



March Break Program

The *March Break Program* has existed since 2004

Rationale:

Provides a **safe place for elementary school aged children** to spend an **educational, action-packed week** where they can **have fun and learn new things**.



Impacts:

- 15-20 children attend per year.
- Many working parents in the community look for a fun and structured learning environment for their children while school is closed for March Break. The *March Break Program* helps fill this need.
- Young people meet new peers.
- Many of the same children return year after year demonstrating that there is parent and child satisfaction with program.

Processes:

- This program provides a **structured experience** through crafts, science experiments, peer activities, movies, and outdoor play.
- Provides a full-day program for children of elementary school age during the week of March Break.
- The cost is approximately \$80.00 for the full week to attend, or \$20 per day.

- Held at Passchendaale House.
- Staffed by *Town House* Nursery School staff/volunteers.

Strategic Innovations:

Citizens Service League Board of Directors has **approved a strategic plan** to guide their work over the next number of years.

Actions from the strategic plan that fall under the *March Break Camp* Program would be:

- ▶ Consider providing students (from NSCC Human Services program, Island Career Academy, CBU Community Studies and youth groups like Pathfinders) with a leadership and/or career development experience to help organize, plan and deliver the *March Break Program*.
- ▶ Explore intergenerational components that would create relationship building opportunities between senior citizens and the March Break children through cooking, baking, planting, painting, knitting, etc.
- ▶ Promote new/unique themes each year and appeal to children and families through marketing/advertising.

