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**WELCOME** to our first newsletter for 2015!

We are delighted to share with you what has been happening at G&S during the first quarter of the year. We thank the GraceKennedy Management and Staff for your continued support and are excited about the impact we will make together in 2015 and beyond.

*Kind regards,  
Tanketa Chance-Wilson  
General Manager, GSCDF*



During a ceremonial handover, the JPS Foundation made a donation of J\$500,000 to the GraceKennedy Parade Gardens STEM Centre. This donation will go a far way in advancing the programmes at the Centre.

A technical team from JPS visited on 13th January to carry out a site inspection for further collaboration between the company and G&S. The building was assessed for the installation of a wind turbine and solar panels.

The Centre has been a buzz of activities since classes began in February.



*Above: Frank James - G&S Board Director, Nathalie Taylor-Manager JPS Foundation, Simon Roberts-G&S Board Director, Taniesha Boswell-G&S Beneficiary, Tanketa Chance-Wilson, GM GSCDF, Daniel Santos-G&S Beneficiary & Kelly Tomblin-CEO JPS during the ceremonial handover of a donation from the JPS Foundation*

# HAPPENINGS...

*“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”*  
— Albert Pike

The doors to our homework centres reopened in January after a short break for the Christmas holidays. Attendance at our Spanish Town Centre continues to grow. During the period over 200 students benefitted from the homework and study programme at the Centre.

A visit to the Savanna La Mar Centre proved to be encouraging. There are 12 students who attend regularly and are between basic school and 1st form in high school. The centre’s activities are coordinated by Lois Cohall and it is clearly a labour of love.

Keep up the good work Lois!!!

*At right: Everyone listens attentively to Ms Kennedy, teacher at the Centre*



## Giving Back...

We welcomed our first group of students at the STEM Centre this quarter. Classes are held on Thursday and Friday each week and our tutors are past and present G&S Beneficiaries who are attending university.

Here’s to giving back



*At right top: proud inaugural students of the STEM Centre*

*Bottom: GK retiree Lorna Malcolm conducting karate class @ the LICK Centre*



Thumbs



As we wrap up the USAID Corporative Agreement, we reflect on the significant impact this funding has had on our operations. A team headed by the USAID Regional Director Latin America and the Caribbean paid us a visit during the month of February. The Regional Director, Mr Jene Thomas and the Mission Director Ms Denise Herbol expressed satisfaction at the progress made over the project life span.

*Left: Monifa McKenzie expresses gratitude on behalf of the beneficiaries of the USAID project to the the USAID team present*

# Celebrating Black History Month in March

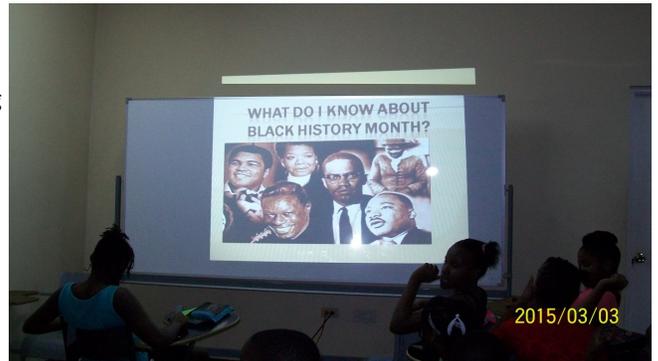
It's better late than never!

The Barbican Homework Centre played host to Black history Month celebrations and learning during the month of March. The presentations were delayed because of conflicting schedules but were eventually held during the first week in March.

There were 30 students in attendance and the main presenter was our very own Jenille Jackson, past G&S beneficiary. Jenille is em-

ployed to the Stella Maris Foundation located in Grants Pen, St Andrew where she is the skills training coordinator.

Jenille took the students through a journey of black history. Students knowledge of iconic people of colour was tested. At the end of the presentations the students expressed satisfaction that their appetites were wet for more knowledge in black history.



Above: Barbican HWC students in attendance at the Black History Month presentation

## Awards & Commendations

The G&S Camera Club does it again. Courtney Brown of SPARC received a JCDC merit for his 2014 entry titled "Everything Gone".



Right: Courtney Brown receiving his certificate from Jamaica's 2014 Festival Queen

Far Right: Members of SPARC out to support CB



## Careers in STEM Presentation

Students and parents were treated to an engaging presentation by representatives from the UTECH Engineering Department. The session was held at the STEM Centre on Thursday 19th March and was well supported by both G&S beneficiaries and children of GK staff. Interested members of the Parade Gardens community also turned out to hear more about careers in STEM.

The team from UTECH, headed by Yoland Silvera—Act'g Head Industrial Engineering Dept, comprised lecturers, tutors and an aerospace engineer working with NASA.

Those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the exciting possibilities that exist in working in STEM careers.

Look out for alerts about our future presentations



## Shots from our “funding your tertiary education” Seminar held March 5, 2015



## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you Natali Daley, for your gift to the GraceKennedy/Parade Gardens STEM Centre. Natali contributed a beautiful piece of art, displayed next to her picture on the right.

Natali is the beautiful daughter of our own Radcliffe Daley.

Radcliffe, you must be so proud?

Please visit our STEM Centre located at the corner of Water and Ladd Lane to view this work of art.

