

Office of Senator Genevieve Whitaker

Special Projects

Name of Project	Summary
<p>DOA/VIHA Youth Specialty Crop Project Agriculture Development Pilot Program for (at risk) Youths living in Public Housing Communities.</p>	<p>A collaborative intergovernmental initiative spearheaded by Senator Whitaker as funded and administered by the Department of Agriculture through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Specialty Crop Grant) and supported by the Housing Authority in the use of the housing communities. The project focuses on creating opportunities for the youth by using agriculture as a tool to instill values, principles, and business skills.</p> <p>A special thank you to DOA's Marketing Director Mr. Billy Abraham who joined with Senator Whitaker and her team in a vision to support our youth.</p>
<p>Baga Rezende Ebonites Steel Pan</p>	<p>Baga Rezende Resolution, ACT No. 8527 (Bill No. 34-0061)</p> <p>Senator Whitaker honored Mr. Baga Rezende for his brilliant work in the community and the influence he had over the youth. Steering them in the right direction, and using steel pan as means to more opportunities for the youth.</p> <p>The project in addition to having honored Baga centers on assisting Baga and his band in restoring the Ebonites band.</p>
<p>Whim Gardens Wilford Pedro Adoption</p>	<p>Date of Adoption, May 20, 2021; Senator Whitaker adopted this community to help support our elders, ensuring they have a safe space that is comfortable and suited for them.</p>
<p>Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC)-Ex-Officio/Commission on Youth</p>	<p>An initiative that encourages the youth to learn and get involved in the community and the institutions that create and enforce laws, allowing them special insight into how the legislature operates</p>
<p>Juvenile Justice (Youth Court System of the VI)</p>	<p>Senator Whitaker has crafted legislation that would allow for a separate judicial system for our youth. This legislation centers on the establishment of a special court that is equipped to handle juvenile cases aimed at providing individual care plans for social, emotional, and educational development to help/rehabilitate our delinquent youth. Senator Whitaker and staff took part in the tour of the Hillsborough County Court Tour, Juvenile Justice Division 11.5.21 where she and her staff had the opportunity to meet with the Judges and Administrative Staff Juvenile Diversion Program.</p>
<p>Commission on the Status of Women</p>	<p>Senator Whitaker has received support from Governor Bryan in her efforts to promote the Commission on the Status of Women, any women who are interested in serving on the commission, please reach out to the office.</p>
<p>Children's First (Midre Cummings Park)</p>	<p>Senator Whitaker and staff contributed to the funding and support for this park to provide a safe space for kids to be kids.</p>

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