



## The West Island Black Community Association

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August 21, 2008

Mr. Geoff Clark & Mr. Micheal Beaton

**Attention:** 11 Teams of Baseball West Island.

We wish to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,320.00. This money will be used to provide Christmas baskets to needy families and seniors in the West Island. The names are provided by the Fonds de Deponnage de l'ouest de l'ile in Roxboro.

We hope that members of BWI will assist with the purchases and the delivery of these baskets. It is a very fulfilling experience to see the gratitude of these families and seniors when they receive the baskets.

Thanks again.

***Margaret Jolly***

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Co-Founder West Island Black Community Association



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Here is a brief history of the West Island Black Community Association.

The West Island Black Community Association (W.I.B.C.A.) is a chartered, non-profit community organization that was founded in 1982 to respond to the needs of the community. At the time of its founding, the programs were centered mainly around youth development in the form of sports and life skills. The major objective then, as it is today, was to help our young people achieve their highest potential. All Board members are volunteers who accept the Association's objective of serving the communities of the West Island and surrounding areas. Membership is, and has always been, open to anyone who shares our aims and objectives. Services are provided to all, regardless of ethnic origin, gender, religion or race.

WIBCA has also established a drop-in centre (D.R.E.A.M. - **Delivering Real Empowerment and Motivation**) to provide a safe place for our young people to connect with their peers and other members of the community. WIBCA's scholarship program supports outstanding high school and college graduates as they seek to further their education.

The **programs** offered by WIBCA include, but are not restricted to the following:

- Youth development (homework assistance, sports, life skills)
- Leadership training
- Scholarship Fund
- Human Resource Development (recruitment/training of staff and volunteers)
- Building Fund
- Collaborative Partnerships (local schools, boroughs, cities, police, CLSC, other community groups, etc.)
- Workshops, Lectures on health, parenting skills and financial management

### GOALS

The goals of the Association are those listed in our **Mission statement** as listed below:

- To educate the public on health issues, various cultures and multiculturalism
- To relieve loneliness and isolation associated with aging by providing recreational, educational and cultural activities to senior citizens

- To operate a drop-in centre for youths providing counselling, educational and recreational activities in a supervised setting

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- To provide academic scholarships to youth for the purpose of furthering their education To do all such things that are ancillary and incidental to the achievement of the above charitable objectives
- To raise funds, collect and receive monies and property by contributions, gifts, legacies, bequests and grants to be used to promote and foster the objectives of the Association.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Success with our youth: many who have participated in our programs are now productive citizens in society. They include business owners, doctors, educators, engineers, lawyers, nurses, managers, etc.
- Ownership of our building
- Successful Partnerships with schools, cities, other community groups, etc.
- Founding community partner at the Riverdale Community Learning Centre
- Refer to Booklet of Reports presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of May 25, 2008 – enclosed with this application
- AGM Reports are available for each of our 25 years of existence
- Accountability to our membership through quarterly meetings

Tomacuita James, Chairperson