



Impact Statement 2018

January 2018

- Annual board meeting to plan for the future.
- Began discussions with the Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Purchased OLLF transport and delivery truck for our Jamaica operations – for transporting students and delivering product to our Jamaican partners (photo)

February 2018

- Approval of Grant for funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation (insert logo)
- Upgraded rainwater harvesting to address the drought crisis in South Africa including new rainwater barrels, guttering and downspouts
- Identified the neediest students at the Cavalleria School in Capetown and provided new school uniforms (photo)
- Hosted a Mardi Gras party for all of the 1,200+ students at the Cavalleria School! (photo)
- Based on our SA visit, OLLF identified a need for a nutritionist / cook who can provide guidance to the school chefs for proper preparation of schoolyard garden produce – to be funded in 2019

March 2018

- Began the design of the Dunbar Elementary School Mandala garden project
- Initiated our partnership with Atlanta Public Schools (APS), Nation Builders and Woman of AT&T (logos?)
- Founder, Brenda Isaac was invited by Annie E. Casey Foundation to be a member of Changing the Odds in Equity in Education.

April 2018In

- Finalized the design plan and cost estimates for garden materials for the Dunbar schoolyard garden.
- Began process of developing APS approval documents for garden construction

May 2018

- Developed partnership with Young Earth Systems, Inc. for assistance with garden construction and installation of solar-powered rainwater harvest system at Dunbar (photo of “before”)
- SA musician donates 360 musical tubes to OLLF music program at Cavalleria and additional weekly classes are offered to all students in the school

June 2018

- Initiated drum program for Dunbar Elementary. Purchased dgembe drums for drum classes (photo)
- Began working with Nation Builders to enlist community support for volunteers to build the Dunbar garden



July 2018

- Installation of the Dunbar Garden!! (photos) (include video link to “success stories” page)

August 2018

- Celebrated Grand Opening of Dunbar Garden with special guests from Dunbar, APS, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Nation Builders and Women of AT&T (photos)
- Collaborated with Dunbar educators for set up of Garden Club for weekly classes with students
- Hired drum teacher for bi-monthly drum classes
- Cavallerians and African Drummers participate in the annual Tygerberg International Eistedfodd – Cavallerians score 85% (Gold) and African Drummers score 78% (Silver)

September 2018

- Developed relationship with Maynard Jackson High School (MJHS) to expand on our momentum to revitalize their existing schoolyard garden
- Students began planting the Dunbar garden using hydroponic seedlings grown at MJHS
- Produce growing by month-end!! (photo)

October 2018

- Began collaboration with The New School in Atlanta and established a “sister” school program with Fairfield Academy in Montego Bay
- Initiated planning and design of MJHS schoolyard garden in collaboration with the MJHS Environmental Science teacher

November 2018

- Teacher Exchange with educators from MJHS and Dunbar traveling to Jamaica for collaboration and information exchange with Jamaican farmers
- Delivered computers and presentation equipment to Watford Primary School in Hopewell, Hanover Parrish in Jamaica
- Purchased drums for MJHS drum classes
- The Cavallerians perform at a launch event (The Child Welfare Girl Child/Princess D Menstrual Cup), attended by both the Western Cape Minister for Education, Debbie Schafer, and the Western Cape Minister of Health, Nomafrench Mbombo

December 2018

- Began field trips with Dunbar students delivering fresh produce from our garden to the local Senior Living Center

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