



## **The Princeton Club of Rochester**

**Domonique Malcolm  
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Domonique is the co-founder of a non-for-profit organization, the “Do What We Can Project,” whose overarching goal is assisting those in need. Her commitment has deep roots.

*“My parents are both originally from Jamaica, a 3rd world country with limited opportunities. I am most inspired to give back to Jamaica because the people there are humans just like me, just unfortunately lacking opportunities that Americans have. My parents have taught me about the importance of giving back to the community we came from.”*

To that end, Domonique has successfully lead several mission trips with teams of up to 30 to help those living in poverty in Maggotty, Jamaica. They have already provided funding for computers and software for students, 500 bags of groceries for needy families during the holidays, construction of two homes for struggling families, and soccer equipment for the local high school. The project also provided dental and medical attention to nearly 900 patients during a visit to a local clinic.

Her next journey there is planned for 2018, when she will bring a crew of nearly 30 people to continue making a positive difference in the lives of those living in Maggotty. Domonique describes how inspirational this ongoing effort has been:

*“When my peers saw that I was capable of helping others, I believe it opened up their eyes to the importance of giving back to a community and that it’s not impossible. Through the persistence, motivation and determination of the members of this organization, we have been extremely successful despite the hurdles thrown our way.”*

Todd Burkner, a history teacher at Carthage High School, says in the four years that he has known Domonique, there have been few, if any, people that he holds in higher regard.

*“Domonique has championed many causes that encourage people to look past race, ethnicity, and nationality in order to cultivate a mindset centered around a shared humanity. She understands that people’s thinking and ideas must be centered around a concept of global citizenship, and that the efforts of the individual must be channeled toward improving life for the bottom 1/3 of humanity. Her tireless work on behalf of others has helped many in our predominantly white/rural/conservative community see past some of the differences that would have normally plagued their thinking. It is because of students like her that I have a real and robust hope for the future.”*

Domonique suggests: *“I think every young person should try to help others in need because it is truly life changing.”* We hear you loudly and clearly, Domonique, and agree wholeheartedly!