



DVI Youth Entrepreneurship Camp July 1 – 3, 2008

Teaching Disadvantaged Bahamian Youth To Take Charge of their Lives and Communities

Freeport, Grand Bahama – July 04, 2008 – Dreams & Visions International (DVI), a United States 501c3 non-profit organization which focuses on meeting the needs of neglected, abandoned and at-risk youth in South Florida, Caribbean nations and The Islands Of The Bahamas, announced today that the organization has completed its launching of the first in a series of annual Youth Entrepreneurship Camps on Grand Bahama Island. The three-day program covered: Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship, Business Plan Development, Social Responsibility Strategies, Venture Capital Competition and the completion of Insights' *Making It: A Teen's Guide to Turning Your Hobbies, Skills and Dreams into Entrepreneurial Success*. Dreams and Visions partnered with Insight, an internationally known company whose mission is to develop, grow and inspire young entrepreneurs and leaders to be effective change agents for a sustainable world. DVI has invited a number of corporate sponsors to partner in this venture to provide 25 children between the ages of 14–18, an opportunity to change their future outlook. Proud Local and Multi-National sponsors and partners include Corporate Advantage, Subway, Hertz, Happenings Around Town Newspaper, Compu-Medic, Casimiro Foundation, Insight, and the College of The Bahamas.

In a recent breakfast, DVI shared with members of Grand Bahama's social community and business leaders, Founder and President of DVI, Linville Johnson shared the program's intent. "We're not simply bringing yet another youth program to Grand Bahama Island. Our strategy and methodology includes a faith-based approach that will create positive change and a proactive spirit among our youth. We can talk about what should be done and how the children are our future, but unless we do something now and we invest in them now, how do we expect them to succeed?" stated Mr. Johnson.

Unlike other youth development programs, the DVI Youth Entrepreneurship Camp stresses the importance of ownership, sustainability and prosperity among our youth. One of DVI's benchmarks is to create young entrepreneurs that think beyond profit; in this case stressing the importance of giving back to the community by being socially responsible. DVI camp participants were inspired to become owners, to take their dreams and hobbies and create thriving enterprises.

Founded in 1997 to provide educational, financial, nutritional and social support to abandoned, neglected and underprivileged children in South Florida, The Islands Of The Bahamas and the nations of the Caribbean, Dreams & Vision International is a 501c3 organization headquartered in South Florida and has recently established a presence on Grand Bahama Island and is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors. All board members and staff are volunteers of the organization and represent diverse professional backgrounds. In addition to the office in Florida, DVI established the office in The Bahamas to make it easier to respond to opportunities in the country. There are a number of programs planned over the next five to ten years including a Meals Program, a Hurricane Relief Program, Single Parenthood Workshops, Mentoring Programs and a Scholarship program. For information on Dreams & Vision International visit www.dvinternational.org. For information on Insight visit www.goinsight.biz.