

Kiwanis Donates School Supplies to Jamaican Children

Bowling Green K-Kids held a drive for supplies; Kiwanis president Ann Torcivia brought the supplies herself and did a live show from Jamaica on 105.3 Party-FM.

Inspired by her time at the New York District Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference, Levittown Kiwanis President Ann Torcivia recently decided to incorporate her business as a travel agent into her Kiwanis work serving the children of the world. After contacting the Discovery Bay Kiwanis Club in Jamaica regarding their effort to support the island nation's school children, Ann asked clients traveling with her to Jamaica to bring school supplies for the needy. As Ann put out the word that she was looking for school supplies, the Bowling Green K-Kids responded by holding a club school supply collection drive. Ann also received items from Kiwanians from several clubs in the Long Island South Central Division. Ann traveled with a group from FM radio station Party 105.3. When they arrived in Jamaica, their suitcases were stuffed with school supplies. After meeting with Kiwanians of the Discovery Bay Club, Ann visited the Hoolebury Primary School where she presented the school supplies to the school's administrator, teachers and students. Ann was also given the honor of naming four Hoolebury students terrific kids on behalf of the Discovery Bay Club. After Ann shared that a majority of the school supplies had been donated by the Bowling Green K-Kids, the Hoolebury students filmed a "thank you" to Bowling Green. The students also performed a Jamaican Children's dance which was included with the "thank you" video. After the presentation, Party 105.3 interviewed Ann and Discovery Bay Kiwanis President Nellie Seivwright live on air from Jamaica. The focus of the broadcast was Kiwanis' global mission to serve the children of the world and the organization's international fellowship. Upon her return to Long Island, Ann visited the Bowling Green K-Kids meeting. Ann showed the K-Kids the "thank you" video and shared a musical slide show of her visit to Jamaica.