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# INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2022



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# VISION

Children and youth in East Scarborough discover and achieve their dreams and grow up to be healthy, successful and active participants in society.

# MISSION

To be a trusted partner in building successful families in our community. Providing a safe, supportive place where children and youth, and families experience new opportunities. Where they overcome barriers, develop positive relationships, and build confidence and skills in life.

# WE BELIEVE

The International Exchange trip to Ghana will provide youth an opportunity to embark on a life-changing experience that will encourage them to introspect and grow in an alternative setting. The goal is to broaden the horizons by allowing youth to explore themselves in a setting and culture different than their own.

This exchange program hopes to foster a realization within communities even though they may be miles apart in distance.

Through interactive learning and hands-on activities, we hope to interact with Ghanaian youth and process local community challenges and opportunities for growth.



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## Our Hope for the Future

We are determined to provide sustainable community development for the communities we serve. Our goal is to partner with other organizations to see a broad-base change in communities across Scarborough; as no single organization can affect the type of change that is needed.



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# A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

WITH OVER 40 BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ACROSS GHANA



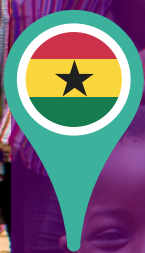
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# In 2019, 11 YOUTH & 8 STAFF



## TRAVELED TO GHANA & BENIN



GHANA PROCLAIMED 2019 AS THE YEAR OF THE RETURN TO AFRICAN DESCENDANTS. PAYING HOMAGE TO THE PAST AND A HOPE TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE, 2019 OFFICIALLY MARKED THE 400-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST ENSLAVED AFRICANS TO ENGLISH AND NORTH AMERICA IN 1619.



## 15 DAYS FILLED WITH...

- 4 DAYS IN ACCRA, GHANA
- 2 DAYS IN NKONYA, GHANA
- 3 DAYS IN KUMASI, GHANA
- 5 DAYS AT THE SONGHAI CENTER IN BENIN



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# FOR YOUTH IN EAST SCARBOROUGH



## THE BENEFITS OF GLOBAL EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH

- HELP INCREASE CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE AND AWARENESS
- GET YOUTH OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE AND OPEN TO NEW EXPERIENCES
- BUILD CONFIDENCE THROUGH TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE
- DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS AND CONNECTIONS
- INCREASE RESILIENCY AND ADAPTABILITY
- BE IMMERSSED IN A NEW LANGUAGE
- EXPERIENCE TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE.



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