

BARBUDA BUZZ

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THE COMMUNITY COMES TO LIFE

Barbudan's are working hard to restore the vibrant cultural life that has been a hallmark of the island, and Barbuda Ocean Club's Community Office wholeheartedly supports their efforts.



Throughout 2021, BOC has assisted in the restoration of the Basketball Complex and various churches across Codrington.

At the Basketball Complex BOC installed solar powered LED lighting, provided basketballs, hoops and scrimmage jerseys, enabling Barbudans of all ages to enjoy the game.

“I am so pleased to see the community organizing various teams and engaging in regular healthy competitions,” said Mr. Jala Gore of the Sports and Youth Affairs Department. “We had a good run for our business tournament knockout competition, and our under-13 games. The purpose for the games is to get the motivation and fitness level back up and to get the community out engaging with each other.”

In addition, Barbuda Ocean Club also assisted many local churches by facilitating delivery of concrete, tile, and air conditioning units to aid in their restorations, creating important gathering spaces where community members can strengthen bonds of fellowship.

“On behalf of The Abundant Life Ministries and the other ministries in Barbuda, I want to thank the Barbuda Ocean Club for its assistance to the various Churches in Barbuda that benefited from their outreach,” said Apostle Clifton Francois of Abundant Life Ministries.

We are proud to lend our support to revitalizing this community.



SUNDAY MORNING: YOUTH ART PROGRAM

Barbuda Ocean Club's Community Office teamed up with local artist Stacie-Ann Shaw to facilitate a youth art program and exhibit, entitled "Sunday Morning." Held at Abundant Life Ministries, 40 children ranging in age from 10 to 18 years old participated in the workshop where they learned about various styles of art and created original works which were featured in the exhibit and showcased on social media platforms for in-person and online voting. Winners included: Zara Walters (Ages 10-12), Keandra Williams (Ages 13-15), and Roberto Shaw (Ages 16-18).

Programs such as these will help Barbuda ensure its distinctive culture thrives for generations to come.



First place winner - "Shredding Coconut"



First place winner - "Sunday Dreaming"



"Home Before Church"

HAPPY CAMPERS

Barbuda Ocean Club's Community Office provided resources and funding to three outstanding summer camps for Barbudan youth:

BECOMING

A three-week girls' camp, focusing on personal development through art, dance and theater. Supported in cooperation with the Coco Point Fund. BECOMING attracted 25 campers who explored concepts such as: self-identity, goal setting, self-worth, health boundaries, self-esteem, self-care and life experiences. The Barbuda Channel will be highlighting BECOMING in a future episode. Stay tuned.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CAMP

Also in conjunction with Coco Point Fund, this camp taught a diverse curriculum of subjects including climate change, photography and technology, crafts, and cooking.

BLUE OCEAN HALO CAMP

This weeklong camp engaged in lectures and experiential activities involving the ocean. Campers learned invaluable lessons about coral reefs, marine protected areas and the parrotfish. Members of the Outdoor Pursuits Team at Barbuda Ocean Club provided a session focused on ecologically friendly sports activities including kayaking and standup paddle boarding.

Anyone who would like to apply for funding in support of such programs is encouraged to schedule an appointment with Catie Kohler, Director of Community Initiatives at ckholer@barbudaoceanclub.com.

BARBUDA STRONG

Barbuda Ocean Club employs 220 people, including 160 Barbudans. Through their employment, these individuals are not only able to provide for their families, but they also learn skills and gain valuable experience that will benefit Barbuda as a whole. Currently, BOC is hiring for positions including:

Golf Course Development • Landscaping Team
Coco Point Beach Attendants • Cooking and Kitchen Staff

To apply email your resume to jobs@barbudaoceanclub.com or submit an application in person at the BOC Community Office in Codrington.