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Eastern Canada and Caribbean District
Division 8 – Community Service Project

SPELLING BEE

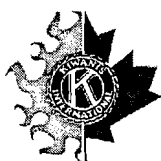
The Kiwanis Club of Barrie, on an annual basis, holds a Spelling Bee for elementary level students (grades 1- 8) in partnership with the community Literacy Council. The Spelling Bee attracts 350-400 students from all grades. Kiwanis, while not the largest sponsor monetarily, does contribute most of the hands-on manpower.

The club handles 4 days of registration as well as practice sessions and 4 days of actual competition. We act as judges, clerks, time keepers and handle the recording equipment. In total it adds up to approximately 200 man hours of hands on work. We all wear our Kiwanis shirts and pins and display our Kiwanis banner for maximum exposure.

As well as the obvious benefits to the students, Kiwanis receives significant community exposure through extensive newspaper coverage in the local community newspaper. In addition the local television cable channel (Rogers) tapes the entire contest and runs it repeatedly over the next two month. This includes numerous interviews with various Kiwanians. This creates prime opportunities to inform the community of the good work Kiwanis does.

The Spelling Bee is held in the rotunda of a major community shopping centre thus attracting more than just the students and their families. This creates maximum exposure for the literacy council as it strives to eradicate illiteracy in our community. Not being able to read and write is something which can be helped if only people knew where to go. The Spelling Bee provides information to potential clients, helps educate children and shows how Kiwanis continues to serve the community.

Yours in Kiwanis
John Hamilton
Lieutenant Governor – Division 8



DIVISION 23E

KIWANIS CLUB OF CONSTANT SPRING

FIRE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT -60 WHITEHALL AVENUE

JIM ROWNEY : EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE (Y.E.S) AWARD

ANTECEDENTS

Some two years ago a couple Mr & Mrs Eric Myrie suffered as victims of a horrid fire at their 100 Lane home. This residence is located in the Whitehall Avenue community, off the Red Hills road. The area is a tough Inner-city enclave with divided political loyalties. With their home and all their possessions razed to the ground, the Myries did not give up hope and with an indomitable resolve sought to be as cheerful as the circumstances dictated.

The Myries are a couple in their advanced years so the prospect of achieving anything else in life was very daunting. So in stepped the Kiwanis Club of Constant Spring and erstwhile Partner Food for the Poor. Their objective: rebuild a house for these unfortunate persons so that as they advanced further in age they can retain their dignity and reaffirm their faith in the goodwill of others.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project entailed the laying of a foundation capable of supporting a double unit with partitions in the main room along with an interior bathroom. The house, a pre-fabricated structure, would be located on land with a width of 43- 6ft and a depth of 50ft. The property had a condemned pit on it, had running water and strewn with debris. Construction was from ground up. Mrs Myrie and son Reginald actively participated in the construction activity.

PROJECT COST

The project cost was \$500,000 with the Clubs contribution being \$100,000. In addition, contributions from Walters Trucking, Jordan Chow Enterprises, Desmond Hyatt, Lorenzo Stanton, Angela Williams and Larry Neufville, were made to the project. These donations comprised sand and gravel, trucks for debris removal and transportation of site materials, pipes, toilets and furniture and are conservatively valued at \$50,000, making the Total cost of the project **\$550,000**.

PROJECT PROMOTION

Media coverage was provided by **TVJ** on their Smile Jamaica morning time programme. President Trevor and President-Elect Stephney were interviewed and pictures highlighting the project shown. In addition, President Trevor was interviewed on **Roots FM** about the project, the Club and Kiwanis. Working on the project : 20 Kiwanians; 1 Key Clubber; 1 Circle K'er; 7 Guests; Food for the Poor 12, and 45 community persons.

Pictures attached