



True Volunteer Foundation

CARIBBEAN CHILDREN & YOUTH CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

True Volunteer Foundation (TVF) is a unique, award winning international NGO, dedicated to empowering people through education, and working across 31 countries. Last year TVF and its True Volunteers, changed the lives of over 230,000 people.

Bank Holiday Sunday - Family Sports & Fun Day @ Jubilee Park



Just a few words to say a big thank you to all of you who braved the predicted weather forecast, and joined us at Jubilee Park in Edmonton on the UK's 'Carnival' weekend. It was great to see so many of you participating in the organised games. On this occasion we all enjoyed many conversations and shared so much laughter. All that attended helped to make the day enjoyable and ultimately a success.

Project Manager's Brief on the day

Despite the predicted bad weather forecast and the previous day's and morning's heavy rains, the sports & fun day, management team made a decision to arrive as planned to prepare for the unexpected day ahead.

We continued to keep ourselves and each other both enthusiastic and positive, and knew we could count on our families and close friends. However, we still joked about how they would not know what we meant about starting at 12 noon, and may consider the 'Caribbean' approach to time keeping would be a more suitable choice.

And of course we didn't blame them for wanting to enjoy a lie in on the last of the summer's long days, but we just wanted people to get out their pj's and attend the event. As 1pm approached and the sun began to peep its head through the many clouds, we looked



at each other and beamed brighter than the expected sun, as familiar faces started to arrive. By mid afternoon, we waited anxiously for the predicted weather forecast, and more rains, but we were fortunate in North London to have nothing but a clear and gleaming sky in sight;

with the sound of much laughter from both children and adults; who eagerly began to participate in the various organised games. I for one, could not believe the loud laughter, cheers, and infectious smiles visible on the faces of individuals from all age groups. As there was activities and games available for age groups to participate in. By early evening, as the sun began



to go down, there was no divide amongst adults and children; a game of rounders began and everyone joined in regardless of height or age.

And with the evening skies approaching and the final game of 'tug of war' coming to an end. Hearing the many screams of joy and excitement from everyone made me feel confident that; despite several activities being cancelled due to the predicted bad weather; the day had been a great success!



Reviews from Sports & Fun Day Event @ Jubilee Pak in Edmonton

Having the Family & friends Sports and Fun Day was a great idea. It gave families the opportunity to come together and enjoy a range of sporting activities, whilst raising money for the many less fortunate and disadvantaged children in developing Caribbean countries. It was nice to see both children and adults coming together to have a good time, and because there were many activities for different ages, no one felt left out.

Lindy Williams (Family Sports & Fun Day Management Committee)

My parents were born on the Island of St Lucia and raised half their family in England. Throughout my years of growing up in London, I have listened to the many stories of their childhood, so when I heard about the Caribbean Children's Sports, Education and Health Campaign I jumped at the opportunity to support and volunteer at the Family and Friends Fun Day Event. I was given the "job role" as Registration Manager, to capture the contact details of all the people who attended the event, as well as compiling a list of people wishing to take part in activities on the day, and with the help of Leocar (Esnard), Lindy (Williams) and Andrew (Modeste) activities were full to capacity and refereed with an element of fun... However, I did notice that point scoring was not their strongest point:))))

In the afternoon the registration area became a hub for all generations to meet, greet, chat, eat and drink, and I even managed to squeeze in towards the end, some time to play a game of rounders, and catch up on some missed moments of life experiences with family members.

When the final activity of 'TUG OF WAR' was announced, little by little I noticed people moving in the direction where the game would commence. I looked over at our competitors and noticed little people, some under ten years old, coming up to the rope, their small hands barely closing, but holding on tight and ready to PULL!...I looked behind my shoulder, there were more little people with serious faces ready for WAR!!!...of all ages, working together to achieve a goal. Exactly how I see this day.

In November, many of us adults will be meeting up again in support of the Caribbean Campaign.

Chearine Alphonse (Registration/Greeting Desk Manager)

As one of the two designated 'volunteer' photographers, I was able to meet and greet family and friends, and participate in memorable conversation with people I had not seen for years. This event surely gave us the opportunity to catch up and have fun. Throughout the day I witnessed so much fun, love and joy on many faces, and especially on our young ones, and I am truly hoping that one day they will be able to witness a sight just like this too. This event showed the next generation that we can have fun, and at the same time do something to help others.

I felt really honoured to be asked to be a part of this event, and support children from underprivileged communities in the Caribbean.

Christine Roberts (Photographic Team)

A special thank you to all those volunteers that gave up their time before, during and after the event.

Sports & Fun Day Management Team

Rickey Nelson (Chairman, Edmonton United Football Club) with Lindy Williams and Loecar Esnard (Enmen Lezot Team) who dedicated much time and support to the Campaign.



The Volunteers who made the day such a success

Julia Burns - Photographer
Christine Roberts - Photographer
Cherine Alphonse - Registration/
Welcome Desk
Christine Francis - Registration/
Welcome Desk
Lisa Agdomar - Registration/Welcome
Desk (Relief)
Sarah Modeste - Children's Craft Area
& Entertainment
Savannah Modeste-Rowe - Children's
Craft Area
Rador Baker - Gifts for Children
Lauren Modeste-Simon - Face Painting
Marcia McKnight - Children's Sweets
Robert Osborne & Christopher Samuel -
Set up Team
Lynn Modeste - Signs/Flag
Julia Stephens - Cakes/Mini Facials
Ricardo Gordon (First Aid) with
Edmonton United Junior Coaches
Raymond Cathline & Kenny Francis -
Umpire/Referee
Kirby Nelson - DJ



A big thank you to individuals and organisations who have contributed towards this campaign.

Thanks to all of you, and everyone who participated and attended the event.

You all helped to make this a great day, and I know from the many comments and conversation during and after the event, we all truly enjoyed ourselves.

The Campaign

Caribbean Children's Sports, Education & Health Campaign aims at raising thousands of pounds to change the lives of thousands of disadvantaged children and youths living across the Caribbean by supporting community programs and groups. Our aim is to inspire children across the world to live life to its fullest and we at TVF are determined to make a difference to lives of many children and youth living in developing countries and communities around the world. Having lived in a Caribbean community for 10 years, my family and I was fortunate to experience the amazing culture as



well as the opportunity to support a number of community and education projects, programs and initiatives. On our return to the UK, we feel it is our social duty to continue on this path. With the support of TVF, we aim to use the Caribbean Campaign as a vessel to raise awareness and convey the message that many children and young individuals suffer when it comes to government funding for sports, education and health. Thus, with continuous support and donations, we will be able to assist designated charities and community programmes at ground level.



HOW CAN YOU HELP!

Caribbean Children, Youth Programmes and Initiatives.

We are committed to raising funds for the Sacred Sports Foundation 'Caribbean' programs, and you can help by donating much needed sports equipment and by supporting children and youth sports education, health programmes and events. Please know that 95% of every £pound donated by you, will go directly towards supporting the various programs, and help change the lives by empowering thousand of children and youths in developing countries and disadvantage communities.



Community programmes and support for the many disadvantage people in the Caribbean, can only be achieved with your continued contributions and support!

1. **Interested in getting involved** - Help us grow by becoming a Caribbean Children and Youth Campaigner, and host your own sponsored event.

2. **How can you help! It's So Simple!!** Donate as little as £5 towards the Caribbean Campaign at any time... www.truevolunteer.org

3. **Advertise your Caribbean Activities & Events for as little as £25.00 towards the Campaign** (reaching an audience of 1000+ individuals and organisations)

4. **Keeping in touch:** Patsey Modeste-Rowe, Project Manager
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADD THE CARIBBEAN CHILDREN & YOUTH CAMPAIGN TO YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST:)

Future Events - Organised by GENRE with special guest from Kiss FM DJ & Award MOBO nominee Matt White with Raffle/Auction prizes donated by Les Ferdinand and Dwight York.
Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Tickets are £10 in advance, more on the door

For tickets & information call: 07794 112634, 07903 357783, 07956 383192, 07525142957 or BBM – 28DABE82
Proceeds on the night will go to the True Volunteer Foundation – Changing the lives of thousands of disadvantaged Caribbean children

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