board of trustees and management council for steering the course. To our new Director Ms. Jacquetta Maycock you were thrown right in the fire, persevere. Together with all the staff members and volunteers we will weather this storm. May God continue to bless you all and this great organization.

Sincerely,

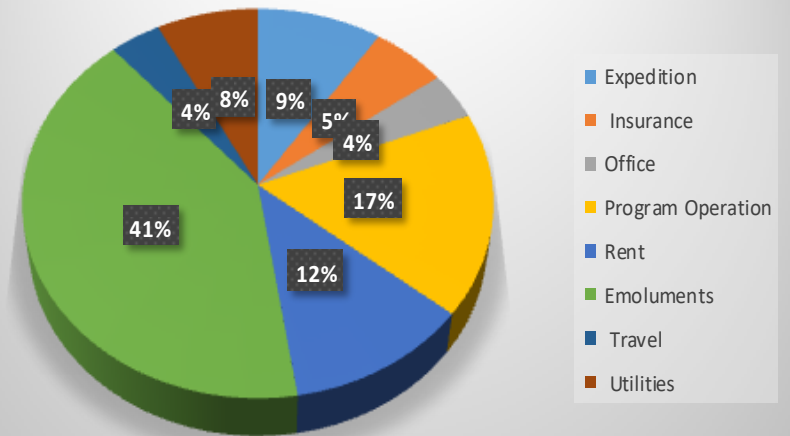


Everette Z. Mackey
Treasurer

Income



EXPENSES



INCOME

Adventurous Journey	\$	4,350.00
Appeal-Donation	\$	21,988.86
Lyford Cay Endowment	\$	38,000.00
MOY Grant	\$	218,348.00
Participants Registration	\$	2,040.00
Other	\$	2,595.32
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	287,322.18

EXPENSES

Expedition	\$	22,827.41
Insurance	\$	13,651.71
Office	\$	9,573.89
Program Operation	\$	40,991.56
Rent	\$	28,492.78
Emoluments	\$	99,552.84
Travel	\$	9,347.85
Utilities	\$	18,580.48
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	243,018.52
INCOME/EXPENSES	\$	44,303.76

GGYA Awarded International Grant to Help Reach At-Risk Youth

GGYA has been awarded a £30,000 (GBP) grant from The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation to allow more at-risk youth, including young people in reform schools and those with greater levels of special educational needs, to participate in the programme which equips persons aged 14 to 24 for life.

GGYA is the local office charged with delivering the Award which challenges youth to discover their potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation is convinced that a "good non-formal education is essential to equipping a young person for adult life, and so should be available to everyone."

"Although we have previously had some participants from these areas, for the most part, these at-risk categories of young people remain largely unreached," said Jacquetta Lightbourne-Maycock, GGYA's national director.

"We not only required funding, but we also needed to identify Award leaders and volunteers who are ideally committed to our same values, whilst also being embedded in those environments and are willing and able to work with us."

The GGYA project proposal received the green light from the Special Projects Fund from The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation. Established more than 30 years ago, the Special Projects fund provides Award Operators, such as the GGYA, with grants for projects that improve the reach and access of the Award.



GGYA was one of six projects chosen to be funded in 2020, out of 13 that applied from countries all over the world.

"We were extraordinarily pleased to receive an application from GGYA as we have not funded any projects in The Bahamas since 2010. We were even more pleased it see it approved," said Melissa Stoakes, the London-based Global Operations Director at The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation.

"A project delivering the Award to young people who face a multitude of challenges is close to our ethos and aim that any young person, despite their situation, can do the Award. The project will help young people, through the Award framework, challenge them to discover something new about themselves, support their local community and create skills that will help them navigate the new normal."

She added: “The project proposal was one of the strongest we have seen in recent years and will benefit from learnings from similar projects around the world, whilst also inspiring and showing others how to deliver the Award in these centres and schools.”

This year marks the 11th anniversary of GGYA’s bipartisan support by three successive administrations.

In 2010, under the Ingraham Administration, the late Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture, Charles Maynard created the G.O.L.D. Initiative to help the programme expand and then sustain its presence on every major island throughout The Bahamas. A major source of funding, this financial support continued under former Prime Minister Perry Christie and now through the Minnis Administration.

GGYA’s stellar track record of good governance, its ability to create well-rounded young citizens and its international linkages, has helped it to benefit from many financial grants and foundations in The Bahamas and abroad.

Among past and present benefactors are Atlantis, the T.K. Foundation, Cable Cares Foundation, Lyford Cay Foundation, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Social Service and Urban Development, Department of Gender and Family Affairs and BTC.

“Engaging as many young people as possible, particularly at this time, is key to them getting their education back on track after being disrupted by the pandemic”, said Ms Lightbourne-Maycock.

“We want non formal learning opportunities to be available to all young people, especially youth that do not have access to mainstream clubs. GGYA is more than ready to offer these young people a chance to prove that not all learning happens in the classroom and they can continue to excel in other ways.”



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