YOUTH CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL

GRENADA

We are proud to announce that Youth Challenge International now offers projects in Grenada! These projects provide extraordinary opportunities for youth to acquire solid skills from exciting and dynamic projects.

Youth Challenge is a non-profit, non-religious, charitable organization, sponsored by the public and private sectors in Canada and abroad. YCI combines community development, health promotion and conservation in projects conducted by international teams of volunteers aged 18-30 years. Volunteerism and its promotion are core elements in YCI's development process.

Group Programs: Join a team of volunteers and travel to **Grenada** to work with local people on community based projects. Working in teams of 6 – 12 volunteers and 1 – 2 group leaders, participants will work for 6 weeks to improve the social and economic welfare of communities on the islands of Carriacou and Petit Martinique. Projects are identified at the grass-roots level by community groups and cooperating organizations. YCI volunteers are engaged to augment the efforts of local stakeholders and community groups. Discover the key principles of sound community development and learn from local leaders who are making a difference. The focus of these projects will include disaster preparedness and social recovery and will include activities like:

- Working with local groups in the creation of hurricane warning signs that will inform locals of future storms in ample time. Because Carriacou is rural, some homes and villages are quite a distance from each other, making reliable communication in preparation for disaster difficult.
- Coordinating with local youth organizations to provide leadership development with “Learning Workshops” and “Youth Summits” to teach basic life skills. Your skills will be passed onto youth leaders who will continue these programs, maximizing their sustainability once you have left
- Disaster Preparedness workshops in partnership with the Carriacou Integrated Community Empowerment Resource Organization (CICERO)
- Working with the Program for Adolescent Mothers (PAM) to conduct literacy and skills building workshops with young women and assist in the development of participant criteria as well as interviewing and assessing program candidates

The Grenadian people and its economy suffered its worst setback in 50 years as a result of Hurricane Ivan's assault on the island on September 7th 2004. 39 persons lost their lives and 90% of homes were damaged. About 80% of nutmeg, cocoa, banana and other agriculture trees were destroyed. Health and education infrastructure was particularly impacted, with the second biggest hospital, and most schools on the island rendered unusable. Carriacou was hit hard again by Hurricane Emily this past July increasing the need for immediate efforts in reconstruction and preparedness.

Past Project Activities

Mt. Pleasant Community Centre – With a combined effort of 220 labour hours, volunteers plastered walls, built a retaining wall and assisted with general construction of the centre which will be one of Carriacou's viable hurricane shelters upon completion.

Grensave Summer Camp – Volunteers worked with local children and counsellors organizing a variety of activities to educate the young campers on disaster preparedness, hurricane ingredients, promoting youth empowerment and team-building exercises. There were art therapy lessons and together the group created and executed a hurricane workshop module.

Please visit www.yci.org to apply! Please contact us with your questions:

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Caribbean Program Departure Dates

6-week Group Program – Grenada – ages 18-28
September 30 to November 11, 2006 - $3400, plus airfare

LAST CHANCE TO VOLUNTEER WITH YCI IN GRENADA!

Participation fee scholarships ranging from $2400 to $3400

are available for this program!

Please contact Rebecca for more details!