



Good Day:

Did you know that, according to the 2003 Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey, 64% of males and 54% of females aged 16-25 in Bermuda are at risk of not reaching their full potential. Since 2005, Raleigh Bermuda (reg.charity #710) has helped young Bermudians to see that they are able to rise above crime, drug use, negative peer pressure, low self esteem, poor academic history, and an unsupportive family to have a life they can be proud of. We challenged them to see that they are capable of more than they ever thought possible. And we need your help to ensure we are able to continue offering this opportunity to others.

Through our intensive and individualized personal development programme, participants have the opportunity to develop confidence, self-awareness, and leadership skills all while exploring the world and setting goals for their future. Over the course of a year, the group engages in team building and outdoor survival activities, plus embarks on a challenging 10 week expedition to developing communities in India, Malaysia, or Costa Rica Nicaragua. During the 10 weeks, the participants join with about 100 young people from around the world and complete environmental and community projects, as well as an adventure challenge. The young people are tested in some of the toughest conditions, without electricity, plumbing, familiar food, or other 'luxuries' of home, and are out of contact with their family and friends for weeks at a time.

The result? In 2010, Raleigh conducted a survey amongst our participants from 2005-07.

- 95% thought the programme had an overall positive impact on their lives.
- 95% believed it had a positive impact on their confidence and self-motivation.
- 82% are in school/training and/or working.
- 65% have enrolled in college, and 43% of these received a scholarship

As you can see, Raleigh has REAL success – it is a proven model for helping young people to become productive, confident citizens. Raleigh Bermuda, affiliated with Raleigh International, a decades-old youth organization in the UK, is the ONLY charity that has a structured year-long transformational programme for Bermudians over the age of 18. We help them to learn more about the world and themselves, develop their inner strength, build their skills, and increase their desire and ability to become productive members of our community. We offer them the opportunity to become the person they want to be. I hope you will share in the enthusiasm we have for our programme that is changing the lives of young Bermudians, and assist us with reaching our 2011 target.

Best Regards,

Kristin White  
Executive Director

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