



Making A Difference Everyday



Introducing MADE – our staff newsletter that showcases how YOU are Making a Difference Everyday!

Meet Crystille Smart - Customer Care & Share Relations Winner of our Newsletter Naming Contest



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The Story behind MADE Making A Difference Everyday

Studies show touch/relationships can indicate a sense of safety and trust because it soothes – be it gentle contact or not physical at all. It's good for our entire physical and mental health.

Our commitment to engage in meaningful social relationships is symbolised by our logo with its interlocking arrows. The "Power to Make a Difference" consistently leaves positive impressions on both our colleagues and those we reach out to as we collectively seek to Celebrate, Build and Restore our Communities.

Crystille Smart



- Passionate Volunteerism -



CBC East/Central - 4 Projects in 2 Years – and they're just getting started!

Determined, dedicated, persistent and selfless, are just a few words to describe the team at Corporate Business Centre East/ Central, as they put their fingers to the bone, to give back to others in need. The vibrant team, led by Anthony Clerk, Regional Corporate Manager, has already undertaken four projects (two in the Central District and two in the Eastern District) in the last two years.

Making a Difference in East/Central: (L-R) Shaheen Ghouralal, Credit Manager; Tanisha Carabache, Compliance Officer; Muriel Cooper, Credit Analyst and Anthony Clerk, Corporate Manager.

Supporting the United Way Day of Caring

The United Way Day of Caring in May was a great opportunity for the team to take their volunteerism to another level. Tasks undertaken included painting the Grand Riviere RC school walls, installing water tanks for the school's water park and refurbishment of the bathrooms.

Giving back to the community just comes easy, once you put your heart and mind to it, it's a breeze.

Anthony Clerk

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Branch Community Projects undertaken by CBC East/Central:

- Heart of Many Care Centre, Sangre Grande
- McBean Presbyterian Primary School – installation of large playpark
- Food drive in Laventille
- Carapo Roman Catholic School – Phoenix programme and dental programme

Words of Wisdom

Anthony has some words of advice for other members of staff who have not yet embarked on a "life changing project." "Try it. Get on board. You will not regret it. It adds so much value to your life just to be in a position to assist someone else who is in need. Too many times we tend to take things for granted. You can achieve anything once you put your mind towards it," he said.

All in the Family

The team at CBC East/Central got staff and their families to help out with projects. A cake sale and boat cruise were also organised to raise more funds. The Boat Cruise was so successful that they've decided to make it an annual event!

You feel so good giving to someone less fortunate than yourself. Within a week we were able to pull things together and round up the troops to get them involved. Imagine, persons who were on vacation came out to lend their support! What more could we have asked for.

Muriel Cooper

Next up for CBC East/Central

They're heading central in search of another community project. "First we need to identify a project and brain storm," Anthony said eagerly, "We do not take the first project that comes to mind. We move around and see where there is a great need. We look at somewhere where the need is great and where the help will be best utilised."

“ Little bits of good put together can overwhelm the world. ”
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

- Youth Development through Sport -



20 years of Shaping Football's Future

Another successful Republic Cup comes to an end.

The Republic Cup National Youth Football League celebrated its 20th anniversary this year, ending on a high note on August 29th after six weeks of footballing action among the nation's young, bright stars.



Winners' Row:

- Under 11 Champions – Uprising Youths
- Under 13 Champions – SKHY F.C.
- Under 15 Champions – San Juan Jabloteh



Did you know that the Republic Cup League is sanctioned by the Trinidad and Tobago Football Association as the official National Under 15 League? National football scouts attend the Republic Cup League finals to select players for the National Under 15 team!

- Youth Development through Sport -



Young Golf and Netball Stars Shine

The future of golf and netball in Trinidad & Tobago seems to be in good hands if one were to judge from the skills on display at the recently concluded Jane Young Tobago Golf Programme and the Republic Bank Laventille Netball League. Avid youngsters with a passion for both sports had the opportunity to develop their skills throughout the programme and tournament, which we have sponsored for a number of years.



Republic Bank Laventille Netball League

- August 16 – Oct 3 – duration of this year's league
- 18 – number of clubs that participated
- 20 – number of years the programme has been sponsored by Republic Bank



Jane Young Golf Programme in Numbers:

8

the number of days the clinic runs

25

number of young golfers who participated this year

11

number of years the programme has been sponsored by Republic Bank

- Health -

Celebrating Life with Hope of A Miracle

Since 2009, we have partnered with Hope of A Miracle Foundation to provide lifesaving surgeries to children in need. On September 20, we hosted a fun day at Chuck E Cheese's in Chaguana for 36 children to celebrate their new chance at life. It was a truly fun-filled day with many touching and heartwarming moments. Celebrations like these remind us of how fortunate we are to be able to make a difference in the lives of others.





Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world, for indeed, that's all who ever have.

Margaret Mead



- Literacy -



Putting Pen to Paper

Teen Writing Workshop

During the August vacation, we partnered with the Cropper Foundation to host a Teen Writer's workshop in Toco. 15 students participated in the eight-day workshop which was led by Dr. Merle Hodge and Professor Funso Aiyejina, both formerly of the University of the West Indies' Department of Liberal Arts.

You don't write because you want to say something. You write because you have something to say.

F. Scott Fitzgerald



Principals Wage War against Illiteracy

As school principals geared up for the start of the new school year, they announced the battle cry, declaring war against illiteracy. We teamed up once again with UNESCO to get the principals 'boot camp' ready for the new term, with a day of leadership training called "The Principals' Army."

Education is not the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think.

Albert Einstein