



## MARCH NEWSLETTER 2017 HEALTHY SPIRIT MIND & BODY FOR ALL

### **EASTER BREAK CAMP**



Our Y campers had a blast during the February break camp. One of the highlights was Friday's dress-up day. Campers and leaders dressed up in the colours of the five core values, which led to some creative and colourful outfits. It was a busy week of sports with Flash, explorer challenges, sandcastle building and



#### **Pastor Randy Von Kanel**

Pastor Randv Von Kanel is a founding board member and Past Chairman of the YMCA of the Cayman Islands.



His heart for the islands and drive to build a strong

more! Check out more pictures <u>here</u>, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

Easter break camp is just around the corner. It promised to be another week of FUN with holiday-themed arts & crafts, Easter egg decorating and more! Registration runs as follows:

- 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Thursday 30 March, 6 April at the Field of Dreams
- 4 p.m. 6 p.m. Tuesday 28 March, 4 April at the Chamber of Commerce, Governors Square
- 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Friday 7 April at the Field of Dreams Last day to register!

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about Easter break camp.

Contact email: ysummercamp@ymcacayman.ky.

# EASP: DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



One of the five core values taught at the Y is caring. As we work to nurture a culture of community service across all of our EASP sites, students from the programme at Clifton Hunter have taken this message to heart.

They have been busy in their communities, visiting elderly residents of Sunrise Cottage in East End, young heart patients at Health City, and firefighters at the Frank Sound station.

The students' visits, words of encouragement, and handmade cards were greatly appreciated by all; but, the experiences in the community had a profound impact on participants as well.

Of the time spent with pediatric heart patients, 11-yearold Zachary Allen said, "It was a touching but pleasant experience and it further inspired me to pursue my dream of becoming a doctor."

After visiting the fire station, 15-year-old Braneta Anderson said, "I am impressed with the awesome job that these firefighters do and what they do daily to community is evident in his dedication to the Y. We asked Pastor Randy what it has meant to him to be part of establishing the Y here, and a moment that stands out as being very special.

"Being a part of the founding of the YMCA of the Cayman Islands has been truly an awesome experience for me. I am deeply humbled by all that has happened since our inception, knowing that God has led and provided everything. I look back on those first overtures at launching our YMCA in the community, and I am just amazed at what has happened from that small beginning. It's been such an honour to share the vision and early efforts at establishment with such a great group of fellow Board members."

"I remember a critical moment for our Board in the early days when we were attempting everything with volunteers alone. We knew we needed staff help but the question was what staff position would come first? Donnie Ebanks simply and profoundly stated, 'If we were starting a grocery store, we would employ an experienced grocer. What we need first is an experienced YMCA professional who knows what to do!' In the fall of 2013, Greg Smith was installed as our first CEO, and as they say -- the rest is history."

Thank you Pastor Randy for all that you do!

Thank you to our Founders...

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make sure that we are safe."

We are always looking for projects or opportunities to connect with community, so if you have something coming up, please email <a href="mailto:easp@ymcacayman.ky">easp@ymcacayman.ky</a>. To see more of our EASP participants in action, be sure to visit and like our <a href="mailto:Facebook page">Facebook page</a> for regular updates.





### **DIAMOND**

**MAPLES** 

### **GOLD**

Appleby
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### **SILVER**

Burger King
Butterfield Bank
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Cayman National Bank
Coldwell Banker
Consolidated Water
Cricket Square
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Greenlight Re
Rubis
Subway
Tony's Toys
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### **EMERALD**

Aon Insurance Managers
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Campbells
Cayman Islands Yellow Pages
RE/MAX Cayman Islands
YMCA of Greater St.
Petersburg

#### RUBY

Appleby
Arch Automotive
Arch & Godfrey
Dinner Martin
Kirk Office
Loeb Smith
My Island Dentist
Queensgate
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**Appleby** 

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Cayman Airways
The Westfield Area YMCA

RHRY

Loeb Smith Rob Imparato

We are so very grateful for our Founders who are helping us build a strong foundation for the Y here in the Cayman Islands. Together we are inspiring youth and strengthening our community.

If you would like to learn more about how to the support the Y, contact Vanessa Hansen at <a href="mailto:vhansen@ymcacayman.ky">vhansen@ymcacayman.ky</a>.

### REGISTER TODAY FOR THE DG 5K!



Registration is now open for the *DG's 5K Challenge*, with proceeds going towards a YMCA ropes challenge course! The 5K event takes place 23 April in Cayman Brac, and 30 April in Grand Cayman. Registration for both events is available online at <u>Cayman Active</u>.

To help the community get ready for the big event and meet their wellness goals, the Deputy Governor launched the *Off the Couch to 5K* training programme. Organised by the Cayman Islands Government Wellness Committee, the training takes place every Monday at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

The training is free and is suitable for every fitness level. If you want to join, meet at the employee entrance of the Government Administration building just before 5:30 p.m. every Monday. Participants will need to complete <a href="mailto:this waiver">this waiver</a> form before starting training.

## THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE WESTFIELD AREA YMCA!



We are excited to announce a formal partnership with the Westfield Area YMCA in New Jersey!

The Westfield Area Y began supporting our efforts in the summer of 2015, primarily in the areas of youth development and aquatics. Since that time, they have provided programme and training supplies, as well as staff to assist with the launch of our

Leaders for Youth Conference in 2016, and this year's second annual conference.

Solid Rock Ministries

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Sharon Roulstone
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Norman Klein &
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The Thomas Family

Recently, senior leaders from the Westfield Area Y visited, and signed a formal agreement to enable cultural exchange, training opportunities, improved resources and expertise to further our community impact.

We are so grateful for the Westfield Area YMCA's support and look forward to a great future working together. For more information on the Westfield Area Y click here.

### SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE FOR THE Y FAMILY COOKBOOK!



The way we prepare food, what we eat and when are great examples of family and community traditions. Whether it's a home remedy for the flu or a traditional holiday meal, food is an important part of our everyday life. To support our Strong Kids annual campaign, the after-school team will be putting together a cookbook that celebrates our Y community!

We invite you all to share a favourite recipe to be included in our first Y Family Cookbook. Please be sure to include any stories, traditions, and photos along with your recipe. Submissions need to be in by Friday 31 March, and can be emailed to easp@ymcacayman.ky. Cookbooks will be available for sale just in time for Mother's Day!

### STAY IN TOUCH

Keep up with the what's happening at the Y by liking us on Facebook.

The Totten Family David & Monica Watler Ormond & Rachel Williams

The Allott Family Alwin & Smita Almeida Albert & Esther Anderson Collin & Dionne Anglin Craig & Michelle Arch Mitzie & Jerome Bailey Wayne & Sherri Cowan Mr. Norman Bodden Mike & Maureen Depper Erwin Dikau Dr. Sook Yin-Eccles Isabella Finlay Shaune, Brett & Kyle Fraser April Cummings & Eric Frick Justin & Jordan Hartmann Richard & Sandy Hew Jennifer & Bryan Hunter Steve & Pam McFaddin The McIntosh Family Marcos & Gloria Montana Markus & Susan Mittermayr Haroon & Marion Pandohie Wil & Gwen Pineau Stephen & Juliette Price Bill & Donna Ramsay Dominic & Jan Tomkins Luca & Lisa Uggeri The Waights Family Bob & June Williams

Learn more about the Y and our programmes at our newly updated website:

www.ymcacayman.ky



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