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GUYANA CHARACTER SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM A SUCCESS:

After a hiatus of 2 years our team returned to Guyana in August for a Character Skills Training

Workshop. The five-day Workshop held at St Stanislaus College, Brickdam, Georgetown attracted 225 students and 45 educators from 6 schools: Jo'Sel Education Institute, Providence Primary, Meten-Meer-Zorg Islamic Academy, Stella Maris, St. Margaret's Primary, Malgre Toute Primary. Justice Corp and a group of 45 children and teenagers from underserved communities also attended.

The children showcased their understanding of the Six Pillars of Character on the final day of the workshop with entertaining and informative characterizations of the Pillars. The Chief Education Office Dr. Marcel Hutson and Director of the Diaspora Affaris Unit in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ms. Rosalinda Rasul attended the Friday celebration, as well as representatives of the media, parents and guardians of the children.

The Organization expresses its appreciation to the Ministry of Education for its support, without whom the Workshop would not have been possible.

The Organization also extends its gratitude to Sister Naleni Persaud and the entire family of One With Me Ministry, Campbelville for hosting the USA based team. We are appreciative of the care you demonstrated in providing for us.

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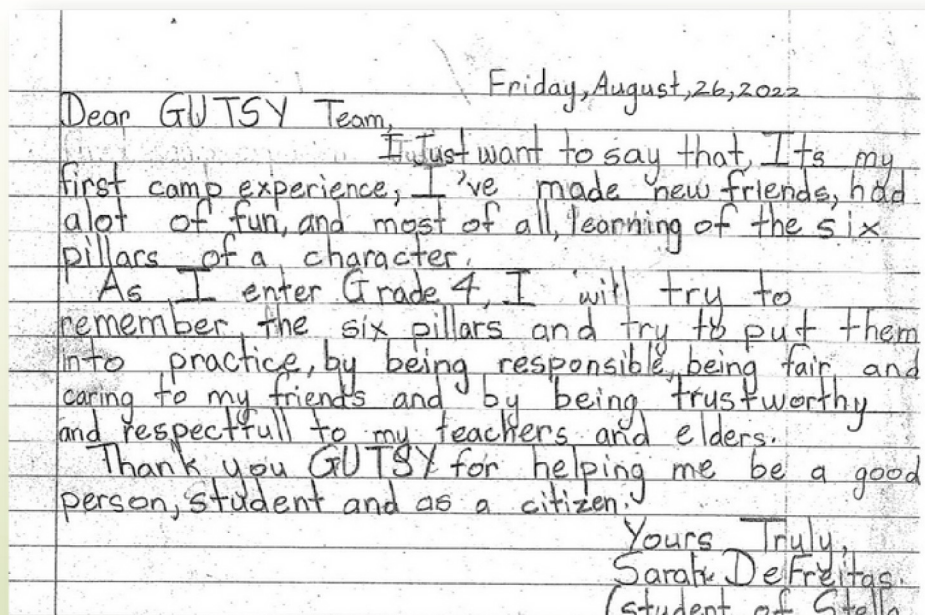
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SAVE THE DATE FLAVORS 3

Despite a late start due to a larger turnout than expected, Flavors of the Caribbean 2022 was entertaining and successful. It raised the funds we needed to fulfil our promise to return to Guyana for in-person coaching. The Braata Singers were a hit. Indian Bollywood dancer Brianna showed off her dancing skills and Devon DaPanist was his usual soulful self on the pans. Flavors will return in 2023 at a new location with more Caribbean vibes, delish food and attractive raffle prices. Join us.



LETTER FROM STUDENT SARAH

WE APPRECIATE YOU

BCB Community Bank

I am chosen Foundation Glassboro New Jersey

David Yi, Providence Mortgage

Neil Bacchus, The Bacchus Group

Desiree Heyliger

Margaret Hall

Events to Perfection

The Rotary Club of Bayonne, New Jersey

Everyone who contributes to our mission. We appreciate you. Thank you!

TEACHER FEEDBACK ON OUR IN PERSON CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM. GEORGETOWN GUYANA AUGUST 2022

- **AILEEN CASTRO, TEACHER (USA):** *"Traveling to Guyana was an authentic experience. This opportunity allowed us to exchange ideas and collaborate with educators. Being able to roll up our sleeves, and work alongside teachers using a hands-on approach, helped build a sense of community. This trip solidified a clearer vision to accomplish our mission of implementing character education... one that is GUTSY"*
- **ROSE OCTOBER, TEACHER (USA):** *"The experience of working as a Character Counts! Trainer was enlightening. The students and teachers were not only passionate about learning, but also engaged in a collaborative process that allowed one to envision a bright future as both groups embraced the six pillars of CC! It was indeed gratifying to be a part of this journey which was enhanced by the participants' articulation of GUTSY's vision."*
- **JASON LAMPING, Director: CHARACTER COUNTS! Business Development The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University: Home of CHARACTER COUNTS!:** *"We applaud your efforts to make a difference and positive impact with character education. We hope the CC! framework and Six Pillars of Character will provide an easy, efficient, and impactful way for you to reach your desired goals in South America. Please rely on us as a helpful partner in the process!"*



TRAINING THE TRAINERS

CHARACTER COUNTS! TRAINS OUR TRAINERS

In July seven GUTSY trainers including two from Guyana participated in a two part “INTRODUCTION TO CHARACTER COUNTS! Workshop hosted by CHARACTER COUNTS! The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center | Drake University. The training was intended to give participants an understanding of how to implement character development programs in schools.

In June GUTSY President Janice Hall attended a CHARACTER COUNTS! Student Development Workshop at The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center | Drake University. The Workshop provided participants an understanding that CHARACTER COUNTS! is a framework based upon the Six Pillars of Character and how to develop critical character skills for academic, career and life success. Participants were also taught to embrace the Six Pillars in their own life and how to utilize the framework to shape an Organization and School's culture.





As a member of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition We Are GUTSY, Inc joins the company of an alliance of schools and youth-serving organizations committed to spreading the message of character education using the CHARACTER COUNTS! Framework and teaching the Six Pillars of Character. CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Six Pillars of Character are trademarks of the Josephson Institute.

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ARE YOU GUTSY?

Are you passionate about helping others? Are you experienced in teaching children ages 3 to 12 years old? Can you coach with an emphasis on cultural relevance? Are you good at fundraising? Do you have experience in grant writing?
If so, **WE NEED YOU!**

Contact us at info@weareGUTSY.org

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