



2018 Review



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Our Award



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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-format 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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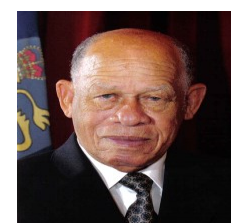
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**MR. JOHN BETHELL JR.
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The past year was very busy, as we hosted the Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council (CASC) Adventurous Journey and the Assessors Certification Course.

Archdeacon James Palacious, Ms. Denise Mortimer and Mrs. Jacquetta Maycock attended the triennial Duke of Edinburgh's Award Forum in Ghana, November past.

We continue to benefit from the generosity of many donors, including some corporate citizen, namely: Cable Cares Foundation, Lyford Cay Foundation, T.K. Foundation (especially designated from the northern Bahamas), The Ministry of Social Service and Urban Development, Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture as well as the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology. We are extremely grateful to them along with the personal donors, volunteers, leaders, parents and guardians who assist us in so many different ways.

There are approximately 1530 participants, 1208 of whom are new entrants. There were 156 Awards presented to 56 units. Five new units were established: Noble Preparatory, Tambeary School, Teleos Christian School, BAMS I in North Andros and The All Cat Island Unit (Old Bight High School and Arthur's Town High School). Seven units were relaunched at: Abaco S.C. Bootle High School; Exuma St. Andrews Anglican; On New Providence at: C.I. Gibson High School, Royal Bahamas Police Cadets, Temple Christian High School, R.M. Bailey High School and St. Andrews High School.

During the year we also hired an assistant National Executive Director in the person of Ms. Jacquetta Maycock, and we expect to employ a full time person for the Northern Bahamas, operating out of the Grand Bahama office.

I wish to welcome the new additions to the Board of Trustees Mr. Cameron Symonette and Mr. Rodger Thompson.

Once again I thank all those who have given sacrificially of their time, talent and finances to keep the GGYA as the premier youth program in the Country.

**Mr. John Bethell Jr.
Chairman**



ARCHDEACON JAMES PALACIOUS
CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL BAHAMAS

This year's Annual General Meeting sees the completion of my first full year as Chair of the Management Council of the GGYA and I am delighted with the progress of our programme during this time.

We have embarked on a re-branding exercise that should not only invigorate the programme but also would have served as an important self-evaluation process that will take us forward to bigger and better things.

As always, we are reliant on and grateful for all the volunteer support we get from leaders, teachers, parents and community leaders. Without this, we simply could not function, let alone thrive, as one of the leading youth programmes in The Bahamas. We have made further efforts to reach out to our 'at risk' youth, through a unit at the Willamae Pratt Centre which we see as our continuing mandate that highlights our commitment to the inclusivity of the GGYA. We have re-started the Young Adventurers Programme for youth aged 11-13, which prepares them for entry into the GGYA at age 14.

I was very pleased to be able to attend the Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Forum in Ghana in October of last year, at which I attended my first International Council Meeting. I came back charged up with all that I learned from the experience, from meeting so many interesting individuals from all over the world and from seeing that the GGYA is standing proud amongst its peers as a respected and fully licensed independent operator of many years' standing.

As hosts this year of CASC, Ms. Mortimer and her team worked tirelessly to put on an impressive programme of events that challenged all the participants but also showcased the beauty of our islands and the warmth of our reception. I was also able to attend my first CASC Annual meeting which afforded me the opportunity to get to know leaders from around the Caribbean and to learn and share so much about how we can best deliver our programme in this regional setting.

There is still much ahead of us in the coming year! Our team, newly expanded (and welcoming back) to include a veteran of the GGYA, Jacquetta Maycock, has many new challenges to meet, goals to exceed and always so much to learn about how we operate this unique programme in our unique environment; our beautiful archipelago of The Bahamas.

2018 Highlights

- South Andros High School receives first Bronze Awards -12 participants.
- Grants obtained from Cable Bahamas, Lyford Cay Foundation, T.K Foundation, Department of Gender Equality and Family Affairs of the Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development.
- Financial support continued from Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture and Ministry of Education, Science & Technology.
- Overall Participation-1530.
- New Entrants -1208.
- Awards-156.
- 56 Units.
- Hiring Assistant National Executive Director.
- 5 New Units: Noble Preparatory, Tambeary School, Teleos Christian School, Andros at BAMSI and All Cat Island Unit-2 schools combined.
- 7 Units Relunched: Abaco S.C. Bootle High School; Exuma St. Andrews Anglican; On New Providence at: C.I. Gibson High School, Royal Bahamas Police Cadets, Temple Christian High School, R.M. Bailey High School and St. Andrews High School.
- Participation in the DOE International Forum held in Ghana.
- 4th hosting of Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council, (CASC), Adventurous Journey.
- CASC Assessors and Supervisors certification course.
- National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, Workshop.
- Introduction to Tools of Effective Leadership Course.
- GGYA Young Adventurers restarted.
- Asst. Director attends Duke of Edinburgh's Award, (DOE), "Mini" MBA Course at the University of Surrey, U.K.
- DOE International Award #WORLDREADY Promotional Photo Campaign.
- DOE International Award Communication Workshop.
- Launched of the DOE International Award Global Alumni Award Network.



DOE International Award Communication Team Interview with National Executive Director, Ms. Denise Mortimer

What does the future hold?

I first found out about the Award when I was a teacher. I saw a poster on the wall above a teacher's desk. I read the information and asked a few questions. What really got me interested was the Service and Adventurous Journey sections. I felt then and still do now, that young people should learn how to give useful service; how to help their communities and find out more about their country, by hiking and camping. A few years later, I saw an ad in the local paper for a Director of the same programme and just jumped at the opportunity to continue working with young people but in a different environment.

My greatest achievement so far working with the Award Programme, is recruiting volunteers. The Bahamas is not known as a country of volunteers, so recruiting adults to help mentor young people, especially in the Adventurous Journey section, has been wonderful. We have been able to recruit over 100 volunteers every year. Some of them have been involved for 10 years. So having adults between the ages of 18 to 58 or older giving service, helping young people, I think has been my greatest achievement. Without them, the GGYA would never have had over 31,000 young people take up the Award challenge.

I have met three key inspirational people along my Award journey so far: Mrs. Gillian Shirazi, who was a former Secretary General of the Award. The late Mr. Robert Nihon, who was Chairman of the Bahamas and helped to get it re-started. And also, Mrs. Rosamund Roberts, who is still involved with the Award. Mrs. Roberts originally joined forces with Mr. Nihon, they got it working and it is still going for thirty years.

My ambition for the Award in the Bahamas is to see it maintain its status as one of the country's premier youth programmes. I would like to see over 50% of our participants achieve their Award. Those are not hard goals to achieve, but it is going to take a lot of work.

Some obstacles I see in the future for the Bahamas Award would be attracting young people. Some young people do not seem as interested in embracing adventure these days. They are preoccupied with looking for scholarships or getting paid. Getting and keeping young people interested in the Award, I think is going to be an obstacle. Of course, also finding and keeping suitable volunteers in the future I see perhaps becoming a problem also. Another obstacle I could see in the future and in 10 years time is economics. Financial support for the Award programme is crucial to success. We can have volunteers, we can recruit participants, but in the Bahamas because we are an archipelago, financial support is very important. We are trying to reach every young person in the Bahamas. So the financial health of the organisation could be an issue, and finding private partnership is something we will have to work harder with.

The future of education will entail technology playing a greater role. More technology is already being incorporated into education. More people will also find out that non-formal education is just as important as formal education. Some young people learn differently from others. So technology and non-formal education will change the way we teach our young people.

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Elements that I think contribute to a good education are those that prepare young people to become productive citizens in their country. It is important to train young people in what their interests are, rather than simply maintaining good results in exams. Preparing them for the social aspects and the world out there is equally important. A good educator is someone who prepares young people to use whatever skills they have. Whatever they say they can do – doing and helping themselves and others along the way.

The best ways to equip and empower young people to be agents of positive change in the future is the way that we train them today. Young people should be encouraged more and more to develop their own interests.

We must encourage young people to believe in themselves more. We need to ensure that they have access to the tools that they need to develop their interests; tools they need to succeed. We need to ensure that they understand that they are the ones that are responsible for their own success. Our role as adults is to ad-

2018 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	599	644	1243
Silver	97	100	197
Gold	41	49	90
Total	737	793	1530

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>	421	495	916
Silver - <i>Direct</i>	2	1	3
Silver – <i>Continuing</i>	97	100	197
Gold - <i>Direct</i>	1	1	2
Gold - <i>Continuing</i>	41	49	90
Total	562	646	1208

Reaching Young People From Diverse Backgrounds

This include targeted persons and those that participated in GGYA.

Group	Targeted	Number of active participants in 2018
Young people who are considered disadvantaged or at risk through ill health, addiction, conflict, unemployment or marginalization	Yes	103
18-25 age group	Yes	19
Teenage parents	No	0
Young people from immigrant communities or with ethnic minority background	Yes	98
Young people who are considered to have a physical, learning or other disability	Yes	8

Units

University	2
Uniformed Organizations	2
Government Schools	27
Independent Schools	24
Community Group or Organization	1

Volunteers

Award Leader (including voluntary Award Leaders and youth workers) 155	Other adult volunteers (including assessors, but not Award Leaders) 48
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Island by Island

Impacting the lives of many young Bahamian continues to be the GGYA mandate. Many of the Family Islands volunteers, including Grand Bahama, continued their quest to reach the youth on their respective islands.

In 2018, 31 units were located at the following schools and organizations: A.F. Adderley Jr, Anatol Rodgers High, Aquinas College, 23rd St. Barnabas Boys Brigade, C.I. Gibson High School, C.R. Walker High School, C.V. Bethel High School, Doris Johnson High School, Education Alternative Learning Center, H.O. Nash Jr., Hope Academy, Jordan Prince Williams, Kingsway Academy, Leadership Academy, L.W. Young Jr., Lyford Cay International, Nassau Christian Academy, New Providence Classical, Queen's College, Royal Bahamas Defence Force Rangers, Royal Bahamas Police Cadets, Augustine's College, St. John's College, Tambeary School, Teleos Christian School, Temple Christian High School, and University of The Bahamas.

Grand Bahama has the second largest number of units and participants. These units had 32 supervisors and located at the following schools: Bishop Michael Eldon High School, Eight Mile Rock High School, Jack Hayward Jr., Jack Hayward Sr., Lucaya International School, Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School, St. George's High School, St. Paul's Methodist, Sunland Baptist Academy, and Tabernacle Christian Academy.

On Abaco Island there are two units with 37 participants and six volunteers. The units included: Patrick J. Bethell High School and S.C. Boole High School.

The islands of Andros had 68 participants involved from three units: BAMS, Huntley P. Christie High School and South Andros High School. They had five volunteers.

The one unit in the Berry Islands was located in Bullocks Harbour at the R.N. Gomez Comprehensive School. There were 23 participants with one volunteer.



Islands	No. Units	No. Participants	Volunteers
New Providence	31	739	85
Grand Bahama	10	355	32
Abaco	2	37	6
Andros	3	68	5
Berry Islands	1	23	1
Cat Island	1	27	2
Eleuthera	3	143	10
Exuma	2	79	4
Inagua	1	22	3
Long Island	2	37	7
Total	56	1530	155

The All Cat Island Unit (Arthur's Town High School and Old Bight High School) was restarted again with 27 participants and 2 volunteers.

Eleuthera has 10 volunteers responsible for 143 participants. Units included Harbour Island All Age School, North Eleuthera High School and Preston H. Albury High School.

Inagua also had one unit that continued to remain active with the work of three volunteers. Located at the only school on the island, the Inagua All Age School has 22 participants.

Joining the GGYA ranks of units again were the two schools on Long Island. These were located at the North Long Island High School and in the south at N.G.M. Major High School. There were two volunteers in the North, supervising 16 participants. Down south, 27 participants had five advisors.

The popular activities on all the Family Island included environmental and conservation service projects, music, arts and crafts and drama for skills. Soccer, swimming, cycling, fitness and volleyball for physical recreation.



Temple Christian High School



North Long Island High School



G.V. Bethel High School

Training

Sixty GGYA unit leaders had the opportunity to experience an expedition on foot at the Bronze level from Saturday April 21 to Sunday April 22nd. Travelling by boat to North Eleuthera their challenge began from James Bay hiking to the historic Preachers Cave. From there it was then onto the Bluff settlement, camping there for the night.

On the second day, many were still in fine spirits as they “hiked” to 3 Island Dock to take the ferry to Harbour Island. All survived the 20-mile trek!!! Kudos to all!!

Eight volunteers from GGYA took part in the Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council, (CASC), Assessor/Supervisor training course. They also took part in the NEMA workshop and Introduction to Tools of Effective Leadership Course. CASC Assessor/Supervisor course was conducted by Emmerson Martin from Trinidad & Tobago. The NEMA workshop by conducted by Mrs. Gail Moncur and the Leadership course facilitated by Mr. Lawson Clarke.



Awards

Three events were held to recognize participants who qualified for Bronze and Silver Awards. These aspiring young people completed their respective Awards in 2017 and we saw it fitting to give all the Awardees their due accolades.

The first Award Ceremony was for the South Andros High School unit held on Thursday, May 24 at the Marion Forbes Centre. Presenting 10 participants with their Awards was chief councilor Mr. Zebadee Rolle. Bringing remarks were Mrs. Sheena Duncombe, Principal of South Andros High School, Ms. Susan Glinton, member of the GGYA management council and Mrs. Cheryl Ingraham, South Andros High School unit leader. M/C for the evening was Mr. Jerome Forbes, District Superintendent South Andros and Mangrove and GGYA Coordinator South Andros and Mangrove Cay.

Nassau Awards reception

Eighty-two Bronze and Silver recipients attended an Award Reception on Monday, May 28th at Superclubs Breezes. Many of the participants had completed respective Award level's in 2017 and were now being rewarded for their gallant efforts.

In attendance for this ceremony were Management Council Chairman, the Venerable Archdeacon James Palacios, Vice-chair, Anna-Mirelle Martin, Executives members: Ms. Susan Glinton and Ms. Portia Sweeting and Board of Trustees member Mrs. Nancy Kelly.

Grand Bahama Awards

On Wednesday, May 30th, sixty-three Grand Bahamians accepted their Awards. This ceremony was held at Castaways Resorts & Suites, Flamingo Restaurant beginning at 7pm.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Carla Brown-Roker, Ministry of Youth Grand Bahama Youth Officer. The Award presenter was GGYA Management Council Chair, The Venerable Archdeacon James Palacios. Brining remarks was Dr. Sophia Rolle, Council Executive Member.



Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE)

This year's Bahamas Award Super Expedition (BASE) was an abbreviated event due to the GGYA hosting the Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council Adventurous Journey (CASC).

There were 11 Silver participants and 23 Gold participants.

The groups began their expedition on foot June 26th, finishing Friday, June 29th.

The venture began for the Gold section from Lighthouse Point, taking the groups along the coast to Jacks Bay, Cotton Bay, Rock Sound and onto Tarpum Bay, over four days and three nights.

The Silver section had three days and two nights to complete their requirement. They hiked Whymms Bight to Jacks Bay, then along the coast ending in Tarpum Bay.



International Events

Duke of Edinburgh's International Forum

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Forum was hosted by the Head of State Award (HOSA) in Accra, Ghana on October 29th – November 5th, 2018. The Forum is an opportunity to help shape the way the Award is governed, managed and implemented around the world. It is a once-in-three-year opportunity to network with the National Award Operators (NAO) leaders and staff from the Association and Foundation to share best practice, troubleshoot issues and celebrate success together.

The Forum catered to an estimated two hundred persons who included delegates from the four regions around the world: Africa, Americas, Asia Pacific, and EMAS (Europe, Mediterranean, and Arab States). Representatives from The GGYA were National Council Chairman, Archdeacon James Palacios, accompanied by the National Executive Director, Denise Mortimer, and Assistant Director, Jacquetta Maycock. During the Forum, delegates got the opportunity to discuss the global development of the Award, understand the context in which we are all working and to have their say on new policies and plans.

Some of the main workshops and events included International Council and Trustees Meetings, Advisory Panel Discussions, Field Visits to local Units to experience the Award in Action – *Seeing is Believing*, and the Gala Dinner. Practical sessions focused on improvement and growth of the Award globally and included a mixture of speakers from within the Association and external experts across a range of topics.

Despite numerous challenges that the Award faces globally that impact the delivery and farther-reaching impact of the Programme, the International Association is equipped and ready to support Award operators around the globe. GGYA remains inspired and motivated to continue to deliver the Award Programme in The Bahamas!



Caribbean Award Sub-Regional (CASC) Expedition/AGM

The Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council (CASC) 2018 Adventurous Journey was once again brought to the shores of The Bahamas under the code name “Rakers and Scrapers”. Just as the name implies, the adventure took delegates to historic Cat Island. From seven countries around the Caribbean, namely Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, along with our very own, this was truly and adventure of a lifetime.

CASC ran from July 27th – August 10th hosting some 136 persons; participants (73), leaders (23), and staff (40). The event began and ended with much enthusiasm. Some of the key highlights were:

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Welcome Reception
- Training Courses
- Treasure Hunt
- 4-day Expedition
- Cultural Showcase
- Closing Party

In preparation for the expedition, individuals completed training courses at St. John’s College (Base Camp). These courses included information essential to the Adventurous Journey, Water Safety, Supervising and Assessing, Effective Leadership, First Aid and AED Use, and a special presentation by National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

The grueling 4 - day expedition took participants to Cat Island on board the Lady Emerald. Thirteen hours of “cruising” proved just enough time to rest and relax prior to the hike. Beginning with a trek up Como Hill to Mt. Alvernia, the remaining days were spent along the beautiful coastlines of the island, and ending in Port Howe. To everyone’s delight, prior to departing, the group was fortunate to be able to get a taste of the Cat Island Rake and Scrape Festival – a fitting end!

Fulfilling its aim, one could say that CASC 2018 certainly presented more than its share of adventure, challenge, and friendships as we look forward to what the next such gathering holds.

CASC AGM was held at Super Clubs Breezes. Twenty-two persons were in attendance including , Ms. Muna Issa, a Trustee of Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation, Mr. David Clarke, Americas Region Director, Mr. Sam Williams, International Secretariat and Ms. Maria Hudson, Assistant Americas Region Director.

Their were representatives from 10 Countries, these were Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, St. Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago, The Bahamas, Jamaica and St. Vincent.

Agenda items included: National Award Operators, Update on CASC Adventurous Journey, Treasurer’s Report, Chairman’s Report, Update on any International/Regional meeting attended, proposal for CASC 2019, date and place of CASC expedition 2020 and World Video .



CASC Adventurous Journey



Duke of Edinburgh's Award, (DOE),"Mini" MBA Course at the University of Surrey, U.K.

Under the sponsorship of The Duke of Edinburgh and the Governor General's Youth Award, incoming Assistant National Executive Director, Mrs. Jacquetta Maycock, attended the first Executive Development Course in partnership with the Executive Development Team of the University of Surrey, Guildford, UK. The aim of this course was to accelerate innovative thinking into practice. This collaborative learning opportunity equips leaders to be able to make sense of the "confusing" digital, economic and service delivery environment, allowing for the development of solutions that are innovative and "fit for purpose".

The Bahamas joined other delegates from Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, Bulgaria, Nigeria, Indonesia, Nepal, Abu Dhabi, Malta, Hong Kong, Romania, Mauritius, Australia, and Slovakia. Mr. Ben Shenoy, Director of Executive Education and Director of the Business Insights Lab at the University introduced the group to a case study with a new business venture. The participants had to dissect different aspects of the business, potential challenges and successes, and use the information as a guide on the Award programmes that each person represented. Additionally, the group was able to develop a Social

Franchise Canvas, as outlined by Jess Van Thiel, Founding and Managing Partner of Pathfinder, a consultancy for sustainable development solutions.

Over the course of six months following, the students completed assignments geared towards getting a better understanding of different marketing methods - exploring parallels between their local programme and various business methods that could be used to assist with the development of the Award Programme. In November, the course was completed, and participants were presented with a certificate during the final days of Forum in Ghana.



Gold Award Holders Association (GAHA)

The GAHA held elections on May 30, 2018, bringing in a new leadership team for the next two years. The Team consisted of Lamar Pinder as President, Deshawn McGregor as 1st Vice President, Kendelyn Pennerman as Secretary, Dwaynisha Henderson as Asst. Secretary, Robert Moncur as Treasurer and Xavier Knowles as Asst. Treasurer.

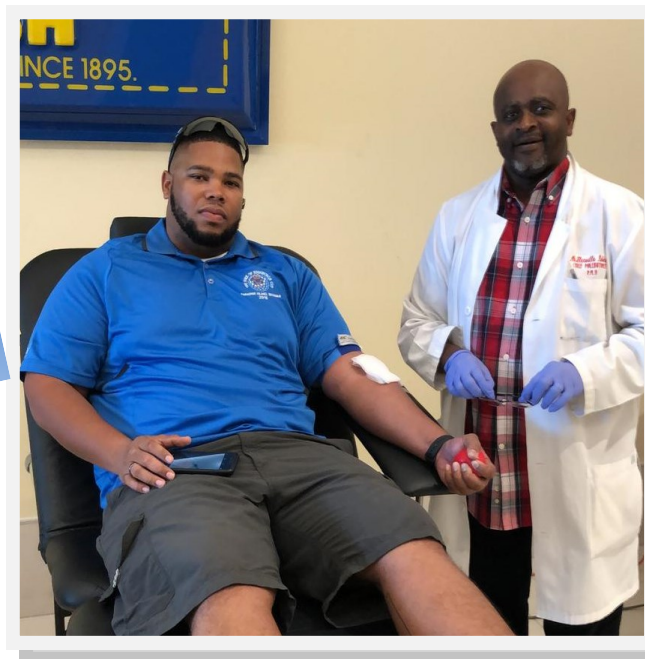
In 2018 we have trudged forward ensuring that GAHA's are always present to support GGYA as best we can. The first event on the agenda was the 'Empower Your Health' event held on Saturday June 16, 2018, in Fox Hill. We assisted with everything from organizing patients to being parking attendants.

GAHA members split up for the next two events that were held on the same day. One was the Ministry of National Security's Annual Church Service held on June 24th at the Church of God of Prophecy on East Street South. The other was the annual Golf Tournament. In September, GAHA assisted with the International Coastal Cleanup held on the west end of South Beach.

In October, GAHA assisted with the National Youth March by marshaling the participants.

GAHA also assisted with the setup and break down of the World Aids Day walk which was held on December 1st.

On December 3rd, GAHA participated in the International Day of Disability held on Arawak Cay. It was a beautiful showing from various disability communities throughout The Bahamas.



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Making A Difference

What does it mean to be world ready? Within the Award young people are engaged in activities that prepares them for life outside the classrooms, outside of their comfort zones. Around the world, millions of participants are being inspired to make a difference in their communities. To this end, the International Award Association has rolled out its new global platform #WORDREADY. This theme boasts the power of the Award in equipping young people for their future – and GGYA is well onboard! Read more on how our participants are #WORDREADY!

Nathan Pearson is a 16-year-old from Andros. He has achieved his Bronze and Silver Awards and is now completing his Gold. Nathan tells about how the skills he learnt through GGYA have enabled him to help his community recover after Hurricane Matthew.

“After Hurricane Matthew hit, many islands including my own, Andros, were left devastated. We had no power for weeks, we had to search for water and many people really didn’t know how to survive. It was really shocking but by doing the Award, I had learnt to be proactive and confident and so, as part of my Service section, I volunteered to help get the island back on track.

So in the aftermath of the hurricane, I volunteered at the renewal center and we would often visit people’s homes to help clean up the debris and rebuild their homes-and their lives-as much as we could. I have gone from being a shy boy who sat around at home and really only interacted with people digitally-even with my friends-to quite a confident, adventurous individual who loves meeting new people, enjoys teamwork and goes above and beyond to accomplish what I want to achieve. I’m honestly surprised by the person I have become.

The Award has given me so many fantastic experiences; it’s been an honor. I don’t want my Award journey to end with Gold. I hope to carry on volunteering with the Award so that I can give more young people the opportunities that I have been lucky enough to have.”



Nathan Pearson
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Young Adventurers Program (YAP)

What is the Young Adventurers Program?

The Young Adventurers Program of The Governor General's Youth Award is a program that allows participants to give **Service** to their **Community**, be introduced to worthwhile **Hobbies**, become **Active**, and engage them in **Outdoor Experiences**. In the end participants earn a **Personal Achievement Certificate**. Additionally, these young people are introduced to the Governor General's Youth Award Programme – an exciting programme of personal development and achievement!

Who can join?

The Program is for young persons between the ages of 10 – 13. These include Primary school students (5th/6th Graders), through middle school (7th – 9th Graders), that meet the age requirement.

Where and When do we meet?

The Program meets at the school/institution where volunteer leaders agree to run the program. Leaders schedule the times and organize all activities. These Leaders are trained by the Governor General's Youth Award Program.

How can I start?

Contact GGYA at 326-1760/1. An **annual \$10.00 registration fee** is required, but not needed to get started or participate. Registration comes with a nifty t-shirt!

Congratulations to Ms. Darisha Johnson for re-starting the 1st YAP at Claridge Primary School. She is also the YAP coordinator assisted by Award Alumni Ms. Iesha Dawkins.



Treasurer Report

January 1st 2018– December 31st 2018

2018 has been another fruitful year for The Governor General's Youth Award. We were able to meet all of our financial obligations and operational commitments timely. Despite the increase in VAT to 12 % we have been blessed and continue to stride forward with our plans.

Actual receipts for the year 2018 totaled \$ 509,382.50, while expenses totaled \$ 444,371.37. We were able to cover all our expenses with surplus funds in hand to assist for 2019. In 2018 we gained two new benefactors they are the TK Foundation and Gunvor Bahamas. The TK foundation is providing funding to the Northern Bahamas Operation and the Gunvor Bahamas, assistance to our Young Adventurers.

Thanks, is extended once again to the Government and people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for the continued confidence repose in us. To our newest benefactors, the TK Foundation and Gunvor Bahamas, it is good to have you both on board. Many thanks, to all of our other contributors and donors over the past year.

Last but not least, we could never pay our volunteers, trustees, board and workers for all they invest and contribute daily to ensure the success of this program. Continue to do well.

May God continue to bless you all and this great organization.

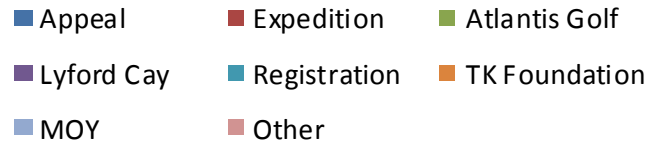
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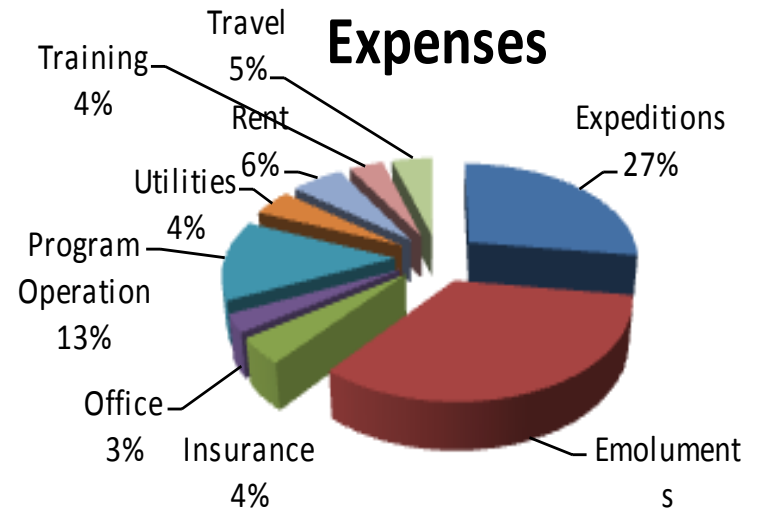


Income



Appeal	\$	33,219.25
Expedition	\$	42,270.28
Atlantis Golf	\$	20,750.00
Lyford Cay	\$	37,000.00
Registration	\$	9,370.00
TK Foundation	\$	25,000.00
MOY	\$	329,000.00
Other	\$	12,772.97
Total	\$	509,382.50

Expenses



Expeditions	\$	121,098.71
Emoluments	\$	149,295.44
Insurance	\$	18,951.51
Office	\$	13,245.54
Program Operation	\$	58,696.38
Utilities	\$	19,782.71
Rent	\$	25,916.50
Training	\$	17,061.60
Travel	\$	20,322.98
Total	\$	444,371.37

2018 Units & Volunteers

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