

- Train basic school staff and parents in improved Health and nutrition practices

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Children of the Vouch Mary Issa Pre-School

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INFORMATION BROCHURE

Mission Statement:



VOUCH, voluntary organization for uplifting children is a voluntary social organization dedicated to providing vital services for children and their families through healthcare, education and training towards the realization of their full potential.

Vision Statement:

To be the model social institution, providing excellent customer care through an integrated package of services including healthcare, education and training, parenting and counseling with state of the art infrastructure, a committed cadre of volunteers and a highly specialized and professional staff.

What is Vouch?

VOUCH is the result of an amalgamation of two old voluntary children's agencies in Jamaica – The Child Welfare Association (1916), and the Jamaica Children's Service Society (formerly the Society for the Prevention of cruelty to children (1943). It has been created to enhance, protect and defend the interests of children and to ensure that their rights are respected, upheld and enforced by every adult member of the Jamaican community – their own parents included – at all times.

Background

Established at the end of the seventies VOUCH is a model organization providing health and education services within inner city communities of Fletcher's Land, Allman Town, Swallowfield, Kingston Gardens, and Parade and beyond. VOUCH is an NGO born out of an increasing need to provide quality childcare and education to afford the communities constituents the opportunity to go to work and leave their children in a safe environment. This is carried out by way of a Medical and Dental Clinic for children and adults operated by Hope Worldwide Jamaica, a Basic

School (children 3-6) and Nursery and Pre-School (children 3 months-2 years).

Vouch is a non-profit, non-governmental family service agency. It is organized as a limited liability company under the companies Act of Jamaica.

Although the Organization receives subsidies from government and works with various government agencies on specific projects it operates independent of the government. The rest of the financing is raised through funding agencies such as the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ), The Bernard van Leer Foundation (BvLF), The Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI) and annual fundraising events.

Nursery and Pre-School Facility

This is a facility with a capacity for 70 children between 3 months and 2 years old.

Basic School

The Vouch Sylvia Foote Basic School on the property has the capacity to teach and stimulate 120 children between the ages 3 – 6 years old.

Health Centre

The health center provides primary care to babies, children and adults in the communities.

The center is currently leased to a part-time doctor with nurses in attendance everyday. The Health Clinic provides services in:

- Family Planning

- Prenatal
- Postnatal
- Immunization
- Dental facilities

Caregiver Training

Vouch, in collaboration with Garmex, Heart Trust NTA provides training in the NCTVET Early Childhood Care, Education and Development Programme levels I & II.

External Programmes Facilitation

- As a voluntary organization VOUCH seeks to facilitate the programmes of external agencies and institutions. At present work experience is conducted students from the National Youth Service, National Academy, UTech along with several other institutions perform
- Establish Mini-Resource centre & supply instructional materials to basic schools.

