



Allen-Shaw Foundation, Inc. 2009 Report To Contributors

Reading is the only way to get access to universal knowledge-Timbuktu Scholar

...first of its kind in Jamaica-A district library for residents...-Mandeville Weekly, December 19, 1996

Hammers & Nails

Visions are usually clear, but I suppose that is relative to either the near or farsightedness of the visionary. Optically, I'm nearsighted, so don't wave to me from across the street if I don't have my glasses on. However, mentally, I'm farsighted and I've visualized where I wanted my little Allen-Shaw Reading Room to go. So recessions or non-existent giving, I've forged ahead and begun the second addition to the Library, (Ok maybe I had one hand stretched out, while the other covered my eyes).

Either, way, cement and steel are, cemented! The plans started several years ago when I began a Building Fund Drive and even though I didn't meet my fundraising goal, donations were enough to purchase blocks which we used as seats while we waited. So onward with another phase of fundraising, because I think a roof is an excellent idea, not to mention windows, doors and floors. It is my desire to have a storage area for the multitude of books donated to the Foundation along with a multi-purpose room which will serve as a literacy center for our Community. With more space we will be able to secure more computers to add more internet access.



Library Addition- side view



Library Addition- back view



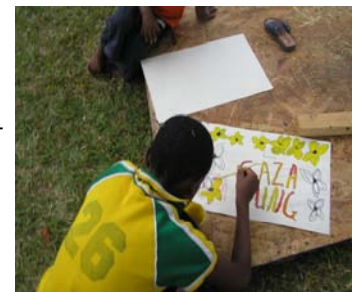
The Cheeky One with his creation!

Summer School 2009-Arts & Crafts!



It helped that I actually caught Mango Season for once. So the fact that the children waited, nosily, under my window each morning until they heard me stir to scream out questions like "we ah go library today" or why "mi tek so long fi wake up" didn't rattle me as much as the puzzled look on their faces when I tried to explain "vacation" to them. The cheeky one already told me that "mi fi tek vacation ah

foreign not in Jamaica" because he wanted the garage open so he could paint some more pictures. Exhaustion dictated that I conduct the Arts & Craft portion of Summer School on my lawn instead of making the long walk to the community center. By the end of their explosion of creativity, I had a multi-colored lawn, but



it was worth it. I think we had some Jackson Pollock in the making. I don't know who taught them how to splash paint on a canvas. But splash and drip they did and their abstract expressions, turned me into a pilferer because I have them all. They will be displayed at our Summer School/Camp 2010



Community Service

Manning Boys Home Partnership—The Allen-Shaw Foundation teamed up with Jamaican Model, Author and Designer Lois Samuels to support the Manning Boys Home, a government run institution located in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. A Board Member of the Allen-Shaw Foundation, Inc, Lois was instrumental in sending personal care items and educational supplies to the boys.



Knapsacks and Books for Mannings Boys Home-Paula Shaw & Teacher, Mr. Kerry Wilson

Cornell University Student Group-Jamaica Difference



Cornel University Student with computer donations @ Mannings Boys Home

We worked with the student group Jamaica Difference from Cornell University, to arrange the donation of six computers to the Manning Boys Home. We also worked with a corporate sponsor to secure a printer. These donations will assist the home in the development of their computer lab.

Leonie Bernard, our Program Coordinator will implement a Literacy Workshop for the Boys Home which will begin in March 2010.



Leonie Bernard, Kerry Wilson, Teacher, Mannings Boys Home

TRG International- 2009 found us hosting several organizations, both local and international. The international organization *The Renaissance Group (TRG International)* known for working primarily in South Africa to foster education, community and social empowerment, has also expressed their interest in working in Jamaica. So it was with pleasure that we assisted Dr. Angela Conti on her site visits to several orphanages in Jamaica to explore how TRG International could assist them in achieving their objectives. At the Mannings Boys Home in St. Elizabeth, Dr. Conti delivered a motivational speech encouraging the boys to move forward in life in spite of the limited resources available to them, and this visibly lifted the spirits of the young men in residence.



Dr. Angela Conti presenting and with Paula Shaw Below

An avid photographer, Dr. Conti engaged the children of the Resource District community and taught them how to use a camera. And sure enough, as with their paint brushes, the children proved that they indeed had creative eyes. .



Dr. Angela Conti with her "students"



Paula Shaw and boys with donated books

Community Service

TRG International- continued



We also visited and met with the Director of the very organized Jamaica National Children Home, a project supported by a Board Member of *Partners of the Americas-Jamaica Branch*. Dr. Angela Conti was formally introduced to the Director and Staff and given a tour of the Institution.

Paula Shaw, Director Andrews, Jamaica National Children Home

Partners of the America-Jamaica Branch



Paula Shaw (l), Leonie Bernard (r) with Board Members from Partners of The Americas-Jamaica Branch

We were approached by members of the local branch of *Partners for America*, an international grassroots network; whose aim is to connect volunteers, institutions and communities around the world. These members were Students from the University of Technology (UTECH) in Kingston, and they needed our assistance in developing programs for a local community in Kingston. We met with their executive Board and presented “*Literacy: How to Integrate a Community*” sharing with them the successes of our programs and how we were able to implement and sustain these programs.

Related sites: <http://www.thevesselbylois.com>
<http://www.trg-international.org>
<http://www.printsbyangela.com>

**Allen-Shaw Reading Room
Summer Interns**



Wakeish Bryan, library volunteer (l) Janelle Allen, Summer intern, Shaundi Bernard, Summer Intern (r)

We embarked on a new

initiative this year and employed two local high school students as the Library's Summer Interns, under the mentorship of the Head Library Volunteer. Objectively, our goal is to build on the community involvement in the processes of the Library. We employ volunteers from the community, pay them a stipend which allow them to provide for themselves and their families. For this small community a job in the library could most likely be their first or only job. For students who are actively in school, a summer position at the library ensures that they will be able to purchase uniforms, books and

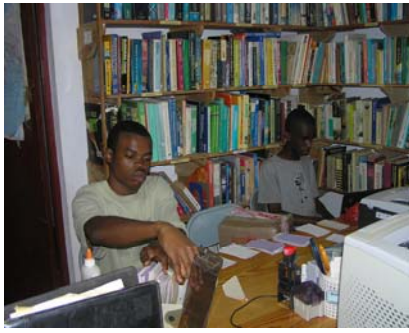
have funds to provide for lunch and transportation for school.



Already well-read and computer

savvy, they were able to further assist the community with the technical environment of the internet and computer equipments. They gained valuable experiences working with others while serving their community. They are already looking forward to Summer 2010!

The Allen-Shaw Reading Room



From The Desk of Wakeish Bryan-Library Volunteer

2009 was a year where scores of community children had the opportunity of getting their work done more conveniently. They continued to be exposed to the internet, which allows them to conduct wider and more detailed research. They were exposed to more computer usage in terms of typing their work, researching, and printing. The children also had the opportunity of having documents scanned and photocopied. They enjoyed all these services all at no cost to them.

2009 Financial Reporting

As I mentioned last year, even with the winds of recession blowing and the economy in a nose-dive, we met the goals that we needed to meet financially. Your generous donations of \$7787, enabled us to provide our core services to the Allen-Shaw Reading Room community. Expenses totaling \$8992.00 didn't sink our ship because we kept sailing. However, line items asides, we were still able to introduce our Summer Intern Program which benefited our students. The community still received their education packets, books and pencils were in school knapsacks, and unfettered access to new and used donated books were available in all categories from A-Z! We are looking forward to circling this road again in 2010, minus the brackets in a certain column. We will continue to boast to having access to the best collection of books in our area, along with access to current and modern computer technology.

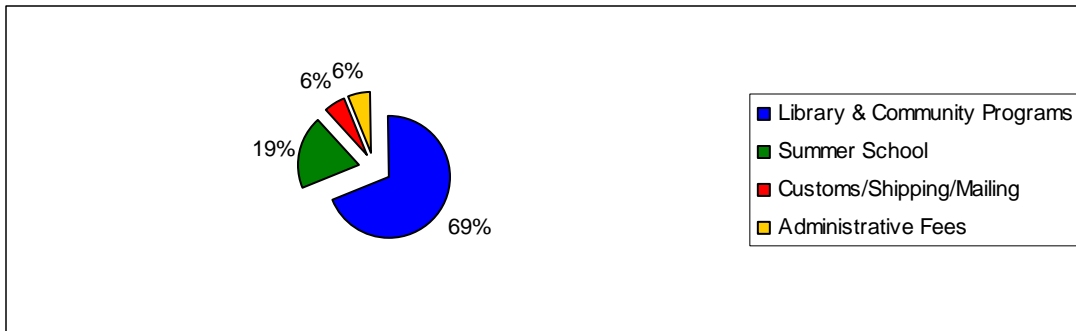
Revenue

United Way	4759.08
Revenue from fundraising	528.51
Corporate	2500.00
Total	7787.59

Expenses

Library & Community Programs	6,179.65
Summer School	1737.96
Customs/Shipping/Mailing	558.56
Administrative Fees	516.60
Total	8,992.77

Profit/Loss (1,205.18)



I am in a grateful state each time I think of the progress made in the educational lives of the children and community of Resource District, Jamaica. You, my supporters, continue to be their beacon, and I hope you continue to shine this light with me as I move forward with our program planning for 2010. Its with great humility that I extend my heartfelt thanks to you as you continue to touch the lives of the people of the Allen-Shaw Reading community. Thank you!

Paula Shaw

Founder/Chairperson
Allen-Shaw Foundation, Inc

