



Dear Friend:

Imagine you are a young adult in Bermuda. You're 18, have been held back in school once already and are at risk of being retained again. You are tired of getting in trouble but don't know how to change. Or maybe you're 19, at Bermuda College, and know your mama cannot afford to send you to university overseas. You don't have the grades for a scholarship because, in addition to school, you have to work to help your family, plus take care of your younger siblings. Perhaps you're 21, you've graduated from high school, and since then have been working as a cashier. You think you'd like to have a career, but have no idea where to start. You're 20, you went overseas to college, but had a hard time and dropped out. You're back home now, and don't know what to do. What if you're 23 and on probation for a petty crime. You don't have a highschool diploma, can't find work and really have no permanent place to live.

These are the stories of young people who need support and need the opportunity to turn their lives around.

Enter Raleigh Bermuda.

Raleigh is a year-long personal development, life skills, and career preparation programme for young Bermudians, especially those at risk, at a crossroads, or at a plateau.

Our programme is designed to challenge them - physically, mentally, and emotionally – so they can see that they have the potential to be more than they ever thought possible. Raleigh raises their confidence, self-belief, and self-motivation so that they can jumpstart their futures.

The programme begins with the training and selection phase. During this 4 month period, the participants must identify something that they want to be different in their lives. It must be something meaningful, and they receive one-on-one coaching towards achieving this. They gain skills in teamwork, communication, outdoor survival, leadership and problem-solving during our 2 residential training camps. They prepare a career/life plan and determine what steps are needed to make it a reality.

After selection, they embark on **the adventure of a lifetime – a 10 week expedition in India, Costa Rica/Nicaragua, or Malaysia**. During these 10 weeks, they will join with 100 young people from around the world to engage in rewarding community and environmental projects, as well as complete an adventure challenge. They are often living in tough conditions, without plumbing and electricity, and soon learn that they can achieve whatever they put their minds to.



When they return, Raleigh helps them with the ‘What next?’ phase of life. Returning to school, applying for scholarships, planning a career, getting a job – our young people now believe that it is all possible, and Raleigh helps to make it so. Raleigh is by no means a magic wand that changes our participants’ circumstances BUT it can change the way they see the world and themselves. We show them the power of their potential and their choices. And our results speak to that – 95% of our alumni feel it made a positive impact on their lives and 82% of them are working and/or in school.

As you know, Bermuda is facing unprecedented challenges with our young people – low graduation numbers, high crime rates, and a lack of life skills are but some of our country’s concerns. **Raleigh Bermuda is the ONLY nonprofit organisation that offers a structured programme to help them address the issues that are keeping them from reaching their goals.**

You can help. Become a ‘Friend of Raleigh’ and help us to provide more young people with the opportunity to change their lives. Your donation, at whatever level, can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Kristin White

Executive Director

“Raleigh International has opened my eyes to bigger and better things. Before Raleigh, I was a school student who had lost his drive for career success and personal fulfillment. Raleigh has helped me to change from that school student into an aspiring young man. I am grateful to have had this awesome Raleigh experience.”

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Join our 'Friends of Raleigh' group and help support Raleigh Bermuda. Provide your name and contact details, and then indicate at what level you would like to join.

Contact Details

Name:

Mailing Address:

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Phone: (home) (cell)

Email Address:

Friends of Raleigh

- Camper: Up to \$50
- Hiker: \$51 – 100
- Trekker: \$101 – 500
- Mountain Climber: \$501 -999
- Expedition Leader: \$1000 +

Payment

- BY CHEQUE: Mail to Raleigh Bermuda, with this slip, using enclosed envelope.
- ONLINE PAYMENT: Transfer to Raleigh Bermuda's HSBC Bermuda account 010-120756-001. (If you pay online, please complete and mail this form to PO Box HM 2475, Hamilton, HM GX.

Volunteering:

- Please check here if you're interested in Volunteering with Raleigh.

Thanks for supporting us! 'Friends of Raleigh' members receive:

- An invitation to our annual Donor Appreciation Cocktail Reception
- A name listing on our Website, and in our Annual Report and Quarterly Newsletter
- A gift of our annual calendar, featuring photos and testimonials

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