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## MISSION

Citizens & Friends of Trinidad & Tobago, Inc. founded in 1996 is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation. The mission of this corporation shall be to facilitate medical, surgical assistance and life enhancing services to needy children, provide medical supplies, equipment and training the staff at public hospitals and other Non-profit (Public) health care institutions in Trinidad and Tobago. The organization works collaboratively with trained professionals to provide services to improve the lives of children in need throughout our local community and the Caribbean.

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**PROGRAM**

**7:00 PM—Guest Check In & Invited To Be Seated**

**7:15 PM—Opening Remarks**

- President Speech
- Vice President Welcome
- National Anthems
  - United States.....Page 6
  - Trinidad & Tobago.....Page 7
- Moment Of Silence For Departed Friends and Family
- Invocation—Rev Louis Chase

**8:00 PM—Dinner Served  
(Catered By Choura Venue Services)**

- Presentation of Awards

**9:30 PM—Floor Open For Showtime and Dancing**

**1:30 PM—Event Concludes**



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## Message From The President



Mervyn Richardson  
President

I wish to welcome your presence with special greetings to all our guests and friends. On behalf of the Board and members of Citizens and Friends of Trinidad and Tobago Incorporated, we thank you for being with us to celebrate our 56th Anniversary of Independence and we are very grateful.

At this event, your presence and donations would make it possible to support indigent children in Trinidad and Tobago with serious medical challenges, as well as children in the Los Angeles community. Keeping in mind with our mission statement at the time of Incorporation by the Incorporators, one such person was Dr. Bernard Mahabir who is no longer with us. - The Mission states: "You Can Make A Difference In A Child's Life"

Two years ago you answered our call to make a difference in a child's life; that child was five years old Jeremiah James who suffered with Cerebral Palsy. We provided him with a Bilateral Foot Orthosis (braces). The past year, 2017 we joined forces with other Organizations to raise funds to assist children and families devastated by Hurricanes within the Caribbean region. Currently, we are having a fundraising drive to assist Kyla Richards who needs a cornea transplant to restore vision in her right eye. She is a national of Trinidad and Tobago attending medical school at a University in Mexico. Your generous donation will be appreciated to assist with her financial expenses for the surgery. Thank you for supporting this student in need. May I reiterate, thank you again for the presence of your company at our annual Awards Presentation for graduates, also recognition of Community Outreach Service Achievement Awards for recipients. We trust that you will make this an evening to remember. The Board and members wholeheartedly appreciate you as our distinguished guests this evening and we look forward for your continuing generous donations to support this worthy cause of --- "Making a difference In A child's Life".

Finally, if you would like to be part of this Organization, please contact one of our members, or for more information you can visit our website <http://www.cfft.us>. Membership application is available on the website for your convenience.

Thank you all.

Mervyn C. Richardson

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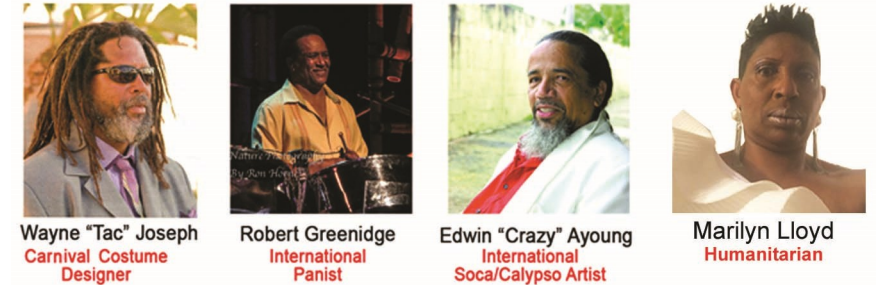
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## United States of America

### National Anthem

### Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's  
 early light, What so proudly we hailed  
 at the twilight's last gleaming,  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
 through the perilous fight,  
 O'er the ramparts we watched, were  
 so gallantly streaming.  
 And the rocket's red glare, the bombs  
 bursting in air,  
 Gave proof through the night that our  
 flag was still there.  
 Oh say, does that star-spangled  
 banner yet wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home  
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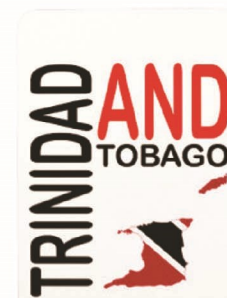


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## Trinidad and Tobago

### National Anthem

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 In the fires of hope and prayer  
 With boundless faith in our destiny  
 We solemnly declare.

Side by side we stand  
 Islands of the Blue Caribbean Sea,  
 This our native land  
 We pledge our lives to thee.

Here every creed and race find an equal place,  
 And may God bless our nation

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 And may God bless our nation.

The National Anthem of Trinidad and Tobago  
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 By Pat Castagne 1962

Are You Planning On Going to Trinidad and Tobago Carnival. Here Are Future Dates for Trinidad and Tobago Carnival.

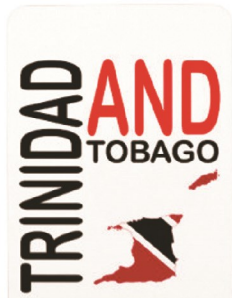
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2024	February	12 and 13
2025	March	3 and 4
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2030	March	4 and 5



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## STEW OXTAIL II RECIPE

1 lb oxtail, seasoned and marinated  
 4 potatoes, peeled, cubed  
 2 tbsp oil  
 2 tbsp sugar  
 salt to taste  
 water

- 1) Season and marinated the oxtail for about an hour.
- 2) Heat the oil and add the sugar over a medium flame.
- 3) When the sugar has a golden colour, add the oxtail and stir. Make sure the oxtail gets evenly coated with the caramelized sugar.
- 4) Allow the oxtail to cook in its own juices for approximately 5 minutes.
- 5) Add water to cover the meat and pressure cook for about 15 minutes. (As you can see most of the water has evaporated and the oxtail is half done after the 15 minutes.)
- 6) Now its time to add the potatoes.
- 7) Add enough water again and pressure cook until the oxtail is tender
- 8) The finished stew oxtail with potato. Serve with rice, beans, and fried plantains.



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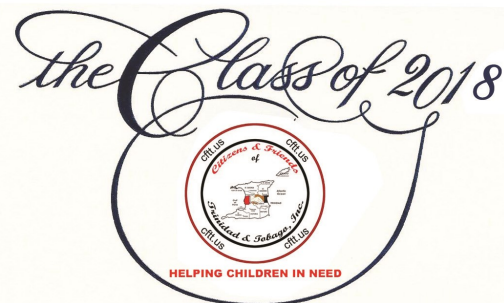
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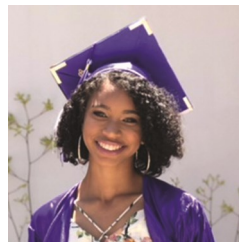
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### **CFFT COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Jane Alison Marie Earle**



Jane discovered a passion for reading during her Junior High School years, hence her passion for strategic communications and her enrollment at Da Vinci Charter High School in the Wiseburn District. Jane is an aspiring brand developer and this pathway taught her the difference between simply speaking and strategically using her words to sway an audience.

Her skills with communication led her to be involved in leadership roles in her schools' organizations, ranging from "Black Student Union", "The Pink and Lavender Club", "Da Vinci Ambassadors", "The Debate Team", "La Fuerza" and "School Leadership" just to name a few.

During Jane's four years in High School, she intermittently volunteered at the Del Aire library community center on Saturdays, also volunteered in the afterschool program at a day care in Marina Del Rey. Jane spends her breaks and some weekends at her family's restaurant "Earles on Crenshaw".

Jane will be continuing her education this fall at the University of California, Berkeley; where her major is still undecided.



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**CFTT COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
 Rianna Williams**



Rianna Williams is a 17 years old graduate from “USC Hybrid High School” with Honors. Rianna was not born in Trinidad and Tobago; but her family is from the Caribbean Islands.

Rianna is a member of the Park Windsor Baptist Church; most of her time is spent in school and church. She would be in school Monday

thru Friday from eight am to four pm, also had time to be in church three days a week. She took a very active part in her church’s youth choir, the mass choir and the praise dance team. On Sundays she works as the Sunday School Secretary and is also part of a Girls Group called “Girls of Joy”. Rianna volunteers by serving food, being an usher, and is very active in the youth department and the ambassador over the youth group. In addition to school and church she enjoys singing and dancing, even though Rianna appears to be a bit shy she is very outgoing. Rianna’s schedule is very hectic and this is what keeps her grounded and focused.

**CFTT COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
 Gideon Essel**



Gideon Essel is a graduate of Mary Star of the Sea High School. He attended Mary Star of the Sea from August 20, 2014 to May 2018, and he excelled in academics during his time there. Gideon seeks to further his education by pursuing a degree in computer technology towards a Computer Science degree. He usually volunteers at the school’s Fiesta’s and any other events during his time there.

There is not a summer that he did not volunteer at his church’s Vacation Bible program. This past summer Gideon and some of the other Church parishioners went to Arizona to work on homes for the under privileged people in the community, with the Sierra Service Project. He enjoys running, and was on the cross country team and also the track and field team for the four years he was at Mary Star of the Sea. During his freshman year through his senior, he was on the varsity team, and was also the captain of the cross country and track and field teams at Mary Star High School. Gideon graduated with honors from Mary Star of the Sea High School in May 2018. He is a determined and highly motivated individual who strives to achieve nothing but the best. Gideon will be attending Long Beach State University in the fall to pursue his major in Computer Science.

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## CFTT COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Kenya Mayers



Kenya Mayers graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 2018. Kenya was born in Los Angeles, CA to Doreen Mayers her mother who was born I St. Vincent and the Grenadines; and Kenneth Mayers her father, who was born in Curacao. Kenya graduated from St. Mary's Academy with a Health Career Path and a Student Ambassador Leadership Program; during her time at St. Mary's Academy, Kenya was the President of the Student Ambassadors, Treasurer for Future

Club and Campus Ministry. She was granted the opportunity to volunteer at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center putting in over 200 hours, Kenya has routinely volunteered and participated in American Red Cross Blood Drives, recruiting and registering donors. In the fall, she will be attending Mount Saint Mary's University, majoring in Biology, and is looking forward to becoming a member of the Nurses Association on campus and creating her own organization with her fellow peers later in her college career.

## CFTT COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Kendall Chase



Kendall Chase is the proud daughter of Gregg and Correen Chase, who recently graduated from Santa Clara University with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and a minor in Communications. At Santa Clara University; Kendall was involved with the "Black Student Union" and served as a member of the "Leavey Black Business Association. During her college career, Kendall interned with Ernst and

Young and has accepted a full time position with the firm beginning September 2018. Kendall would like to thank her parents for making it possible for her to reach this milestone. She would also like to thank her extended family for supporting her through the years, as it truly takes a village to raise a child.



**CFTT COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Irvin Mauricio Samuel**



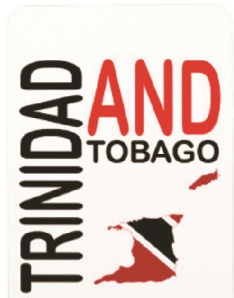
Irvin Samuel attended Mary Star of the Sea High School from August 2014 and graduated in May 2018. He was accepted with honors at entrance and continued to focus diligently on his studies, having been on the Principal's Honor Roll all four years. Irvin also had endeavors outside of schoolwork which included, History Club, Key Club, the Mu Alpha Theta math club, and the Associated Student Body.

Due to his proficiency in the National Spanish Examination, he was also recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar. Irvin received academic recognition awards from the San Pedro Rotary Club and the Gardena Elks Lodge.

In his free time, he enjoys volunteering at his church and youth ministry. The activities range from Summer Day Camp counseling, retreat group leading, and teaching weekly confirmation classes. This past summer, he dedicated a portion of his time to aid in construction on a Native American reservation in Arizona to improve the lives of community members with the Sierra Service Project.

With regards to sports, he found a love for running and was on the cross country team at Mary Start Of The Sea High School for two years and ran track and field for three years.

Irvin graduated with a 4.2 GPA in May 2018 and was selected as the class valedictorian. Following his secondary education, he will be attending Santa Clara University in the fall of 2018 where he will be studying Computer Science. During his tenure at SCU, he hopes to intern sometime at a technology company to gain experience towards his aspiration of becoming a Software Engineer.



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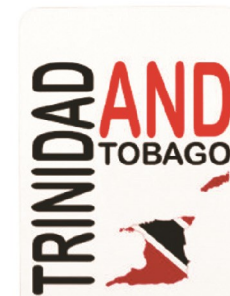


Over the course of his high school career, Ali accomplished most in the way of project management as well as academics and extracurricular activities. He was a member of several clubs geared towards students interested in strategy and elements of story telling also saved his schools music Performance club from extinction when he reformed and sculpted it to become "Music Academy".

With the help of his high school's administration, this will become a long lasting student run organization dedicated to the cultivation of musical minds as well as the preservation of culture in music.

Ali was able to maintain a GPA that is needed to get admission to Cal Poly Pomona, which he will be attending in the fall. He was also building his skills and prowess in his desired major Graphic Design; he has created numerous posters, logos and even designed a business card being used by a non-profit organization, for fund raising to support first generation college students as they embark on their taxing academic and financial journey of higher education. Alongside his fellow interns, he will be directly involved in a major design project for many products and promotions in the coming years.

Currently Ali is working as an intern at LA Metro in the Office of Inspector General; the experience he is gaining will groom him for a future in investigative administration. He was one of the lucky ones to be presented with these opportunities to shine and could not have accomplished any if this without the love and support of his family; the wisdom of his father and the support of his mother. For this I would like to thank them immensely.



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**CFTT COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
**Kemi Ashing-Giwa**



Kemi, is a collaborative, adaptable, detailed oriented college student now attending Harvard College; with a major Integrative Biology and a minor in Astrophysics. During the course of her exciting academic career at Mayfield Senior School; Kemi was motivated and benefitted from diverse rigorous research experiences. In 2016 after a competitive selection process, Kemi had the privilege of interning at Cal Tech under Dr. Harry Gray

and Arnold O. Beckman; Professor of Chemistry.

In 2017 she participated in the Ruth and Eugene Roberts internship at the City of Hope Beckman Research Institute, an “inquiry-based biomedical research program for undergraduate and advanced high school students”; she worked under Dr. Samanta Pal, Assistant Clinical Professor; Dr. Rick Kittles, Professor and Director. The main study aimed to illuminate the multifactorial genetic and prostate cancer risk factors affecting African-ancestry men. In 2018 Kemi was again selected in the Ruth and Eugene Roberts internship at the City of Hope Beckman Research Institute, this internship allowed her to deepen and extend her research that will result in two manuscripts for publication in the scientific journal.

Kemi mentored her middle school Science Olympiad team, volunteered for three years at the Center of Community Alliance for Research and Education, a dry lab at City of Hope, in addition she assisted in reviews and data entry for population based surveys. Kemi also has five experiences with Robotics focusing on building and utilizing electronics as an active member of the girls FTC robotics team.

Kemi’s mother is Trinidadian and shares her stories and the burden of chronic disease within their family which has become part of her story, their family’s health experiences may be both genetic and environmental. As a member of the African-Caribbean Cancer Consortium and the American Association of Cancer Research, Kemi has a strong interest in global health and health disparities. Her goal in life is to aid in a science team to ensure health equity that fewer families suffer from the undue burden of illness by contributing to science improving prevention, treatment or even cures. She is dedicated to bringing science, technology, engineering, art and math to underrepresented children like herself, and opening up an exciting and rewarding world of knowledge and advancement to improve quality of life.

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## CFFT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Barbara Sullivan



Barbara Sullivan incorporated Sullivan International, Inc. (SI) in 1984. SI is a progressive Human Resources Management and Employee Development consulting firm, affiliated with four distinct organizations that specialize in designing innovative solutions.

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Ms. Sullivan has been retained by clients with as few as five employees to more than 13,000 employees. Her diverse experience is called upon in areas of organizational design; employee relations; performance management; and staff development. She has conducted training programs for both Management and line staff with topics that include Leadership Development, Strategic Planning and Diversity amongst others.

She participated in the Greater Los Angeles Olympic Games where upon the completion of the Games ,she was designated as an Assistant Vice President. Ms. Sullivan skillfully placed over 70,000 volunteer staff in strategic locations to deliver the best practices Human Resources services for the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC) Managing Group. This position involved staff recruitment, placement, and training game volunteers ,while directing a staff of 250 Human Resources professionals and volunteers.

Prior to establishing Sullivan International, Inc., Ms. Sullivan worked in management for the City of Los Angeles and developed the Human Resources Department for the LA City Attorney's office. She has held positions that included management responsibilities with Cedar-Sinai Medical Center, Children's Hospital, and West Adams Community Hospital. The client lists of major corporate entities that she has served also include City of Long Beach, So-Cal Edison and several departments of the Federal Government. She was also Coordinator of the Human Resources Certification program at Cal-State University Long Beach for 12 years.



Barbara Sullivan's vast professional, civic and community outreach includes membership in business and professional associations; as well as service on numerous Commissions and Boards of Directors. She has served as a Director on the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Board and the Downtown Long Beach Associates Board, Long Beach Transit System Board of Directors where she has served as Chairman. She is former Vice Chairperson of the Black Business Association of Los Angeles' Board of Directors; and served with distinction as a Commissioner on the Long Beach Economic Development Commission.

Additional Board of Director credits include service to: Dominguez Hills Hospital; National Association of Women Business Owners; Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled; YWCA Harbor Area; Congress of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO); American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE); Southern Christian Leadership Foundation (SCLF); National Black Business Council; Educate the Children Foundation; Children Are Our Future; the Transportation Business Advisory Board of Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and Southern California Edison Consumer Advisory Board.

Notably, Ms. Sullivan is among the few individuals to receive the coveted NAACP-Legal Defense Fund's Black Woman of Achievement Award. Also to her credit is an acknowledgement from President Bill Clinton's Recognition for Small Business Success, Who's Who in Black Los Angeles, and several congressional recognitions from local and National Government officials.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a Masters of Arts in Education from Tuskegee University in Alabama. Her educational accomplishments also include completing certificate of management programs from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and Atlanta University Executive Management program.

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**CFTT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD  
 Barbara Barabino**



Her reggae career as a concert promoter and production expands over 30 years.... Her career in radio spans over 20 years. She started in radio at KCRW answering phones and providing a cultural reggae entertainment calendar for 5 years on Roger Steffens Reggae Show. After which she landed her own Reggae Radio Show at KFOX FM "Vibes So Nice" until the station was sold to a Christian station.

The next month she started at KKBT FM for ten years hosting the "Get Up Stand Up show, and became a member of AFTRA/SAG Union.

Her career as a concert promoter for REGGAE began when Bob Marley passed in 1981 and she helped plan a memorial gathering in Mac Arthur Park for the public, with local bands and speakers. Thousands of fans turned out and she was inspired to continue the celebration of his life the following year on his birthday, February 6th. known as "The Bob Marley Days"/Ragga Muffin Festival. This celebration became an annual event for the next 30 years. The celebration started on the grounds of The Federal Building in Westwood and ended 30 years later at the Long Beach Convention Center with 30,000 fans in attendance.

In February of 2004 Bob Marley received a Star on the Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame and she was the petitioner for his star and worked on it for 10 years gathered signatures at all concerts.

She hosted numerous events at the Roxy and Hollywood Bowl and interviewed artist from around the world and promoted their music. She organized and hosted Promoters Workshops and Cultural Bus Tours in the Los Angeles community.

She was committed and dedicated to introducing Reggae musicians to California. Here is a list of some of the greatest Reggae Artist to travel and be heard on radio and promoted in live concerts along with famous bands from Jamaica.

Bunny, Alton Ellis, Horace Andy, Aswad, Anthony B, Spragga Benz, Black Uhuru, Cornel Campbell, Capleton, Chaka Demus and the Pliers, Jimmy Cliff, Coco T, Cobra, Carlene Davis, Desmond Decker, Freddie Mc Gregor, Glen Washington, Dean Frazier, Owen Gray, Half Pint, Justin Hines, Inner Circle, The Diamonds, The Marley's, Bunny Wailer, Steel Pulse, Shaggy, Ken Booth, Gregory Isaacs, Itals, Linton Kwesi Johnson, Frankie Paul, Ini Kamoze, Pat Kelly, Lady Saw, Lady G, Marley Sons, Hopton Lewis, Little John, Lieutenant Stitchie, Kashief

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During her twenty years in broadcasting, she was placed in a position to promote Caribbean Cultural events, businesses, support and connect the Caribbean population of several thousands of people in Southern California. Cultural bonds, exchange, exposure and education were promoted through the air waves at radio stations. She was in a position to gross the financial barriers FREE of cost and music was promoted far across the waters introducing Soca and Calypso to a vast majority of listeners.

She has been very influential in bringing 3rd World Music to Los Angeles, and bridged the disconnected to the other side of the world. The Music and the rich culture from the Caribbean were loved and embraced in California. This motivated many to travel the Islands of the Caribbean. She has received many awards and recognitions here and abroad. She strongly believes that music is our soundtrack to life and history. There are so many artists that have become the voice of civil rights and awareness and their musical exposure is healing and profound.

## CFTT SUCCESS STORIES

### *“Help Make A Difference In A Child’s Life”*



To the left are photos of 5 year old Cerebral Palsy patient Jeremiah James being fitted with his bilateral foot orthosis provided by CFTT

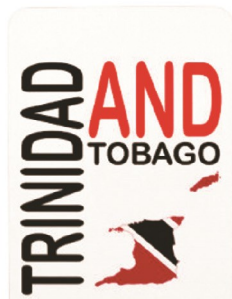
#### Other Children We Have Helped In The Past

**Shamika Ali** was in need of a corneal transplant surgery on her left eye and CFTT provided monetary assistance to pay for the surgery in Trinidad that was successful.

**Adam Samaroo** of Chaguanas, 3 years old, was diagnosed with ventricular septal defect (a hole in the heart) and was taking less than half his prescribed formula. At 8 months old, Dr. Alexander of Mount Hope Hospital referred him to Jacksonville Hospital in Miami for corrective surgery that allowed Adam to return to a normal life. CFTT pledged \$3,000 to assist in covering the cost.

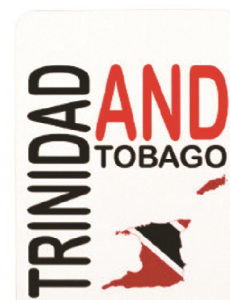
**Kareem Aimes** needed an auto-conjunctival transplant on his blind left eye. He traveled to and stayed at The Ronald McDonald House in Los Angeles. He was operated at the Hollywood Hospital by Dr. Jonathan Song, both of whom volunteered their services. Expenses were paid by CFTT and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

**Simone Ragonath** of Piarco, was born with several defects. She had no anal passage and a hole in her heart. CFTT and The Gift of Life Foundation funded her medical attention and successful surgery at the Schneider’s Children Hospital in Hyde Park, New York.



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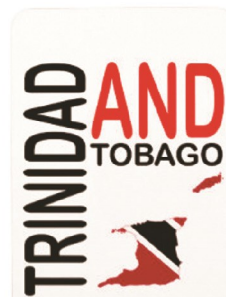
Kibwe Trim is a former championship winning professional basketball player and published author. He was born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago until he accepted a basketball scholarship to play at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. He was a star player at SHU and graduated with a Master's Degree in Information Technology while being an Academic All American and a First Team All Conference Player.

He went on to play professionally having a short stint with the L.A. Clippers, then playing ten years in eight different countries and winning a championship in Okinawa, Japan. Kibwe has appeared in numerous commercials alongside NBA superstars such as LeBron James, Dominique Wilkins and others, but most noticeably he had a significant role in the Russian produced movie "Three Seconds" which is the highest grossing Russian movie ever made!! He is the founder of The DreamChaser International Foundation, which is a 501 c 3 non profit foundation that provides tutoring, mentoring and financial aid to young people doing exceptionally well in the classroom as well as in their discipline of choice. Kibwe is also a published author and has written a book titled "From Nerd To Pro." In conjunction with his book, he is a paid motivational speaker and has spoken to youth audiences as well as corporate audiences locally and internationally. He is also the president of L.A.Lime, which is a company that houses a networking group, an apparel division and an event planning division. Kibwe now resides full time in Los Angeles, California.

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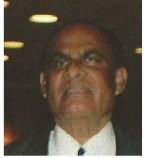
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**Miss Kyla Richards**  
**NEEDS OUR HELP!!!**



Miss Richards is a 20 year old student who was born and grew up in Bank Village, Carapichaima, Trinidad and Tobago. She attended Carapichaima East Secondary School from which she graduated in 2015 with Honors in Math, Physics, Biology, and English. She is now enrolled in The School of Medicine at University of Montemorelos in Mexico.

In May 2018 she was diagnosed with Keratoconus. This is a progressive eye disease in which the normally rounded cornea of the eye bulges into a cone-like shape. This bulging causes distortion of the light on its way to the retina, thus causing distorted vision. In June 2018 she had a surgical procedure on her left eye (known as Cornea Crosslinking procedure) which was quite successful. Meanwhile she has lost vision in her right eye. The condition of her right cornea has deteriorated to such an extent that she now needs a corneal transplant in order to be able to see again out of that eye.

The estimated cost of the procedure and medical follow-up is US \$10,000.00 of which she has already raised about \$1000.00. The loss of vision in her right eye will have a severely negative impact on her chosen profession as a Medical Doctor.

The Board of Directors of CFTT has taken action to seek to assist this worthy student, Miss Kyla Richards with funds needed for her urgent sight saving operation. Please assist CFTT in this endeavor by giving a donation to CFTT.

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