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❖❖❖ Residencies

On March 8th and March 15th, the York CHANGE Agents conducted their first workshops at August Martin High School in Jamaica, Queens. The Agents were inspired by this experience and got a firsthand look at what adolescents think about HIV and sexual health. They are eager to spread their knowledge to other young people in the community.

On April 6th, the Medgar Evers CHANGE Agents conducted their first high school workshop at Clara Barton High School. The Agents were exhilarated by the experience and are excited to move forward with their outreach.

❖❖❖ Upcoming Events

The CHANGE Agents will be presenting at two major conferences in the Brooklyn area this May – the BATES Conference (May 14th) and the More Than Just Sex Conference (May 21st) hosted by CHN. These events attract hundreds of young people each year and will serve as two of our biggest outreach events.

❖❖❖ AIDS Walk NYC (2011)

Every year GMHC hosts their annual AIDS Walk in New York City. This year Project CHANGE will be joining the efforts of GMHC to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. If you would like to sponsor our efforts, please [visit this webpage](#). Thank you in advance for your help and support in this endeavor.

❖❖❖ Good News Corner

Congratulations to Jasmine Calizaire (York) on her acceptance to Brooklyn College's Seminar in Ghana this coming summer.

Congratulations to Tiffany Cudjoe (York), Steven McCartney (York), and Olufemi Sonubi (York) on their recent presentations at York's Student Research Day.

Congratulations to Dimitria McClain (York) on her new position as an HIV testing and counseling specialist at the AIDS Center of Queens County.

Congratulations to Medgeen Ross (MEC) for her participation in the Emerging Leaders Conference.

Congratulations to Natina Smith (MEC) for her participation in the Leadership Summit for Women.

❖❖❖ HIV Fact/Statistic

Women account for 27% of new HIV infections each year and 25% of those living with HIV (CDC, 2010).

❖❖❖ Partners' Corner

We'd like to give a special shout out to several of our partners for their support.

Thanks to Christina Joseph of the Malave Leadership Academy (CUNY) for conducting a professional development workshop geared towards leadership and community assessment for the Agents.

Thanks to Anthony Andrews and Kafui Kouakou at York College's Office of Student Activities for their support in spreading the word about our efforts towards adolescent sexual health.

Thanks to Rev. Ernestine Sanders of Clergy United for Community Empowerment for inviting Carmen Kelly (CUNY Program Director) to present at their monthly clergy meeting in Jamaica, Queens.

Thanks to Jennifer Irwin and Richelyne Nemorin from HEAT at SUNY Downstate for providing testing and outreach services in our Brooklyn communities.



If you would like the CHANGE Agents to visit your site or if you are interested in posting a short blurb about events at your organization or school, please contact Devin Heyward at dheyward89@gmail.com.



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