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## Empowering with STEM and Job Skills

Summer 2012 was an invigorating time for sixty-eight 14-21 year old high school and college students from the Washington DC area. They were part of Mayor Vincent C. Gray Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). As part of a 6 year partnership with the Department of Employment Services (DOES) qualified youth enjoy an integrated learning experience of academics, job skills, field trips, team projects and fun with Children & Charity International

from June 25 to August 5, 2012.

We also conducted summer activities for middle school students 3rd thru 8th grade from public and private schools to keep them engaged and avoid summer learning loss.

All participants enjoyed learning activities that included science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Field trips were arranged to

provide real world experiences for the students.



Students focus and pride their work.

## Students studied the Environment



CAC conducted a “What’s Good in My Hood” (WGIMH) project during summer 2012. It highlights a group of 4-8th grade students exploring the Dupont Circle area in the District. The Young Scientists explored their community using the WGIMH workbook, created by Ms. Akiima Price, that asked them questions which lead to answers about what is good and what is not good in their neighborhood. Support was provided by DC Children and Youth Investment Trust

**WHAT WE DO:**

- **Conduct science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) training and outreach activities for K-12th grade students in Washington DC area.**
- **Provide information and learning experiences for parents and caregivers.**
- **Conduct work readiness and job training for youth.**
- **Conduct mentoring and leadership training for youth.**
- **Organize field trips, book fairs and hands-on activities for participants in the pre-college programs**
- **Support international education, feeding, and health-care projects and development.**
- **Provide disaster relief and humanitarian aid.**

## A Message from the Chair

2012 was a year of continued transformation and establishing new partnerships. We are thankful to the organizations, government agencies and churches that have collaborated with CAC in our quest to fulfill a national mandate to impact children and youth lives with education and work readiness skills. Special thanks to faculty, professors, graduates and student representatives from the University of the District of Columbia who shared valuable time and resources to ensure we conducted successful programs. Thanks also to our foreign partners that visited us from Kenya, Uganda and Nepal.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend a hearty thank you to the management and staff of CAC. Your dedication is reflected in the success we have achieved to date. We look forward to great accomplishments in 2013.

## Collaboration

CAC has joined forces with the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) to provide math and science enrichment programs, Job training and occupational opportunities for youth in the District of Columbia.



We look forward to preparing hundreds of DC youth for STEM careers and the world of work.

## Field Trips and Events

- Nine field trips were taken to the Maryland Science Center, Air & Space Museums, Aqueduct, Textile Museum, Art of Video Games Exhibition, Macy's Cosmetics Center, New York Fashion District, USDA Research Center and the Washington DC Convention Center Robotics Competition.
- Four, Book Fairs & Brunches were conducted to encourage literacy.
- Our Annual Holiday Extravaganza was held on December 15, 2012. Families were treated to free Dinner and toys, and books donated by NASA Goddard, First Book National Book Bank, and Random House.
- A Christmas donation of toys and supplies was presented to Dr. Jorge de Casanova, Director of Hispanic Ministry, Central Union Mission.



< Food and Fun

Dr. Jorge and Mrs. James >



## Students Excelling in School

Testimonials come in from parents letting us know how students are doing at school after being in CAC programs. “Mason got a 90% in English.” “Jordan got a 99 % in Math.”

A recent report came from Mrs. Deborah Page about her daughter, who had participated in our SEMAA programs since 2nd grade. Now a 7th grader, Shepsura used aspects of what was learned from a rocket science class to experiment on wing design. She placed 2nd in the Physics category. Shepsura has won several grade science fair projects and the “Excellence in Biological Science” Award in PG County's Kids for Science STEM Fair for a project that tested principals used in making African Mud Cloth. In 2012 Shepsura took the art of science to the next level by conducting a workshop to show other middle school students the process of making mud cloth.

Mrs. Page says, “I have to smile because she got her foundation at SEMAA. So often kids move on and you may not have concrete evidence of the impact that you've made on their lives. I just want you to know how much you and SEMAA are appreciated. Thank you.”

Way to go, Shepsura! We wish you a bright future.



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## Ongoing International Projects

CAC continues to collaborate and support several international organizations including:



Ambassador Odembo and Mrs. James

- UNICEF/UNHCR/WFP - refugees education, food and humanitarian aid
- Institute of Grace (Haiti) - assisting with healthcare and education
- Bridges Hospitality Centre (Eldoret, Kenya) - assisting with job skills and higher education
- CAC programs in Ghana, Liberia and Uganda - education and aid for children and families
- Take Heart Association Project (THAP) Nairobi, Kenya - assisting with patients needing heart surgeries. On December 2, 2012 Robbie Shaefer of OneVoice held a fundraiser to benefit THAP. It was a great success. On February 15, 2013 H.E. Ambassador Elkanah Odembo of the Kenyan Embassy, Washington DC honored participants including Marilyn James for supporting projects in Kenya.

## Photos of Activities

### SCIENCE



TECHNOLOGY



SKILLS



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## 2013 MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO HAITI JULY 18 TO JULY 25, 2013

Join CAC and Dr. Anne James Boyd medical mission team of doctors, dentists, other professionals and lay people as they travel to Haiti to support Miracia Hospital in Merger, Haiti. The cost is only \$550 per person. If you have time and talent we can use you. Seeking teachers, gardeners, diesel and automobile mechanics, construction workers, painters, electricians, high school and college students. French and Creole speakers welcomed.

**Get details and sign up. Spots are filling up.**

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## Donations and Support

Thank you everyone for your donations and continued support that make the many programs and activities possible. Please continue to:—

### Make a donation:

- Visit our website and make a donation online
- Donate through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) to **#11144**
- Send us a check by mail

### Volunteer in our US programs:

- Lend your professional skills and expertise as lecturers/trainers
- Conduct Youth Leadership Workshops and Training

- Become a mentor to students
- Write grant proposals
- Plan and carry out fundraisers

### Volunteer in Haiti or Africa to:

- Teach English
- Work in the hospital (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, etc)
- Lead/go on short-term missions
- Conduct HIV/AIDS Seminars
- Instruct in Micro-business operations

**We need your urgent help to complete the below construction project  
All size gifts welcomed!**



**Unfinished Educational Center in Eldoret, Kenya**

