

Caribbean Examinations Council

Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence

Community Service



Portfolio

300 Hours

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Introduction



This portfolio contains a record of all activities done for my community service project. The duration of the activities and their respective preparation time would've all been noted and displayed in the portfolio as well. I would have tried my best to document all of the processes I did to make all projects a success. My community service projects outlined in this portfolio are

- Animal Welfare Society
- Feeding the Homeless-YAMAD
- Weekend Water Warriors
- Barbados Secondary School Entrance Examination
- Playing at Senior Citizens Homes

In addition, I have also done a reflection section on all activities, as I see it beneficial to state the reason the activity was touching and inspiring to me.

At the end of each section, the supervisor for the activity signs and stamps (if available). These supervisors sign to indicate that my documentations are true.

The Animal Welfare Society (Ark)

(50 hours)



My friend Shaliyah & I with a dog at the ARK

The Animal Welfare Society, located at Neil's, St. George, is one of the places where I did community service. The Society is a place founded to serve as a home for abandoned, strayed or endangered dogs and cats and relies on volunteers to mostly make sure that these animals stay or return to good health.

During the years 2016 and 2017, I travelled to The Animal Welfare Society along with my friends to work as volunteers on Saturdays working from 10:00am to 1:00pm doing various activities. These included:

- Walking the Dogs
- Bathing the dogs and cats
- Washing & Hanging the Clothes
- Feeding the Dogs

Although overwhelming sometimes, with the dog walking, being somewhat of a tedious task, the time spent at the Animal Welfare Society over the course of this one year was the best. I got to meet a lot of dogs and also to make bonds with them, of these were Diva & Nina, Steel, Jessie and Taffy. Of all these dogs, I preferred Diva and Nina. I preferred these dogs because they showed the epitome of a great friendship as they seemed reliant on each other. In addition, they always walked together making it easier for me to keep control of them both. My time at Ark working with my friends accumulated to 50 hours in total with some days reaping from 3-4 hours.



Reflection

One of my wishes in life, was always to have a pet. Unfortunately, my mother doesn't think I'll give it enough time and that I'd be beneficial to its upmost health. Doing this project at the Animal Welfare Society was truly a wonderful experience as I got a hint at my first pet and it was also amazing to watch hurt, abandoned dogs recover to return to the cheerful dogs they always were. In addition, the walks from the Ark to the end of the road with the dogs were always unique, as, dogs from differing sides of the Ark would always be barking at each other and/or ready to fight each other. It allowed me to learn how to control a dog without hurting it and show my mother I have the skills to take care of a pet. However, Unfortunately, I am still without a pet.

Dominique Maraj (Ms.)

Assitant

Ark

Feeding the Homeless- YAMAD

(150 hours)



My Church Members Packing plates

During February 2015, Young Adults Making a Difference (YAMAD), the youth group of Dayrell's Road Gospel Hall of which I serve currently as General Secretary and Assistant Public Relations Officer decided to launch a Feeding of the homeless Service Project. This activity started from February 2015 and continues even up to today, with the group travelling every 2nd Friday of the month to Heroes' Square where we cater to about on average 90 persons per month with a balanced meal inclusive of a desert, drink and salad. The activity usually starts at 5:30pm and finishes at 7:00pm.

During at least 3 months of the year, the group, under the leadership of Head of the Evangelism Committee Ms. Antonya Taylor makes hampers sometimes shoeboxes, or bags for these persons. These hampers often include canned items and toiletries and are a source of great happiness to these affected persons. In addition we also supply some persons with needed clothing.

In order to do this activity every month, preparation has to occur. On the Thursdays , before the feeding, The group gathers at the church's kitchen to prepare the food. For instance, if macaroni pie is being done the macaroni would be boiled, cheese grated and the process would be completed excluding the baking which would be done the following day. In addition, forks would be wrapped, drink made and utensils packed for the next day. This activity runs from 6:00pm to 11:00pm on average as it sometimes can surpass this 5 hour time span. Thus, for over the 2 years that this activity has been running I have spent 150 hours in community service pertaining to this project.



Reflection

In Deuteronomy 15:11 we read “For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’”. This is a reminder to me, as a Christian that I have a duty to help those around me who are poor. It is truly an inspiring experience to me as well as I later in life would like to become a Doctor, who travels to the relatively poor parts of the world to render healthcare services to those persons who really need it but cannot afford it.

Tyreik Durant(Mr.)
Chairman
YAMAD

Antonya Taylor(Ms.)
Head of Evangelism Committee
YAMAD

Weekend Water Warriors

(50 hours)



My Yearhead, Principal and I helping a man catch water from a water tank

A group of Barbadians, after realizing that persons, often in northern parts of the island, went with water for durations from 3 days to 3+ months decided to found a group named Weekend Water Warriors. They later gained sponsorship from Voice of Barbados Radio station before my school, Harrison College got onboard. We brought water to school for the project and also went with the water warriors on Sundays to distribute it.



Me giving a Lady a bottle of Water

Every Sunday starting from 8th October, 2017 and ending 5th November ,2017 we travelled from Harrison College to Warrens, where we would meet up with the Water Warrior Team. From there we sometimes went to Glacial Pure to get more water before making our way into various parts of the island distributing water to those persons who needed it. These five visits enabled me to complete 8 hours of community service per day, totalling 50 hours.



The after effects of walking down a hill about 40km to deliver water



Reflection

The experience of going out into my own country and distributing water to persons was a truly humbling one. It is at often times that we, generally as persons take water for granted as we see it as a basic necessity. We also don't conserve water never being mindful that someone in our own island could be afforded the same water that we're wasting. Thus, this experience was a truly humbling one, I had learnt about the numerous Problems which persons in the country experienced, and I was able to help them. It taught me a lesson I would never forget, that being, to treasure the things afforded to me because others don't necessarily have it or that they may just run out.

Gloria Haynes (Mrs.)
Third Year Head
Harrison College

Barbados Secondary School Entrance Examination



My Friends & I with 11+ Examinees

Annually, Class 4 students of All Primary schools in Barbados take the Barbados Secondary School Entrance Examination (BSSEE), commonly known as the 11+. This examination sees the step of about 5000 children from Primary to Secondary Schools throughout the island. Students take this examination at various examination centres. Of these examination centres is my school, Harrison College. The individual centres require helpers, to transport the examinees to the bathroom as well as to help with anything needed to be done. My responsibility was to be the team leader for the Volunteers.

The Thursday before the examination I worked alongside the other students preparing classrooms for the exam, that is, evenly spacing the desks, sticking the papers bearing the examinees' names on the tables and removing any extra desks from the classroom. In addition, I also allocated all of my colleagues to their respective rooms.

On Tuesday 2nd May, the day of the examination, I worked alongside my Year Head, Mrs. Gloria Haynes, to make sure that all classrooms were fitted with enough volunteers to transport everyone to the bathroom. I also momentarily walked children to the bathroom myself. However, at the beginning of the day I worked tirelessly, walking from my school's gate to the hall numerous times transporting the examinees through my school! Through my service to school on Friday and on Tuesday I was able to gain 12 hours of service.



Reflection

I loved it! Reminiscing on my 11+ day I remember how frightened I was, overwhelmed by the rather strange surroundings which I was going to do my examination in and this motivated me to do this task. I would've travelled the weekend prior from Friday to represent Barbados and would've returned the day before (Monday). I had first determined that I would use the opportunity to gain some rest, however after giving it some thought, I decided to attend. I used the opportunity afforded to me to make the examinees feel comfortable. As I walked them down to my hall, I was sure to start a conversation with them, making sure they were all feeling well, required nothing and ready to get As!

Gloria Haynes (Mrs.)
Third Year Head
Harrison College

Playing at Senior Citizens Homes



Me playing bells along with other chimers

As a part of giving back to Society, The Bethel Chimers, of which I'm a member, decided to visit Senior Citizens home once per month to bring some joy to these seniors. Traditionally we play bells, but, for these seniors we carried chimes most of the time.



Picture of Chimes (left) and Bells (right)

The preparation process for playing at the senior citizens home included two rehearsals: one on Friday from 7:00pm-8:30pm and one on Saturday from 4:00pm- 6:00pm. We used repertoire of Christian hymns and older music that would be known by the older citizens. In addition, three(3) of our members made a chorale to sing for the citizens.

We visited numerous homes, of these being The St. Philip District Hospital, Blessed to Be a Blessing Senior Citizens home and our most recent visit was to Vauxhall Senior Citizens Village on Sunday June 11th 2017. The numerous visits to the senior citizens homes equipped me with 50 hours of service.



Reflection

Sadly, Often times in life, Senior Citizens are thrown into homes, forgotten about, never visited, and go through the terrible feelings of rejection, depression and isolation. To me, the opportunity of playing handbells and chimes for these persons is one of the best things I could have chosen to do in my lifetime. The smiles on their faces, listening to them sing and even their receptive welcomes and their dreary goodbyes are all deeply embedded within me reminding me to always treat my parents with love and respect and to never forget about the many obstacles they have overcome and continue to overcome to ensure that I'm successful when they become old.

Linda Rock (Mrs.)

Director

Bethel Chimers

Book Distribution



My friends & I in the storeroom compiling books

On Thursdays, during the school term I help in the principal's office with the distribution of books. My job basically just entails me signing the back of students written out books and issuing them with new ones. Approaching the end of this term, I suggested to the Clerk Typist at my school that I get some of my friends with me and we compile the 26 exercise books per person for the new 160 students who would be joining the school in September. On Tuesday June 20th 2017, My friends and I helped with the packing of the books for the incoming first formers. In total, my work gained me 38 hours.



Reflection

Harrison College, through its teachers has infused me with a vast amount of knowledge and although there is no way in which I can totally repay for the attributes received, I see this book distribution as a way of giving back to my school and I shall continue with this project throughout the rest of my school life.

Juanita Wade (Ms.)
Principal
Harrison College

Jashua J. Desir

