



Boys & Girls Clubs

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Building Boys and Girls Clubs



Announcement

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We are thrilled to announce that we have the support of Jully Black and Luther Brown, former residents of the Jane and Finch Community. These successful artists believe strongly in giving back to their community and have signed on to act as spokespersons for the campaign.

The Building Boys and Girls Clubs campaign aims to raise \$3.5 million over the next five years to build/expand three new Boys and Girls Clubs and renovate two existing Clubhouses. The vision that created St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club in 1949 and built its Clubhouse in 1960 has successfully grown to reach other under serviced and at risk communities.



Jully Black

Juno Award winning recording artist.

The youngest of nine children, Jully grew up in awe of her hard-working mother, who was the glue that held the family together. "Even though I was raised in a single parent home, I didn't know that I was poor," Jully reflects. "We didn't feel poor. My Mom always found a way. I had a good childhood." She's penned songs for Destiny's Child and Nas, and shared the stage with Jay-Z, 50 Cent, Bon Jovi, Josh Groban and Usher. Her latest Gold-selling album, Revival, has sprung 4 hit singles and earned her a Juno for R&B/SOUL RECORDING OF THE YEAR. Now, her audience has grown further with a regular spot doing celebrity reporting on CTV's eTalk. Jully has been through the storm, and like anybody who's pursued dreams in spite of adversity she's stronger for it. "Music saved me," she explains. And now it's her turn to give back through music.

Luther Brown

Top North American choreographer.

Being of Jamaican decent – Luther grew up in a household where music and the arts were a part of daily living. As a child, he quickly adapted an ear for music through assisting his dad on the Toronto based Radio show, Caribbean Crucible. His love for the arts continued to develop throughout high school as he formed and ran numerous dance and step teams, while at the same time expressing his self creatively through a pen and pad to begin his career as a song writer. The founder and owner of Do Dat Entertainment, Luther has worked with such artists as Diddy, Janet Jackson, Danity Kane, Alicia Keys, Brandy, Shawn Desman, Jully Black, Keshia Chante, FeFe Dobson, and Eva Avila.

With the recent wave of dance-oriented reality shows, Luther has been recruited to be a judge/choreography on the inaugural season of 'So You Think You Can Dance – Canada'. He has also been featured on Diddy's 'Making The Band 4' series and will be making special guest appearances in this upcoming season.

