

# THE LINK

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## VISITORS

Many visitors, took time off to visit the children - They enjoyed games in St. Benedict Park, adopting a child for the duration of the visit, shared snacks - to the children's delight. Many of the medical students and groups engaged the children in art and craft, tie dying, socialization. We thank them sincerely for their kind assistance. We are already looking forward to further assistance as Christmas is fast approaching.



Medical Students and Children

## WORD OF THANKS

We specially thank many other donors (local and overseas) who have contributed in cash or kind - Monthly or occasionally.

**God bless you.**

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Aneisha Sutherland**, our only pan player of our St. Benedict Angels Steel Pan Players continues to get occasional requests for showing her talent on pan in various events.

Aneisha, will soon be reaching the end of her school life at the School for Special Needs. We have been preparing her for employment - basic tasks of housekeeping etc.



Aneisha Sutherland, entertaining the Ms. Carival Contestants who visited the St. Vincent Distillers Ltd., Georgetown.

## OTHER ASPECTS IN THE LIFE OF ST. BENEDICT

### DAY NURSERY

Our Day Nursery has struggled to stay afloat for many years. We have come to the realization more and more that although parents have to pay a monthly fee along with assistance from Mustique Charitable Trust who pays a portion of the monthly fee for Fifteen (15) children, the Day Nursery cannot maintain itself. Therefore funds from general donations, mainly for the management of the children's Home is used to cover expenses incurred by the Day Nursery. The continuation is very bleak. A change over is now for us to concentrate on the management of the Children's Home. The residents have increased. There is need for further development for these children.

**EDMOND MEDFORD** - is one of our residents. Edmond is Four (4) years old. Edmond appears to be over active but with delayed growth and development for his age, to attend primary school will be a challenge for him. He cannot function within a normal class of children. His level of function is compared to a two years old child. Help is needed for special tuition for Edmond.

## SUMMER CAMP

Our children were not left idle. They embarked in a summer camp call St. Benedict Home Summer Camp. It was done at our Home. Ms. Shamuene Williams and Ms. Noreisiah Shallow did a splendid job with the children.

The closing ceremony of St. Benedict Summer Camp was incorporated with St. Benedict Preschool graduation ceremony. Some of their handy works were on display. The gathering was encouraged to purchase or give a contribution for the art and craft prepared by the children.

A way of generating a little income towards the maintenance of the Home.

**CONGRATULATIONS** my dear children on your achievements of preschool education and the summer campers



Handy craft made by the Summer Campers



Handy craft made by the 2016 preschoolers

The children of St. Benedict Home also attended the summer camp of St. Benedict Parish. They particularly focused on music.



St. Benedict Parish Campers

## RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL

The children of the Home all stepped out with "everything new" for the new term. This does not last too long-as we know some children: with a kick here and a kick there with their shoes; a step here and a step there, into water with their shoes, and before long as we would say: 'The shoes are laughing' broken, unstuck-unreparable.

There are six (6) children going out to various Schools.

Two (2) - School for Special Needs, Georgetown.

Four (4) - Government Primary school (including little Edmond, with the hope that he will receive special attention for his condition.

Two (2) infants and one (1) toddler will continue to attend our Day Nursery.

**Kianna! Kianna!** We live in hope that she will obtain the special attention she needs very soon, for she is too old for the preschool and cannot fit into primary school. Any help towards special tuition for her will be welcomed.

## GRADUATION

**Thallia Williams** completed her primary school education, although Thallia is not in the best of health. Tallia has been very fortunate to be sponsored by Dr. Steve Higgins and his daughter Kristi Miller to take responsibility to help Tallia obtain medical attention for her condition of cirrhosis of the Liver. She is now with them in U.S.A. – Texas. We give a BIG THANK YOU to Dr. Higgins and his daughter for 'coming to the rescue' for Tallia, God bless them for 'opening their hearts' to Tallia.

*We wish her well!!!*



*Tallia with Dr. Higgins and his daughter*



*Our graduation ceremony* took place on August 26th 2016. Nineteen (19) preschoolers graduated. They are sent out as ‘bright shining stars’, words of Mrs. Toney, Principal of Georgetown Primary school.



Graduation Class of 2016

Three of the children of St. Benedict Home also graduated at this ceremony.



Karissa



Edman



Kianna

**Kianna Baker** now graduated for the third time (at age 7 years).

We wish them God's blessings and guidance in their study of higher education to achieve their goal in life.

**Appeal:** Sponsors needed for special tuition for Kianna. She is alert and can use her hand partially- feeding, writing. We wish to give her a chance for further education at the primary level. This will involve the monthly payment of a tutor for her. As a result of her condition of Non-ambulant and incontinent, it is difficult for her to fit into the primary school or the school for special needs children, Georgetown - there is no changing facility in the school for special needs to assist her.

### ST. BENEDICT'S CHILDREN'S HOME

In recent times (2011 - 2016) Our admission grew in a flash, within one week we admitted six (6) children in dire need of care (2 brothers each of two different families), one brother, one sister. This has pushed the number up to 20 children. To date the number remains high at 18 children



The St. Benedict Children's Home residents

### GENERAL APPEAL

A. Our usual appeal for daily maintenance continues. (Included in this LINK, especially for new donors. This list is also revised in our website at [www.stbenedictshome.org](http://www.stbenedictshome.org)

### B. Other necessities

Among other areas for improvement in the lives of our children at the Home, the following are most urgently needed:

1. Installation of **Burglar Bars**. It has become necessary for us to make the Home more secure by installing burglar bars to the windows of both the lower and upper floors of the Home. This will assist us a great deal with security and safety of the children and staff by:
  - A. Preventing burglary and intruders.

B. Preventing the children (by attempt or accidentally) harming themselves via the windows. (A report by the staff was already made of a child in anger, attempting to escape via a window). Please help us urgently!!

Estimated cost: US\$8189.00  
(EC\$22110.00)

2. Construction of **covering of the ramp (already in use)**. The wheel chair bound children are unable to use the ramp in inclement weather, for meals and other activities on the ground floor. This also hinders them from getting out of the building to attend external activities.

With the covering of the ramp, the children can be taken to the lower floor and the vehicle for outings with ease in increment weather.

Revised estimate to be obtained.

3. Construction of Laundry/Storage/Resource Centre, now approved by the Government – Physical Planning Division.
- A. There is great need for proper **laundry facility**. (The wooden, temporary shed which is presently being used is deteriorating and lack space for better management of the children's laundry.
- B. There is also a dire need for **storage**. (An institution such as ours needs storage for groceries

and other amenities for the use of the children and management of the Institution. (The building/shed in use for the laundry and storage is a temporary wooden (plywood) building. It is deteriorating from termites. It appears very unsightly on the compound of the new Home.)

C. **A Resource Centre** – This resource centre will assist the children to grow and reach their fullest potential with planned activities for them. It will also be used for music. We do have children with this ability. It will be used for other activities such as art, craft and library etc.. This centre will also cater for volunteers who are willing to assist the children in their growth and development. Therefore, a self contained area with Kitchenette, for overnight stay for a few volunteers.

A preliminary quotation states approximately US\$259,260.00 (EC\$700,000.00) for this project.

(A final quotation can be supplied as soon as it becomes available. We have already secured US\$5556.00 (EC\$15,000.00) towards this project.

We will be thankful for your kind consideration of assisting us with any of the above projects for these underprivileged children under our care.

**My spirit** is willing and ready to enter upon these projects for the children's sake,

but we have no money, I do not know who to turn to.

I can only depend on you or any directions from you to point to other sources to seek assistance.

***Thanks in advance. God bless you.***

### **OTHER URGENT NEED**

For Building:

Upper Floor: US\$3972.60 (EC\$10726.00)

Lower Floor: US\$4216.30 (EC\$11384)

### **THE END**

In all things, **Prayer** is important and so we give God thanks for you, for your assistance, interest and support for the care of the children of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, whom we are called to serve in this Home, St. Benedict Children's Home.

**We continue to pray for protection especially now, in this Hurricane Season, that we will be spared from the ravish of any storm or Hurricane. Lord spare us, we pray.**

**ST BENEDICT CHILDREN'S HOME INC.**  
**NEEDS LIST**

**LARGE ITEMS (One Time)**

(Note: Voltage of St. Vincent: 220, -  
(as much as possible)  
Lanterns – Battery operated  
Weed Eater  
Commercial Quality Ice Machine  
Commercial Water Cooler  
Tents – for outdoor activities (20" x 20" or other)  
(special request)  
Power wash equipment - gas  
Portable BBQ Grill – with small gas tank attachment  
(to assist us with fund raisers etc.)  
Stainless steel adjustable shelving – 74" h – type:  
to be able to add more  
Folding Tables and Chairs – Hard plastic preferably  
Lawn Mower, Weed Trimmer

**FOOD ITEMS (On going)**

Cookies, candies, Crackers (individually packed,  
if possible – for school )  
Jams and Jellies; Peanut Butter  
Cereals (General and Raisin Bran)  
Canned meats: Tuna, Ham, Sausage, Corn Beef,  
Luncheon Meat etc.  
Milk – full cream; powdered, evaporated  
Cooking oil, Mayonnaise, Butter  
Chicken  
Cheese, Pea Nuts  
Sugar – Brown, White

**EDUCATIONAL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES  
(Ongoing)**

Drum (Professional – Adult) – Caribbean style  
Colored Markers – Washable  
Exercise Books  
Bristol board (Poster Board) White and Colored  
Adult scissors  
Drawing Books  
Coloring books  
Hard Cover Note Books  
Scotch Tape – Variety Sizes  
Masking Tape – Size Guide: 1", 2" Wide  
(many needed)  
Duck Tape – Gray (many needed)  
Story Books – Early Elementary  
Paint brushes for children's art

Poster Paint  
Balloons: 9", 12" (many needed to assist  
with fund raiser)  
Educational Photos and Charts for walls  
Permanent Markers – variety of types and colored

**CLEANING SUPPLIES**

Hand Brooms and Dust Pans  
Brooms - regular  
Disposable gloves – Medium, large, X-large  
Household gloves – Medium, large, X-large  
Laundry soap – powder; Solid  
Disinfectant; bleach, toilet cleaner

**HOUSEHOLD**

Ice Trays (stacking)  
Baby Bottles and Nipples  
Cutlery  
Flower Pots – Large  
Table napkins – paper  
Cold cups – 9oz  
Hot cups – 9oz (Styrofoam)  
Kitchen Towels  
Hot Pads  
Foil  
Adult Aprons – durable plastic, cloth  
Clothes lines  
Hangers (plastic – standard) – (Strong)  
Clothes Pegs  
Plastic shopping bags – new or used  
Chipped foam (to assist with fund raiser –  
stuffing of cushions, etc.) - compressed

**PERSONAL SUPPLIES**

Bubbles (hair binders – for girls' hair)  
Bath towels – new (and used)  
Bibs – Large – Adult size: used for the  
mentally challenged children  
Wash rags – new (and used)  
Hand/Face Towels- new (and used)  
Toothpaste  
Shampoo/cream-rinse  
Body Lotion  
Deodorants – male, female (urgent need for the  
children)  
Bath soaps  
Toilet Papers

Cloth Diapers – printed, plain – medium and larger  
(for use of bigger children), Adult sizes –  
small, medium, large (readymade)  
Padding for beds – (short – to be placed on bed)  
Hair Combs and brushes – for black hair  
Sanitary Pads – (3 children are menstruating)  
Pampers – Pull- ups – (or other) for non ambulant  
mentally challenged):  
-Adult size: Medium  
-Children size: Medium (over 23 lbs), XX Large  
(over 35 lbs)  
(Note: No belt less – not suitable for our older  
children)

**CLOTHING**

Vests:  
– Boys - Preferably white or black (size: 7 years –  
26 years) small, medium, large  
– Girls – Preferably white or black thin straps  
(size: 3 years – 18 years) small medium, large  
Socks –gray, brown  
– For boys and girls: (size: 3 years - 13 years)  
Shoes: (boys and girls – 3 to 13 years old)  
Dress: all brown  
School: all black, brown  
Sandals /Slippers - (Boys and girls - 3 to 13 years old)  
Book Bags – for school, black, grey,  
brown (solid colors)  
Sleep wear – Boys and Girls – 3 to 13 years old  
Clothes:  
– Summer – Boys and Girls 3 to 13 years old  
– Casual  
– Dress/Church clothes (modest) – Boys and girls  
– T-Shirts (3 to 13 years old) Small, Medium, Large  
– Underwear (3 to 13 years old)  
Polo shirts – (towards staff uniform – small, medium,  
large, extra large, same color, if possible)  
Short pants - for boys and girls (modest length)  
Bath wear – (boys and girls)

**LINEN: (new or used)**  
Twin size Bed sheets – fitted, flat\ white, colored –  
sets/single  
Full– Flat can be used (Note: for use of the  
children/fund raiser)  
(Note: Other sizes – can be used for sales –  
to help ourselves)  
Pillow Protectors – plastic: soft and durable, cloth  
Pillows

Fabric – ends – suitable for making cushions/  
craft – to help ourselves in fund raising  
Batteries – all sizes – D cell; pen light, C cell  
Clothes racks (to hang the children's clothes)  
Flashlight  
Clear plastic bags – variety of sizes, including  
XX large – black garbage bags  
Mop pales - standard  
Mop heads - standard

#### **CHRISTMAS NEEDS**

Gifts for Hard Working Staff Members:  
Guide: Wall or Standing Clocks, Beach Towels,  
Bed sheets: All sizes - double  
Pots  
Pans  
Lanterns (Battery operated)  
Plastic Containers – single sets, microwave;  
non-microwave  
Any other suitable Items  
Crepe paper rolls  
Christmas Gifts for the children:  
Dolls: 10'' – 12'' - normal, crying, other sounds  
Cars/Trucks – 8'' – 10'' normal, with sounds  
Teddy Bear: Boys and Girls – 9'' – 10''  
Curtain material: readymade or material  
Christmas Gift Paper

#### **OFFICE SUPPLIES (On going)**

Markers – permanent – variety of tips  
Photo copy paper – letter size, white, and colored  
Bristol board – Variety of colors, letter size –  
For copy Machine  
Envelops – Letter size, closed and window – white  
White-off/typing correction fluid  
Labels – 1'' x 2 5/8'' ML 3000 Laser and Ink Jet  
labels white – (mailing labels) 30 on one sheet  
Blank CD  
Pens  
Erasers  
Pencils  
Rubber bands  
Ink: Black and color:  
HP Laser jet M127fw – Black Ink  
HP DeskJet 3050 – All-in-one - Black & colored Ink  
HP Office jet J3680 – All-in one – Black Ink  
HP DeskJet 2545 – All-in-one – black & colored Ink

#### **SEWING SUPPLIES**

Thread – White, Brown, Black, other colors  
Sewing machine needles – (Singer) Variety  
Clothes Dye – bright Colors (red, blue, green, orange)  
to assist with fund raising  
Fabric Paint – bottles: variety of colors  
(for art and craft)

#### **ITEMS USED FOR FUND-RAISING EVENTS**

(Fair and Tea Party and Un-going Jumble Sales –  
We try to help ourselves with these on-going sales)  
GUIDE;

#### **CHILDREN'S PRIZES AT THE FAIR AND TEA PARTY (children's booth):**

Mini toys: dolls, cars, trucks, any other  
(Cost for the game is E.C. \$1.00, (Can. \$.44 cents;  
USA \$.37 cents)

#### **ADULT PRIZES:**

Guide: Kitchen utensils, plastic containers, very small  
touch lights, any other Items  
(Cost for the game is E.C. \$2.00, (Can. \$.88 Cents  
USA \$.75 cents.)

#### **GENERAL ITEMS USED – PREPARATION OF OTHER SALES AT THE FAIR:**

Teddy Bears – used or new – variety of sizes  
Crayons, Pens, Pencils, Erasers, Sharpeners, candies  
Items from hotels or guest houses:

- Shower cap
- Shampoo, cream rinse
- Cream
- soap or any other

Balls/Soccer,

Dolls: Variety of sizes

Cars and Trucks – variety of sizes,

Stuffed animals, Pop corn (Non-Microwave)

Coloring Books, Balloons – 12''

Drawing Books

Linen: Sheets: all sizes – white (for tie dying) and  
colored – used (or New); (To assist with our  
Thrift Shop (helping ourselves to obtain funds)

Used clothing (relatively new or usable)

Toothbrushes,

Wash cloths, Face Towels

Kitchens Towels; Plastic Containers:

Small and Medium, any other items

Bouncing Castles – (the least on the list but  
'you never know')

Our special, special request for your kind  
assistance towards the following:

**Cost for Ramp:** US\$55 556 (EC\$150 000.00)

My contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Laundry/Storage/Resource approximately:  
US\$259 260.00 (EC\$700 000.00)

Laundry:

My contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Storage Facility:

My contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Resource room:

My contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

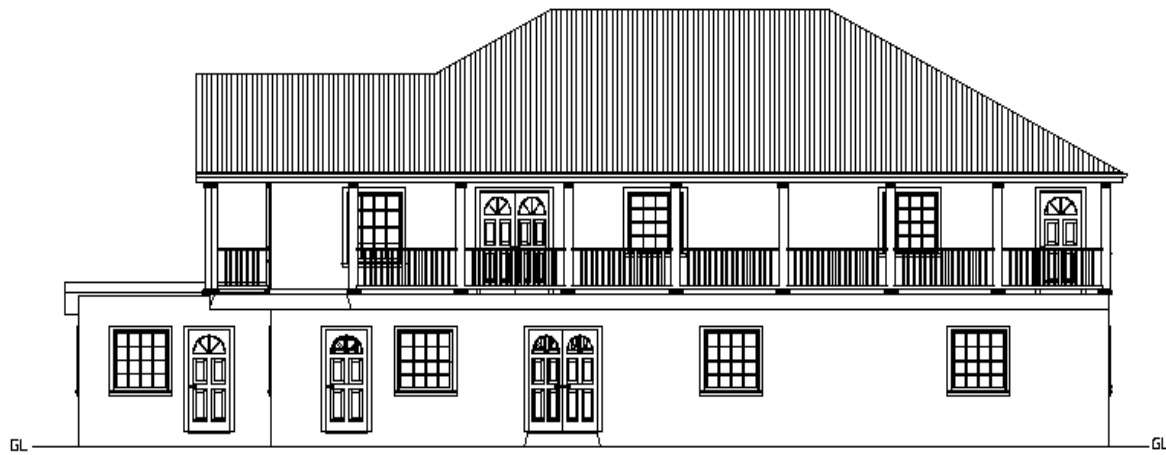
Whatever kind or quantity you can afford or collect  
from others will be very much appreciated.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR WHATEVER HELP  
YOU CAN OFFER TO US.

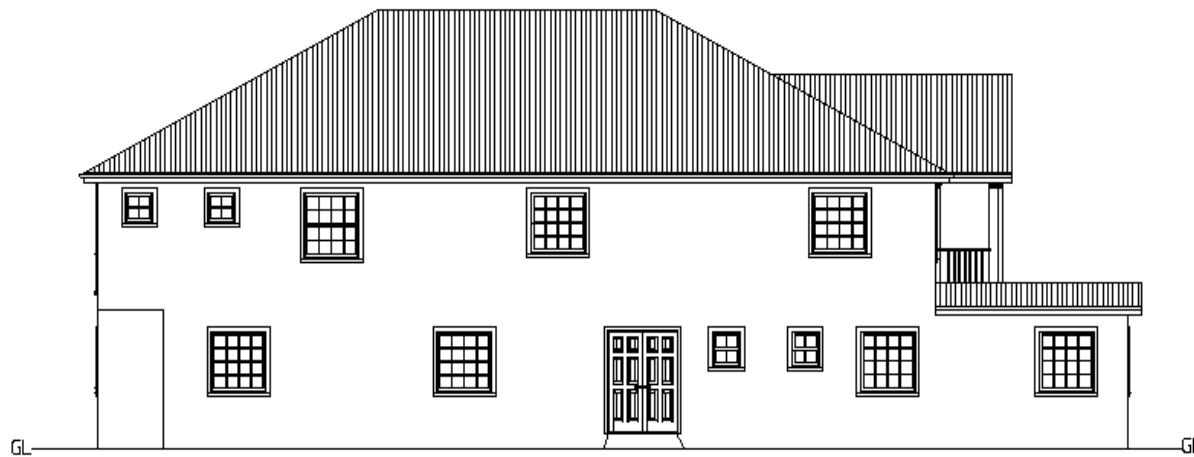
GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY FOR YOUR  
CARING AND SHARING

*Designed by: Ms Shanique Bynoe, Secretary  
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W.I.*

*Thank you God bless you!*



ELEVATION 1



ELEVATION 3

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3 **As Shown**  
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

<p>ST. BENEDICT'S DAY NURSERY &amp; GEORGETOWN</p>	
<p>AS SHOWN</p>	
<p>DATE: APR 2016</p>	<p><b>A3</b></p>

*Extension of St. Benedict Children's Home*

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