



COMMUNITY CORNER

New Horizons Hosts Inaugural Graduation Ceremony

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Five teenagers – three girls and two boys – proudly walked across the stage at the Ottley’s-Lodge Community Centre on the evening of Thursday, July 7th, 2022.

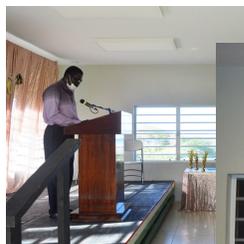
The Event was the first ever Graduation Ceremony for youth of the New Horizons Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre (NHRC) – which was held to mark the end of their residential and academic programme, and to celebrate the hard work done during the years of resi-

dency.

Opened in 2013 as a facility for youth in need of rehabilitation, the Centre has supervised many males and females through the years, many of whom have gone on to write

CXC exams with exceptional success, as the facility has recorded an almost 100% pass mark for students sitting exams between the years 2015-2021.

Mr. Clyde Williams - Event Chairperson and NHRC Headmaster, congratulated the residents on completing their psychosocial and academic programme, noting that there had been many disruptions.....(cont'd pg.4)



Scenes from



NHRC Graduation



New Road Family Park Renovation Begins

The Ministry of Social Development & Gender Affairs continues to work with the Embassy of the Republic of China on Taiwan, to facilitate the needed renovations to the New Road Family Park at St. Peters.

The Park, which was closed in 2020 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, has remained off-limits to visitors due to structural issues, including

the undermining of land in certain areas.

As the original benefactor of the Family Park, the Embassy of the Republic of China on Taiwan has committed to funding the needed upgrades in different Phases, with support from the Department of Public Works and the Ministry of Social Development & Gender Affairs.

Phase 1 of the Rehabilitation Project began

on June 20th, 2022, and involved the removal and distribution of existing playground sets to established community parks. The existing structural issues will be addressed in Phase II, while Phase III will involve the installation of new playground equipment.

Barring any unforeseen events, the Project is expected to be complete by the end of October 2022.



World Day of the Boy Child Celebrated



Boys were in the spotlight in May, as the Department of Gender Affairs celebrated *‘World Day of the Boy Child’* on May 16th, 2022.

A fairly new celebration, the global Observance began in 2018 as a way to highlight the value of boy children and the need to care for their physical, social and mental wellbeing. The fellow Observance, *‘World Day of the Girl Child’*, was adopted by several countries in 2011 and is celebrated on October 11th annually.



Boys’ Mentorship Seminar

and boys’ platform, Mr. Dion Browne, explained *“Since there is ‘World Day of the Girl Child’, we should ask, ‘what about the Boy Child?’”*. *Boys face issues such as high school dropout rates, mental illness and so on. It was felt that for gender equality to be really recognized, both boys and girls need to part of that change”*. He informed that 2022 was the first local celebration of the Day, but

it is expected to be highlighted yearly thereafter.

The Day was celebrated with several events including panel discussions in St. Kitts as well as Nevis, and Award Ceremonies in seventeen (17) Primary Schools across St. Kitts, to reward boys who show exemplary values and conduct as well as participate in school /community-based extracurricular activities. Male members of the Ministry, including Director of Gender Affairs – Mr. Virgil Jeffers, also made inspirational appearances at High Schools to encourage boys to uphold high standards of behaviour.



Boys’ Day Awards



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Gender Field Officer in charge of the ‘men

Stakeholders familiarized with National Gender Policy & Action Plan

The Gender Affairs Department held an Open Day on June 1st to familiarize stakeholders with the contents of the St. Kitts-Nevis National Gender Policy (CEPAP)

Held at the CUNA Caribbean Conference Centre, the Event was attended by several persons, including representatives of Government Ministries, cultural and religious organizations, as well as community groups.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Social Development Gender Affairs, Mrs. Janelle Lewis-Tafari welcomed participants, noting

that many of those present had actively participated in the consultation process

towards crafting the GEPAP – a journey that began in 2018 with sponsorship from the local UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization) Office.

Honourable Minister of Social Development Mr. Eugene Hamilton was also present to endorse the National Policy, noting that the GEPAP will help to empower people in St. Kitts-Nevis.

In the second half of

the Open Day, Trinidad-based Consultant to the GEPAP, Ms. Dwynette Eversley,

joined participants via Zoom, briefing them on the framework of the Policy and the priority areas that will be focused on to achieve transformative change. These include *Agents of Socialization (i.e Culture, Family,*

Religion, Mass Media), The Rule of Law, Leadership and Decision-making, and Special Groups for Consideration, such as the elderly, youth, and persons of homosexual orientation.



GEPAP Open Day

“I started with 12 disciples” - Mrs. Wigley reminisces on 21st Anniversary of Home Care

“Before there was no official support given to the elderly, except for the Poor Relief and Disabled funds. So in 2000, the then Prime Minister Hon. Denzil Douglas instructed me to meet with Permanent Secretary at the time Ms. Rosalyn Hazelle, about starting an elderly assistance programme. I resigned from TDC and started doing research as to what other countries were doing, to present it to the Prime Minister”.

Those were the words of Ms. Anne Wigley, former Deputy Director of Social Services, while reminiscing about the Home Care Programme, which is celebrating its 21st Anniversary after being established between the years 2000-2001. The Programme employs home care officers who regularly visit older persons (over the age of 62) in their homes to provide needed support, including bathing/grooming, light cleaning, and assistance with medication and meals.

According to Ms. Wigley, part of establishing the programme was walking the length and breadth of the island – checking within communities, churches and clinics- to find



Ms. Wigley enjoys time with seniors

out the names of senior persons and register them into the soon to be created Home Care Plan.

The Programme was then launched in 2001 with a core team of 12 Home Care Officers or ‘disciples’ as Ms. Wigley referred to them,, which included persons such as Ms. Andria Caines, Ms. Iotha Charles, Ms. Floreen Pogson, and Ms. Gloria Bass, along with retired Bus Driver Mr. James ‘Bunny’ Pemberton, who provided transportation.

Ms. Wigley noted that her strategy was to employ officers who were already living in and known within their communities, to serve the elderly in those areas. *“That way, the officers could easily walk to the homes, and the seniors wouldn’t have to be like, ‘Well, who you be?’ They*

already know the officer and would often say things like, ‘Oh come in darling, I know your grandmother”.

The retired Deputy Director noted that the Programme has had many successes and that even though there was a lapse in the service in 2010, she was glad to see the Programme growing ‘from strength to strength’ to serve the senior population.

“When the Programme started, some families were annoyed and some were happy. Some families liked ‘tieifing’ money from elderly relatives and they could no longer do that on the Programme. There were cases of financial abuse and neglect”, she said. Noting that the Programme provides services that busy families often find difficult to perform, she continued, “It is a good programme. It helps families to have a little more time for themselves, and it’s good that after toiling for all those years, the Government can show it cares and give back to the elderly to make them more comfortable and happy”.



Current Home Care staff



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Memories of Early Home Care Activities

New Horizons hosts Inaugural Graduation Ceremony cont'd

(cont'd from pg. 1) ...throughout the years, the most recent being the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted, “*You are the first cohort to experience a graduation ceremony – you represent all the past students who successfully completed the Ministry of Education’s academic programme. We applaud your resilience and hard work over the years*”. He also thanked the NHRC staff as well as officers of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Development & Gender Affairs, and affirmed that the Centre “*is able to produce graduates who are capable of joining their peers in any sector of society*”.

Probation & Child Protec-



tion Services Director Mr. Gerald reminisced that “*many of you started off this journey uncertain and scared of the unknown, but as time went on, you were empowered and refused to let the situation define you*”, while Chief Education Officer Mr. Francil Morris cautioned persons not to look down on the graduates but to continue encouraging them, as “*we all have made mistakes*”.

The residents were then inspired by featured speaker Mrs.

Eleanor Phillip, who admonished them to be SMART - “*Set Goals, Maintain Focus, Achieve Goals, Review Goals, and Treat Yourself*”, after accomplishing their objectives.

The graduates (whose names and photos have been withheld to protect their identities) participated actively in the Ceremony through song and spoken word, much to the delight of the many supporters who had come to wish them well.

In wrapping up the Ceremony, Mr. Williams proclaimed the positive attributes of each resident, remarking, “*We will remember you. All of you have impacted us in a special way, and we consider ourselves blessed to have played a part in shaping your lives to ensure success in the future*”.

Child Protection Advocates Convene to Review Statutory Rules & Orders

Stakeholders in the Child Protection Field came together on June 2nd, at the CUNA Conference Room,



Child Protection Advocates’ Consultation

to review draft statutory rules and orders relating to the operation of the New Horizons Rehabilitation Centre.

Director of the Probation & Child Protection Services Department, Mr. Gerald Connor, explained that the Consultation was convened by the Probation & Child Welfare Board to help determine the regulations that will govern the functioning of the facility. Noting that there were some loopholes in the 2013 Child Justice Act (which governs the administration of the New Horizons Centre) he explained that the Consultation would help to create more harmony be-

tween the operations of the Centre and other agencies, such as the Probation & Child Protection Services Department, Probation & Child Welfare Board and associated child protection advocates

Facilitated by Senior Legal Counsel Ms. Rhonda Nisbett-Browne and Legal Counsel Ms. Janicia Hodge, the Consultation was attended by several stakeholders in the child protection field.

Legal Advisor to the Probation & Child Welfare Board delivered remarks on behalf of Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Honourable Vincent Byron Jr. He said, “*It is important to be aware that you are charged with regulating this dynamic area that has many implications for the care, control and welfare of our children. To this effect, your work is not just in respect of the current younger generations but has vast implications and ramifications for the future of the Federation*”, noting that laws must be regularly revisited to ensure that they remain effective.

Centenarians’ Corner

Ms. Jane Hinkson
Cardin Home Age 100

Ms. Ruby Thomas
Newtown Age 102

Ms. Bernice Sebastian
USA Age 109

Mr. George David
Stapleton Age 101

Ms. Agnes Kelsick
- Age 100

Mrs. Esther Harris
Sandy Point Age 100

Ms. Angeline Revan
St. Peters Age 100

Congratulations!!

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Employment

Mr. Virgil Jeffers	Director, Gender Affairs
Mr. Sherman White	Asst. Deputy Director, New Horizons
Mr. Stuart Henry	Case Worker, New Horizons
Mr. James Supersaad	Deputy House Parent, New Horizons
Ms. Kimoy Hutchinson	Deputy House Parent, New Horizons
Mrs. Deslyn Prentice-Mullings	Deputy House Parent, New Horizons

Condolences to the families of:

Ms. Khisma Huggins

Ms. Erain Duncan

Mjr. Roxroy Campbell

*on the passing of
their loved ones*



Upcoming Celebrations

August

- 8 August - Henrietta Warde
- 12 August- Marcelyn Daniel
- 14 August - Denejah Morris
- 16 August - Zerelda French
- 19 August - Shanelle Liburd
- 24 August - Valencia Byron
- 28 August - Melissa Hazel

September

- 4 September - Andria Caines
- 6 September - Khisma Huggins
- 12 September - Carolyn French
- 15 September- Curtley Browne
- 16 September - Freedom Wilkes



STAFF SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB CALENDAR

August 12th - Dance Exercise

August 26th - Hike



September 15th - Sports Day

October

- 6 October - Davin Francis
- 11 October- Mahon Liburd
- 15 October - Bilisa Browne
- 17 October - Shontel Pemberton
- 31 October - Vanessa Noland



Office Attendant Ms. Esther Hodge is honoured for her dedication to the Antioch Baptist Church



Community Development Officer Mr. Delroy Prentice collaborates with Irishtown Primary School for a Coastal Cleanup of Irishtown Bay



Thanks to the SKN Bar Association for its donation of entertainment items to the New Horizons Rehabilitation Centre



Preparing for Community-Family Outdoor Movie Night at Molineaux



Mrs. Michele Blake and Ms. Shaneze Sam attend a 'Substance Abuse in Adolescents' workshop in Dubai



It's getting hot around here! Mrs. Bridgewater finds a safe and cool spot during Fire extinguisher training for staff



Dept. of Gender Affairs honours fathers for Father's Day!



Coordinating Team for Child Protection Stakeholders' Consultation



Community Development & Social Services Department celebrate with the island's newest Centenarian, Ms. Jane Hickson



Loving our Foyer Exhibits? Credit goes to the creative Ms. Isilma Duggins, Women's Empowerment Project Attachee



Scenes from Staff Sports & Social Club Events, featuring fun, excitement and lots of team spirit!
Which House will reign supreme?



FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING — A RECAP

What is Fire Prevention?

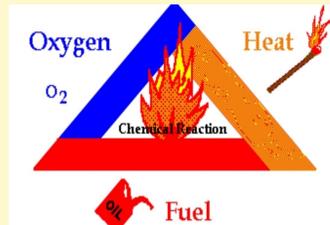
Any measure taken by an individual or organization that will aid in the prevention and detection of a fire; or in the event of a fire, help to minimize its effect on life or property.

Fire is extinguished by limiting or interrupting one or more of the essential elements of the combustion process:

- 1) Reduction of Temperature (cooling)
- 2) Removal of Fuel Source (e.g coal)
- 3) Exclusion of Oxygen (Starving/Blanketing)
- 4) Inhibiting Chain Reaction (e.g cutting down trees in a Forest Fire)

What causes Fire?

(The Fire Triangle)



Classes of Fire

A		Ordinary Combustibles	Wood, Paper, Cloth, Etc.
B		Flammable Liquids	Grease, Oil, Paint, Solvents
C		Live Electrical Equipment	Electrical Panel, Motor, Wiring, Etc.
D		Combustible Metal	Magnesium, Aluminum, Etc.
K		Commercial Cooking Equipment	Cooking Oils, Animal Fats, Vegetable Oils

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher—P.A.S.S



PULL the locking pin.



AIM the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the fire.



SQUEEZE the handle.



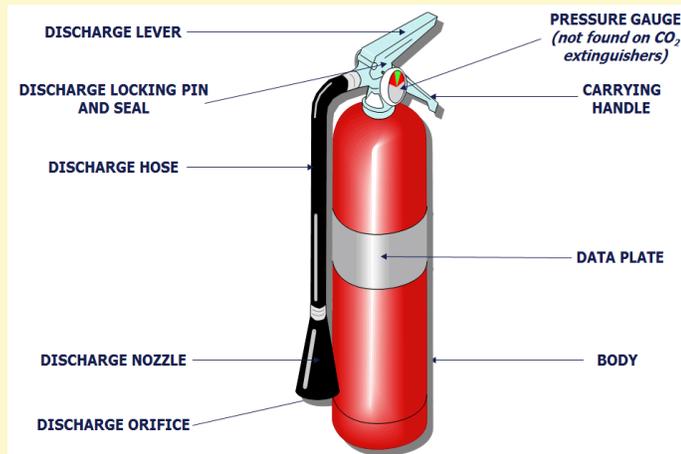
SWEEP from side to side at the base of the fire until extinguished.

Emergency Contact

Basseterre Fire Station- 465-4339/2515

Sandy Point Fire Station - 465-1365

Tabernacle Fire Station - 465-7236



Fire Extinguisher Anatomy

If there is a Fire....

- If the fire appears to be an immediate threat, alert all personnel (e.g staff)
- Sound the alarm and implement the emergency Evacuation Plan
- Notify the Fire Services
- Fight the fire with Extinguisher; however if the fire develops beyond the extinguisher stage, implement the Evacuation Plan

Evacuation Procedure

- Walk out in the building in a brisk manner
- Do not run; running causes panic
- Go to the assembly area and wait for instructions
- Roll Call to be performed
- No one should return to premises unless told to do by the appropriate authority



FROM THE ARCHIVES

MEMORIES OF THE MINISTRY GONE BY



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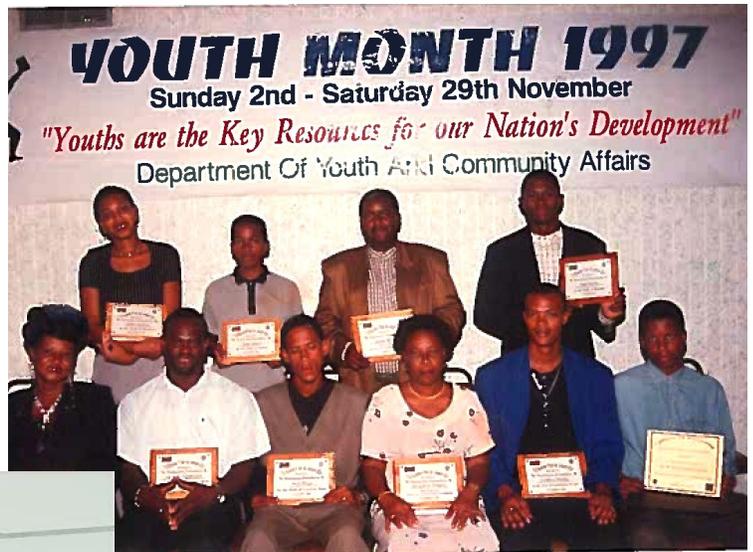
Former Community Affairs
Minister, the Honourable Sam
Condor



First Permanent Secretary
of the Ministry, Ms.
Rosalyn Hazelle



Counselling Director Mrs. Michele Blake presents to Awardee



1997 Youth Month Awardees



L-R– Mrs. Michele Blake, Ms. Rosalyn Hazelle, Honourable Minister Jacinth Henry-Martin (former Minister of Information, Youth, Culture & Sports), Ms. Jovil Martin (former Director of Community Affairs), and Mrs. Leonie James, Social Advocate



Mrs. Marlene Liburd, Former Director of
Community Affairs



"Ronald, what gives you the impression I'm not happy with your work?"

HOLIDAY CARROT RICE

Ingredients

- ◇ 4 cups cooked rice (day old is better)
- ◇ 1 large carrot, grated (about 1 and 1/2 cups)
- ◇ 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil and 4 tablespoons good quality butter
- ◇ 1 onion, finely chopped (1/4 cup)



- ◇ 1/2 cup raisins (light or dark; soaked in water for 5 minutes and drained)
- ◇ Salt and pepper to taste
- ◇ Scallion or Cilantro, chopped for garnish (optional) (1/4 cup)

Method

1. Heat the olive oil and butter in a skillet over medium heat
2. Stir in the onion; cook and stir until the onion has softened and turned golden brown—about 5-7 minutes
3. Stir in carrots, raisins and scallions/cilantro. Add salt and pepper to taste. Reduce heat to low and cook for 5-7 minutes, or until the carrot breaks down.
4. Add rice and stir gently to combine with other ingredients for another 5 minutes—until rice is heated through.
5. Taste and add more salt if required

<https://cookingwithria.com/2011/05/quick-and-easy-carrot-rice-recipe.html>

Vacation



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- WINE
- GUIDE
- SAFARI
- CRUISE
- BEACH
- EXCURSION
- HOLIDAY
- ADVENTURE
- ALL INCLUSIVE
- FLY
- SNORKELING
- TOUR
- TRAVEL
- CARIBBEAN
- SKIING
- CABIN

Quote

The **WORLD IS A** book, and those who do not travel, read only one page

Saint Augustine

Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the words: defence, defeat, detail.

Charlie: When a horse jumps over defence, defeat go first and then detail.



Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1097680/>



BRAIN TEASER

You're escaping a maze, and there are three doors in front of you. The door on the left leads to a pit of lava. The door in the center leads to a room filled with deadly gas. The door on the right leads to a lion that hasn't eaten in three months. Which door do you choose?

<https://www.rd.com/list/brain-teasers/> (See answer below)

Answer: The door on the right. A lion that hasn't eaten in three months would be dead.



UPCOMING

September 30th - Month of Older Persons Church Service

October 1st - 31st - Month of Older Persons

October 9th - 14th - Mental Health Week

October 15th & 27th - Seniors' Cooking Show & Game Day



The Ministry of Social Development and Gender Affairs is dedicated to serving vulnerable populations through advocacy, education, empowerment and enhancement of individuals, families and communities through evidence-based and customer-oriented programmes that promote equity, growth and development, regardless of race and culture.

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Probation & Child Protection Services (PCPS) - 467-1311

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Policy, Planning and Projects Unit (PPPU) - 467-1370

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(Domestic violence hotline: 765-5492)

Finance - 467-1154/1276

Counselling Centre - 465-5000

New Horizons Rehabilitation Centre - 467-1598/762-5624

