

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another”

Charles Dickens

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give”

Winston Churchill

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR FIFTH YEAR

July 4, 2014 marked the fifth anniversary of the opening of Lusignan-Good Hope Learning Center (LGHLC). We have come a far way since we started on July 4, 2009. We are a permanent fixture in the area and a beacon of hope for the less fortunate in the community. The national flags of both Guyana and the United States, flying proudly in front of our center, signify to the world our allegiances and sending the silent message that we are there to help.

Highlights

- ✓ Once again, the 6th Graders from Jefferson Middle School (JMS) in Oak Ridge, NJ fundraised for our center, this is their third year. The children created a poetry book. They wrote the poems, illustrated the book and sold it. They raised \$2,800.00. They also collected boxes of clothes, footwear and school supplies. We will forever be grateful to Ms. Maria Clarizio and the 6th graders of JMS!! Thank you!
- ✓ Our dear friends north of the border in Canada held a boat cruise fundraiser for the center on July 6, 2014. They netted \$3,070.82. To Cindy Gomes, Maralyn Narayan, Jessica O'Reilly, Dr. Balliram Chadee and all their wonderful helpers – a great big Thank You!!! We are truly grateful!!

- ✓ We teamed up with Guyana Conference of 7th Day Adventist to host a Medical Outreach for the surrounding communities. Conducted blood pressure & diabetes screenings, general medical checkups, dental cleaning, extractions and filling for 274 patients.
- ✓ In April we hosted a Mothers' Workshop that was attended by over 40 mothers and two fathers. The topics discussed were the Power of Education and Educational Responsibility of Parents. It was a success from their attendance and attention. Did we get the message across? Only time will tell.
- ✓ The children had fun at our annual Easter Feast where the children were treated to cross-buns, pizza, soda and kites.
- ✓ The annual Phagwah Program for the children that included a concert and motivational speeches by community leaders was well attended.
- ✓ Our third Christmas party and Concert was held on December 7, 2013.
- ✓ The center was repainted inside and outside and we did general maintenance including fence repairs etc.

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Upcoming Events

LGHLC will be having their 6th Annual Christmas Party on December 6th, 2014. It will begin with a Christmas Concert featuring the children of the center. Santa Claus will be stopping by to deliver Christmas gifts to the kids. After Santa leaves, the children will be fed and fêted!!!

Ongoing Activities

- We currently have six daily classes including our class for dropouts
- Our battle with child abuse continues. We will continue to fight for protection, representation and justice for all abused children.
- We are forging ahead with our outreach programs:
 - ✓ Distributing:
 - Clothes and footwear
 - Food Hampers
 - ✓ Providing:
 - Medical help to sick children
 - Scholarships to drop-outs getting them back in school
 - Whatever basic needs are required by our students.

Message to all our Friends and Supporters

We hope we can continue to demonstrate to you that we value your support and that we use it wisely to help the less fortunate. We, and those we serve, deeply appreciate your generosity. Thank you!!

Please Donate

Help us break the cycle of poverty and hopelessness by donating to our cause. Please make your check payable to **Restoring Hope International, Inc. and mail to 5 Molly Stark Drive, Morristown, NJ 07960.** You can also donate online at www.goodhope-gy.org. A **tax deductible** receipt will be mailed to you for your records. A hundred percent of your donation will go towards this project.



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