

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR FIRST YEAR

WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT WE DID AND WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO!!!!

Capital Improvement & Maintenance:

- ✓ Replaced the chain-link front gate with an iron gate.
- ✓ Built a toilet outside of the building for the security personnel.
- ✓ Completed and equipped the kitchen with additional cupboards, tiled countertop and all the necessary appliances and utensils.
- ✓ Installed air conditioner in the computer room
- ✓ Built 5 large tables and 8 large benches to accommodate additional children
- ✓ Re-paint interior and exterior of the center
- ✓ Installed shades on all windows

Events

- ✓ Our first Christmas party was held on December 5, 2009. Over 400 kids were

Newsflash!!!

- **RHI is approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. So all your donations are tax deductible!!**
- **LGHLC is an accredited Literacy Center in Guyana!!**

entertained at the center. The children received gifts from Santa Claus, lunch and goody bags.

- ✓ A luncheon was hosted for over 300 children at the center in April 2010. The luncheon was sponsored by Joseph Swami of New York.
- ✓ On August 20, 2010, the Honorable Minister of Education, Mr. Shaik Baksh visited the center and spoke to the children. The Chairman of Region Four, Mr. Corlette and Special Assistant to the President of Guyana, Mr. Winston Cox were also present at the center and spoke to the children as well.
- ✓ In addition, a luncheon for the children was hosted on that

day by Mr. & Mrs. Mohamed Ally of New York. The children each received lunch, followed by ice cream and goody bags.

Giving Hope to Guyana's Children to Build a Better Tomorrow

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Upcoming Events

LGHLC will be having their 2nd Annual Christmas Party on December 4th, 2010. 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 children. After Santa leaves, the children will be fed and fêted!!!

New Programs

1. We realized that a lot of the children have never had their birthday acknowledged and some of them do not know their birth date. Because of this, we started a Birthday Program where every child's birthday is celebrated with a gift and the singing of birthday wishes.
2. We started a Daily Snack Program. The children each receive a snack consisting of cookies and juice every day.

Ongoing Activities

1. Monthly workshop with Help & Shelter
2. Working with Human Services, Welfare Division to assist in housing displaced kids and keeping them in school
3. Saturday computer classes
4. Continuing community outreach work to poor families distributing:
 - Clothes and shoes
 - Food Hampers
 - Children Vitamin

Plans for the next twelve months

1. Complete the playground. We encountered a snag with the playground and had to put the completion on hold. The Ministry needed the land to store machinery and supplies for road work being done in

the area. Since the 'playground' is the government reserve, we had no choice. We are currently awaiting the Ministry's assistance in filling the land. Then we can fence and install the furnishing and equipment to complete the playground. We have a swing set, see-saw and slider already built. There is a contingent of sports equipment also waiting for the playground's completion.

2. Provide a daily hot meal for the kids during the summer vacation.
3. Class trips during the summer vacation
4. Replace the front fence with a concrete fence to provide privacy to classes being held on the porch.
5. Hire two additional teachers.
6. Install telephone and Internet service.

Note:

The execution of Items 2 through 5 is contingent upon RHI having the financial resources to fund them.

Message to all our Friends and Supporters

Thank you for your belief in and support of our work in Guyana. Together we give these children reasons to dream, to dream of a better life because there is someone who cares -**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.** 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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