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Students from high schools across New Providence hard at work preparing bins and other materials for uniform collection.



President of UFA and Head Girl of Queen's College, Mahlia Neely, attentively decorating signs and other materials in preparation for UFA's collection day.

High School Seniors Team Up to Donate Used Uniforms to Students in Need

Nassau, Bahamas – Students of various high schools across New Providence have teamed up to create a high school uniform recycling project.

UFA (Uniforms for All) was founded in June 2018 by 2018-2019 Head Girl of Queen's College, Mahlia Neely and fellow students. UFA's mission is to recycle slightly used high school uniforms of both private and public schools, mend and launder them, and redistribute to students in need across New Providence who otherwise may not have the resources to purchase their own.

"My grandmother, Mildred Gordon, was a custodian at a private school and kept laundered uniforms in the janitor's closet to give to students who might have had an accident in school or who could not afford uniforms, which is where I got the idea", explains Mahlia Neely, President of UFA. "Today, many students have perfectly good uniforms that they no longer use and our job is to connect that unused uniform with a student who can use it."

Although UFA began as the brainchild of Neely who is a student at QC, the club maintains its position as an inclusive island-wide effort, with students from schools such as St. Anne's, St. John's, Queen's College, Government High, Doris Johnson and Anatol Rodgers all uniting to assist with the execution of the club's initiative.

Along with the UFA's President Mahlia Neely, other committee members include a Vice President, Public Relations & Marketing Coordinator and a Treasurer, as well as ninth and tenth grade students to ensure the club's continuity.

Sponsors for this year's initiative include: FirstCare Medical Plan, AML Foods Ltd., Cherylee Pinder and John Bull Business Centre.

Members of the public can make donations by dropping off gently used uniforms in the bins provided at Cost Right and Solomon's Super Center's Yamacraw, between July 2, 2018 and July 30, 2018, where the person who donates the most uniforms will win a \$250 Gift Certificate to John Bull Business Centre.

All uniforms will be inspected, mended, laundered and pressed, and will then be sorted by school and size. Inventory will be posted on the website along with a venue and times for pick-ups.

To find out more about this project and how you can help, email ufabahamas242@gmail.com or call 242.804.2466 or 242.432.0363.

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