

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

Mrs. Pamela Francis, Chief Executive Officer
United Way Trinidad and Tobago



The January 2010 Edition of *United Voice* seeks to give a snapshot of the activities and accomplishments of United Way Trinidad and Tobago during the last six months of 2009. While many anticipated that 2009 would be a challenging year for us, the dedication and hard work of our network of Employee Volunteers, Corporate Donor Partners, Volunteer Board, Volunteer Committee Members and the Executive staff ensured that our Fund-raising efforts were successful and our targets were met.

In this edition we attempt to capture some of the impact that these activities and accomplishments have had on the social services being delivered by many well-governed NGOs. Through your generosity UWTT was able to build the capacities of some 28 NGOs through the disbursement of TT\$4.2 million and to provide volunteers to several organisations.

It is hoped that donors will be encouraged to continue supporting the work of United Way and advocating for us to encourage others to join in the effort. In order to make real and sustainable progress in creating strong communities where each individual will achieve his/her potential, we must not give

up. It is hard work and this cannot be achieved easily or speedily. It requires dedication, insight and resources to achieve our goals.

2009 ended on a sad note for United Way with the passing of our much loved and respected Board Member, Mr. Bernard Dulal-Whiteway. Mr. Dulal-Whiteway's tremendous contribution to establishing the organisation on a sound footing will continue to redound to the benefit of thousands of vulnerable citizens across the country.

We take this opportunity on behalf of the United Way family to extend sincerest best wishes for 2010 to all our supporters.



UNIQUELY WORTHY

Discover the Uniqueness
within **YOU-TH**

As part of United Way's commitment to Youth Development and its major financial investments in programmes that address and mitigate critical social ills that affect youth, United Way and bpTT undertook the Uniquely Worthy Motivational Workshops. The programme was designed to reinforce the uniqueness and worthiness of each participant.

The Uniquely Worthy Motivational Workshops specifically dealt with three critical areas: Valuing One's Self, Embracing One's Peers and Discovering and Living One's Purpose. The programmes were facilitated by motivational speaker Mr. Don La Foucade and Organisational Development Consultant Mr. Anthony Watkins. Youth between the ages of 13 and 19 years old from across T&T participated in the programme.

The workshops were interactive and allowed the 600 plus participants

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to express themselves verbally while learning valuable lessons about themselves and their peers. At the end of the session participants were also asked to write uniquely worthy statements about their lives and to identify possible community projects that can help in the empowerment and upliftment of youth.



Participants of the Uniquely Worthy Programme

UNIQUELY WORTHY STATEMENTS

SOUTH



"Don't look for your reflection in the mud puddles on the roadside, look at mirrors on the walls of kings"
Keziah Crick



"No one can bring joy to you unless there is joy within you"
Nikisha Neverson



"A positive motive along with a positive attitude reflects a positive outcome"
Aisha Noel

NORTH



"Being a good friend does not involve one or two qualities but a few; it is a link that involves both me and you. We must love and respect one another, even though we didn't come from the same mother. I respect and care for you in times of pain, and pray that the hurt will not remain. I want to

listen to you when you are down and I will always be around. My attitude towards us spreads for a range; It's based on joy, patience, tolerance and change. I am your friend and you are mine: friends forever until the end of time"
Arielle Chrichlow

CENTRAL



"Love yourself, love others...and the world would shine its love onto you"
Jonathon Rajpaul



"Love and respect each person you meet. Embrace them and in turn they will love and respect each person they meet. It is only then we can make the world a better place"
Farah Ali

TOBAGO



"A genuine friend is what we get for consoling a stranger's pain and neglect. With love, patience and respect, a lifelong friendship is met"
Candice Rampersad

EAST



"We need love to live life happily with our peers; we need to love ourselves first in order to love others and to be loved by our peers. Love is the purest essence of a divine friendship"
Tamara Atwaroo



"Even if the morrow is barren of promises, nothing shall forestall the everlasting authenticity of patience, joy, tolerance and love....Found only with friendship."
Idris Mohammed



"For you to love me, we both have to be free. Be free to care, be free to share, to be respected. You have to change your perspective; you give respect to receive it. There's no limit to be kind, considerate and intelligent. For we are all unique, we have different minds....And we all have the potential to shine"
Dayle Angus



Ms. Shaunna Thomas, Jump Rope For Heart Coordinator, TTASPE (left), receives a cheque from Ms Marissa Morrain, Marketing and Promotional Coordinator, The Docucentre Limited, a member of the TSL Group.

THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO ALLIANCE FOR SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (TTASPE) is a registered non-governmental organisation that is dedicated to the development and support of meaningful sporting and physical education programmes.

The grant of \$75,000 was given to TTASPE towards its Jump Rope For Heart Programme (JRFH). The main

objective of the JRFH programme is to arrest at its earliest stage the problems associated with chronic non-communicable diseases that can arise from unhealthy meal choices and irregular physical activity. The JRFH programme encourages children, specifically primary school children, to engage in healthy lifestyle activities as well as make nutritious meal choices.



Mrs. Cheryl Edwards, Executive Director, T&T National Council on Alcoholism (left), receives a cheque from Ms. Griselle Smith, Coordinating HR Specialist, IBM World Trade Corporation.

CREDO FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE is a registered non-governmental organisation that was founded in 1993 to address the increasing problem of children living on the streets. The organisation currently operates three centres: CREDO Centre, Sophia House and Aylward House.

The grant of \$ 80,000 was given to the CREDO Foundation in support of Sophia House which provides refuge for young girls at risk. The grant will be used to strengthen the area of care-giving at the home. As a result of this funding 41 girls are able to live in a safe, happy and positive environment. All the girls at Sophia House also had the opportunity to deal with their issues through therapy. They were all re-integrated into the education system and were able to rebuild relationships with their families, with some returning home to live.



Ms. Joycelyn Ransome of Sophia House (left) receives a cheque from Ms. Griselle Smith, Coordinating HR Specialist, IBM World Trade Corporation.

THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER ADDICTIONS is a registered non-governmental organisation whose objective is to provide the national community with substance abuse prevention education and information on the disease of alcoholism and other drug-related addictions.

The grant of \$15,000 was given to the Trinidad & Tobago National Council on Alcoholism and Other Addictions to assist with renovation costs of the organisation's centre.



Ms. Cathryn Kelshall, Chairman, the Dyslexia Association (left), receives a cheque from Ms. Marissa Murrain, Marketing and Promotional Coordinator, The Docucentre Limited, a member of the TSL Group.

THE DYSLLEXIA ASSOCIATION is a registered non-governmental organisation whose mission is to build public awareness on dyslexia and provide training for teachers and parents to assist dyslexic children as well as training for dyslexic children with their particular learning disability.

Over the last three years United Way has supported the Dyslexia Association in its specialist training programmes such as the Visualising and Verbalising Programme and LiPS (Lindamood Phonemic Sequencing) Programme. As a result of these specialist training programmes 144 teachers will be able to use the additional tools in the classroom to assist many more children in reading and writing.

In 2009, the grant of \$50,500 was given to the Dyslexia Association towards the Teachers' Training Course in Methods for Teaching Dyslexics. The grant will be used to train 44 teachers in multi-sensory teaching of reading, handwriting and spelling, perception, sequencing, listening skills, language skills, story writing, comprehension, help in the classroom, lesson planning and meta-cognition.

THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (NCPD) is a registered non-governmental organisation located in the heart of San Fernando that is involved in the development and integration of persons with disabilities into the wider community. Prior to this, NCPD was established as a vocational rehabilitation centre primarily for individuals who were affected from the outbreak of polio in the 1950s.

The grant of \$286,421 was given for the acquisition and installation of appropriate furniture, equipment, machinery and technology devices which will be used to meet the international standards under the CVQ requirements as well as the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 2004.



Ms. Judy Beckles, Human Resources Manager, National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (left), receives a cheque from Ms. Caira Cudjoe, Manager Corporate Communications Department, Guradian Life of the Caribbean.



Ms. Michelle Ali, General Services Unit, Citibank, presents a cheque to Mr. Subesh Ramjattan Chief Executive Officer, Bridge of Hope.

BRIDGE OF HOPE is a registered, non-governmental organisation that currently operates a children's home and a village resource centre comprised of a Learning Resource Centre and a Business Centre. BOH is also the umbrella organisation for the Kernahan Centre for Community Development, in Kernahan Village near Manzanilla.

Bridge of Hope currently houses 30 children between the ages of two and 16 years old. There are also four young adults ages 17-20 years old who are currently being transitioned.

Bridge of Hope continues to maintain a significant level of success with the children of the home, which can be seen through the significant improvement in their academic performances. The home has recorded an 87% increase in the auditory processing level of the children at the home.

The grant of \$ 250,000 will go toward the Institutional Capacity Building Initiatives of the organisation to continue its work in providing a safe family environment for the children, enabling them to reach their full growth and potential.



Mr. Subesh Ramjattan, Chief Executive Officer, Bridge of Hope, receives a cheque from Mrs. Pamela Francis, Chief Executive Officer, United Way.

MOMS FOR LITERACY is a registered non-governmental organisation engaged in the delivery of remedial literacy classes for children between the ages of seven and 15 years old. Children are recommended to the programme by the Ministry of Education Special Educators Department, Social Service Department of Mount Hope, schools, teachers and parents who have experienced the success of the programme.

United Way has supported the MOMS Remediation Programme over the last five years. With this programme children are assessed on entry in order to determine an appropriate programme. Once assessed, the children are registered for classes once or twice per week, and continually monitored to ensure improvement.



Mrs. Elsa Lara, PR Coordinator - Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited (right) presents a cheque to Ms. Coretta Francis, Operations Officer - MOMS For Literacy

The grant of \$200,000 was given to MOMS for Literacy toward the institutional capacity-building initiatives of the organisation by way of salaries/stipends, utilities, occupancy and supplies. It is expected that through this funding MOMS for Literacy will be able to adequately meet the needs of the organisation's annual quota of 650 students.

BRIDGE OF HOPE - KERNAHAN CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (KCCD) is a project in collaboration with bpTT, Cocal Retreat Ltd, SERVOL and the Kernahan Community. Kernahan is a rural community located at the south-eastern coast of Trinidad. The population of the community is approximately 126 families whose only means of income is through subsistence farming and fishing. Through the KCCD the following programmes were initiated: Early Childhood Care and Education Centre in partnership with SERVOL, and the Parent Outreach Programme (POP) which is also in partnership with SERVOL. The programme involves volunteers and social workers engaging persons in the community to help improve their financial stability; an adult literacy programme is also in progress through the collaboration with ALTA, and a Video and Multimedia production is currently being taught at the centre as a skill opportunity through the Social Justice Group of T&T.

The grant of \$152,400 will go towards the institutional capacity-building initiatives of the KCCD by way of ensuring adequate human and physical resources are available for the delivery of high quality programmes for this rural community.

TSTT donates \$100,000 to United Way



From left to right: Mr. Roberto Peon, Chief Executive Officer, TSTT, Mr. Dennis Evans, United Way Donations Committee Chairman and Managing Director, Citigroup Country Officer Trinidad & Regional Franchise, Ms. Debra De Rosia of the Eternal Light Community, and Mrs. Pamela Francis, Chief Executive Officer, United Way.

Telecommunications provider TSTT has had a longstanding relationship with United Way. Employees of TSTT have been contributing through the employee payroll deduction programme since 2005. As such, TSTT in its commitment to ensure greater impact in the social sector has donated the sum of \$ 100,000 to United Way in support of its work in alleviating the many social ills in our society.

COURT SHAMROCK – CENTRE FOR SOCIALLY DISPLACED PERSONS is a registered non-governmental organisation located in San Fernando that provides a halfway house facility for men between the ages of 23 and 45 who are afflicted with Substance Abuse Problems, who were deported, or who are otherwise homeless/socially displaced.

The grant of \$165,500 was given to Court Shamrock with the aim of enhancing the existing rehabilitation programme at the centre. Through this programme the centre is hoping to establish a structured approach to rehabilitation that will be tailored to the clients' specific needs. To facilitate the enhancement of the programme the following areas will be addressed: The retention of a full-time social worker who will also assist in facilitating the clients' reintegration into society. The implementation of a Behaviour Modification Process along with the existing Twelve-Step Programme to ensure that clients acquire new approaches to learning and living, and are able to reduce the negative effects of addiction, homelessness/or incarceration so that they are able to acquire skills and within three months are positioned to earn an income on a continuous basis.



Mr. Trevor Brathwaite, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Socially Displaced Persons (left), receives a cheque from Mr. Mark Cape, Manager Electronic Banking Systems Information and Communication Technologies, First Citizens Bank.



Mr. Brian Jones, Chairman, Casa De Corazon receives a cheque from Mrs. Trudy de Verteuil, Manager Corporate and Community Affairs, Public Relations and External Affairs, TSTT.

CASA DE CORAZON (formerly the Heart Home) located in Sangre Grande operates a residential children's home that provides refuge and holistic care for abused, abandoned and displaced children. The home currently houses 18 children between the ages of five and 15 years old.

The grant of \$50,000 will go towards life skills training for staff and the children of the home.

The objective is to utilise the

services of a professional psychologist to train the staff to acquire improved skills in dealing with the children.

Life skills for the children will include: Sense of Self, Anger Management, Values Clarification and Civic responsibility.

The programmes will assist them in dealing more effectively with life's daily challenges, handling conflict more effectively and improving communication skills.



Mrs. Rachael Byng-Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Loveuntil Foundation, receives a cheque from Mr. Mark Cape, Manager Electronic Banking Systems Information and Communication Technologies, First Citizens Bank.

THE LOVEUNTIL FOUNDATION is a registered non-governmental organisation that operates a pre-school, a bakery, parenting support courses and youth development programmes to residents of Laventille and environs. In March 2009 the READI Centre (Drug Rehab Centre) located in Matura was opened to provide a sanctuary for drug addicts/substance abusers to be rehabilitated.

The grant of \$ 144,000 was given

to the Loveuntil Foundation towards running six programme workshops. Each workshop is an hour long and will run for 20 weeks within the six-month period of residence. Workshops to be covered are as follows: Vocational Training (agriculture, construction etc), Lifestyle Management, Motivational Lectures, Developing Coping Mechanisms & Preventing Relapse, Faith and Self-Worth & Financial Planning.

THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO CANCER SOCIETY is a registered non-governmental organisation actively involved in the fight against cancer through screening to facilitate early detection, education to increase public awareness of the disease, social counselling and psychological support and welfare assistance to persons throughout T&T.

United Way Trinidad & Tobago donated \$404,000 to the Trinidad & Tobago Cancer Society towards the upgrade of the mammography services offered to women across Trinidad & Tobago. UWTT is acutely aware that cancer now touches most families in the country and early and accurate detection is key to survival. With this enhanced mammography equipment the radiologist can electronically transmit images to any part of the world where they can be subjected to a second reading.

On behalf of the many Donors to the United Way Community Fund, Mr.



L-r: Atlantic LNG representatives Ms. Lena Lezama, Mr. Moonilal Lalchan and Mr. Oscar Prieto; Dr. George Laquis, Chairman T&T Cancer Society, and Mrs. Pamela Francis, CEO, United Way.

Oscar Prieto, CEO of Atlantic LNG, Mr. Moonilal Lalchan and Ms. Lena Lezama, all part of the United Way Atlantic LNG Employee Campaign Team, toured the facilities and presented the cheque to Dr. George Laquis, Chairman of the Society. Mrs. Pamela Francis, CEO of United Way,

was on hand for the presentation and expressed UWTT's continued gratitude to those individuals and corporations who make it possible for well-governed NGOs to receive substantial contributions to build their capacities to deliver high quality services to our most vulnerable citizens.

THE YMCA is the oldest and largest youth organisation in the world, operating in 130 countries with a membership of 30 million people. The YMCA focuses on the development of youth. Community Outreach Programmes, Child's Rights Advocacy and work with at risk youth.

United Way has joined with YMCA in Tobago to support the development of youth on the island. Phase 1 of a larger project to develop a first class, multi-use YMCA is well on the way with the first Community Swimming Pool on the island and supporting facilities now under construction and scheduled for completion by mid-year. The youth of Tobago will not only be able to learn to swim there but will participate in many other sporting and recreational facilities. The centre will also cater to persons with disabilities who currently have no access to water therapy.

Chairman of the YMCA Tobago Steering Committee, Dr. Eastlyn McKenzie was on hand to receive the Grant of \$220,000 from Mrs. Pamela Francis, CEO United Way. Dr. McKenzie welcomed the entrance of YMCA in Tobago and is looking forward to the completion of the Centre



Dr. Eastlyn McKenzie, Chairman of the YMCA Tobago Steering Committee (left), receives a cheque from Mrs. Pamela Francis, Chief Executive Officer, United Way.

which she envisages will be a hub of activity on the island, seven days a week. She expressed her gratitude to all who contribute to United Way, making it possible for the Tobago youth to join their counterparts across the globe who are members of the YMCA.



Patrons of the Greenway Plant Sale look at the array of plants on sale.

The Green Way Initiative

The employees of the TSL Group came together for a unique initiative in support of United Way. The Green Way Initiative – Plant Sale brought a new spin on charitable fundraising. This initiative not only gave the buyer the opportunity to support a worthy cause but also increased the importance of going green while enjoying the benefits of beautiful plants. All the plants on sale were donated through the generosity of staff. At the end of event the sum of \$4,033 was raised.



Mrs. Jacklyn Morgan of Joshua Boys' Home (left) receives a cheque from Mrs. Trudy de Verteuil, Manager Corporate and Community Affairs, Public Relations and External Affairs, TSTT.

JOSHUA BOYS' HOME is a residential children's home located in Arima that provides accommodation for 14 boys between the ages of two and 17 years who have either been abandoned or abused. All but two of the boys are of school age. One is at pre-school, three are at secondary school and eight are in primary school.

The grant of \$140,000 was given to Joshua Boys' Home and will go toward the institutional capacity-building initiatives of the home with special emphasis in the area of care-giving. As a result of funding from United Way the boys at the home will be surrounded by a caring and loving environment which fosters their growth and development thus enabling them to lead productive well rounded lives.



Ms. Elsa Lara, PR Coordinator, Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited (left), presents a cheque to Ms. Miraby Raghunanan of Goshen House.



Ms. Michelle Ali, General Services Unit, Citibank, presents a cheque (left) to Ms. Miraby Raghunanan of Vision of Hope.

VISION OF HOPE is a halfway house located in La Brea that provides accommodation for 50 persons annually, specifically women and children who have been victims of physical, emotional or sexual abuse. The facility also houses a skills learning centre for the women.

The grant of \$143,400 was given to Vision of Hope toward the institutional capacity-building initiatives of the organisation through the sustainability of adequate human resource personnel in support of the halfway house and will also supplement their income-generating activities.

Successes at the home include victims of incest and rape who are able to access training at the Vocational Training Centre and can then acquire jobs, enabling them to regain their independence.

GOSHEN HOME is a halfway house located in Peytonville, Carapo that provides a safe haven for women and their children who have been physically, emotionally and or sexually abused. The grant of \$179,000 was given to Goshen Home in support

AMICA HOUSE is a residential children's home located in St. Augustine that provides refuge for socially displaced girls who have suffered emotional and/or physical and psychological abuse.

The grant of \$160,000 was given to Amica House toward the institutional capacity-building initiatives of the home with special emphasis in the area of care-giving.

United Way has been a strong supporter of Amica House for the last four years. As a result of our ongoing funding, Amica House is able to provide a warm and nurturing environment for the girls, thus enabling them to reach their full potential. A direct result of this funding can be seen in the case of Victoria who is in her final year at the University of the West Indies completing her degree in social work.



Sister Jude Marie Aird, Administrator, Amica House, receives a cheque from Clive Gill, Pipeline Engineer, Fluor Daniel South America Limited.

of the institutional capacity-building initiatives of the organisation through the sustainability of adequate human resource personnel in support of the halfway house. Funding will also be used for the upgrading of the security system at the facility.

PHILLIPS CHILDREN'S HOME is a residential children's home in Campden, Couva that provides accommodation for children who have been socially displaced.

The grant of \$190,000 was given to Phillips Children's Home toward the institutional capacity-building initiatives of the home with special emphasis in the area of care-giving.

This grant will assist in improving the capacity of the home to deliver quality care to the children.

In particular, trained care-givers who are adequately compensated will have a greater sense of security that will ensure a higher standard of care for their charges.

The additional care-givers that these funds provide will result in an improved children-staff ratio and



Mrs. Beverly John, Chairman of Phillips Children's Home and Nursery School, receives a cheque from Mr. Clive Gill, Pipeline Engineer, Fluor Daniel South America Limited.

more personalised attention to the individuals at the home.

Remedial classes for the children will also be catered for through this grant.

THE FOUNDATION FOR THE ENHANCEMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF LIFE (FEEL) is an umbrella organisation that collaborates with NGOs that serve the poor, needy and handicapped. FEEL provides food, clothing and pharmaceuticals as well as equipment for the handicapped.

As an initiative in support of people in crisis, United Way has provided a grant of \$80,000 to FEEL to assist with the provision of food items for distribution through NGOs and CBOs to the less fortunate in their communities.



Mrs. Leoline Boxhill, Chief Executive Officer, FEEL, receives a cheque from Mr. Conrad Aleong, Chairman, United Way.



Participants of the 2009 BGO Energy Challenge celebrate

BG ENERGY CHALLENGE 2009

In 2009 BG Trinidad & Tobago pulled out all the stops to ensure another excellent BG Energy Challenge. Twenty-one teams competed strongly after months of training in preparation for the event.

United Way wishes to thank BG T&T and all the participants for once again assisting United Way in fulfilling our mandate to mobilise resources for the well-governed NGOs and CBOs who deliver critical services to our vulnerable citizens.

The participating teams were:

- ALNG Challenger 7
- BG T&T Nu-Iron Unlimited
- BHP Billiton
- bpTT
- BTF
- Corkie's Casuals
- Deloitte SPORTT
- Fluor Summit Alliance
- GDF SUEZ - ALNG
- Hydro-Tech Ltd
- Halliburton
- Point Lisas Nitrogen Ltd.
- Port Authority
- Republic Bank
- Scotiabank
- Tekeez
- The Beacon Trailblazers
- Trail Warriors
- WE SPEC

Carols & Classics \$163,450 to support operations



Tahirah Osbourne

United Way Trinidad & Tobago produced its fourth annual fundraising concert Carols & Classics On Steel at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in December. The show featured performances by Tahirah Osbourne, Wendell Constantine, Meda Ellis, H₂O Phlo and the scintillating sounds on steel by WITCO Desperadoes and the Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars. All proceeds will go towards the operational expenses of UWT&T.

Guests were treated to a special surprise as members of H₂O Phlo, Wendell Constantine and Meda Ellis performed a special rendition of Michael Jackson's "Heal the World". Special tribute was also performed by the Neal and Massy Trinidad All Stars on the passing of Mr. Bernard Dulal-Whiteway, United Way Board Member.



Members of H₂O Phlo, Wendell Constantine and Meda Ellis perform their rendition of "Heal the World"



WITCO Desperadoes



Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars



the Leadership challenge



Mrs. Sandra Chin Yuen Kee, Chef Khalid Mohammed and United Way Chairman Conrad Aleong.

As part of the 2009 Campaign Activities, members of the UWTT Donations Committee were given the challenge to find new and innovative ways to raise funds for the United Way Community Fund. In the true spirit of leadership, members took up the challenge with an array of creative and diverse events.

Mrs. Sandra Chin Yuen Kee set the pace by inviting Mr. Khalid Mohammed and CHAUD to join in hosting "Trini Pot Luck". The staff at CHAUD threw in their support and provided excellent service and support free of charge. The fine local cuisine included Sancoche, Cassava Oil Down and Oxtail and was enjoyed by all. The net proceeds from this event was \$ 44,075.

Open House at Mr. Dennis Evans', Chairman of the Donations Committee, took place in April and saw Mr. Evans playing host to guests who were treated to hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in what was a very enchanting evening. Mr. Evans was delighted that many guests turned the cocktail party into a dancing party. The net proceeds from this event was \$ 37,500.

"An evening with the Stars" hosted by Vincent Pereira, Myrnelle

Akan and Dale Laughlin was the third event which included performances by Excellent Stores Silver Stars, National Panorama Champions. Apart from sweet sounds on steel, patrons were treated to local cuisine which included corn soup, aloo pies and doubles, and a complimentary glass of wine courtesy Vintage Imports which made for a delightful evening. The net proceeds from this event totalled \$47,331.

Not to be outdone, Charity Dim Sum was the last of the events for 2009. Hosted by UW Chairman Conrad Aleong, this event took place at the Kam Wah Chinese Restaurant and exposed guests to a wide array of authentic Chinese dishes. An auction which included items such as a Nelson Mandela DVD and Ties and an original Martin Superville painting added to the excitement. The net proceeds from this event was \$54,560.



Mrs. Zalayhar Hassanali, Patron of United Way, presents Mr. Derek Faria with his painting by Martin Superville for which he successfully bid.

Together the events raised the sum of \$183,466 with lots of good fun and camaraderie. We look forward to this year's challenge!



Flour Daniel Curry Duck Cook-Off

On Saturday May 2, 2009 all roads led to the rustic and scenic De Freitas Ranch in, Valencia, where staffers of Flour Daniel competed in their first Curry Duck Cook-Off and River Lime. Cooks from throughout the company were armed and ready to bring out their seasoning and start the fire at the competition. Six teams with innovative names competed for the coveted title of the "Best-tasting Curry Duck". The teams included Muddah Duckers, P2S Quackers, Curry Ducktors, Slumduck Millionaires, Duck Out and Taste Like Chicken. Apart from the curried duck, teams also created side dishes that complemented the main dish.

With a twist in the competition, United Way staffers were invited to be the special judges for the competition. Dishes were judged based on taste, presentation and method of preparation. By the end of the tasting P2S Quackers copped the title, much to the disappointment of the other competitors. The judges admitted that the task was not an easy one since the offerings were indeed outstanding!! The fun-filled day also featured a crossword puzzle, treasure hunt, with a round trip ticket to St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands.

Unlike the traditional curry duck competitions, the proceeds of \$13,869.02 raised from the cook-off and treasure hunt were donated to United Way. Hats off to all the teams who made the day the resounding success that it was!

The Jewel Tone Touch



Volunteers of Atlantic LNG painting the interior walls of the Duncan Street Caring Facility.



Employees of the Media Sales Advertising and Specialties Division present Mrs. Gail Weekes (fifth from right), Campaign Marketing Officer, United Way, with a cheque from the sales of the jewel tone pen.

Media Sales Advertising and Specialties Division has pledged its support to United Way through the sales of the exclusive jewel tone pen. For every unit sold, Media Sales will donate \$1.00 to United Way in support of its work.

Specialties Division presented a cheque of \$22,543.00 to United Way. We would like to say a special thank you to all the companies that supported this initiative.

This offer continues through June 2010 and we look forward to your continued support with this innovative initiative.

In December the Advertising

United We Paint

The Living Waters Duncan Street Caring Facility provides meals for socially displaced persons in the city of Port of Spain. While this facility is doing yeoman service in its field, the centre was in dire need of a facelift.

Volunteers of Atlantic LNG took on the challenge of creating a warm and inviting ambience, through the generous donation of paint from Sherwin Williams. The Atlantic LNG team armed with paint brushes and rollers embarked on giving the Duncan Street Caring Facility the much needed paint job.

The atmosphere was electric; amidst painting, laughter and "picong" while a pot of Trini-style fish broth was being concocted in the kitchen.

Congratulations to the ALNG team of volunteers for a job well done!

PCS Employees 'Show' their support



Mrs. Pamela Francis (left), Chief Executive Officer, United Way Trinidad & Tobago, receives a cheque of \$ 100,000 from Mr. Ian Welch, Managing Director, PCS Nitrogen Trinidad. Also in photo, Mrs. Alicia Powell, Master of Ceremonies.

Photo courtesy Gary Jordan

On Emancipation Day 2009 members of the PCS Nitrogen Employee Team hosted their first gala event, "SHOW - Simply Helping Our World," in which all the proceeds raised were donated to United Way in support of its work in helping to create a sustainable civil society. The night was themed an Evening of Cocktails, Couture and

Culture and featured local fashion designs from Heather Jones, Micles and Micles Kids, Millhouse, Shaun Griffith-Perez, Ecliff Elie, Jes Wear, Shurnel and Christian Boucaud. Thank you, PCS United Way Employee Campaign Team, for an excellent event and the outstanding contribution to the work of UWTT.