

# TODAY'S GOOD NEWS

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## Schools plant trees for Earth Day



AS PART OF this year's **International Earth Day** celebrations, Sandals Foundation joined with the Trees That Feed Foundation (TTFF) to plant fruit trees at three Christ Church primary schools.

Over 20 Sandals Foundation volunteers joined with Sandra Myers of the TTFF to take part in the event, the precursor to a national launch in which it is hoped the 105 primary schools in Barbados will take part.

The three schools selected for phase one of the project were Christ Church Girls' Primary, Milton Lynch Primary and St Lawrence Primary – all of which are partners with

Sandals Barbados.

The objectives of the TTFF are to eradicate hunger with agro forest, plant 1 000 000 trees in ten years, provide sustainable food independence by planting fruit trees and developing a permanent economically sound production model.

Myers, during her presentation at the three schools, highlighted each of these points and stressed the importance of having children involved in the process.

"We are here today to plant a seed for the future. Trees can do so much for each of us and today we have chosen three fruit trees which will not only feed you and help to sustain you but be of

**SANDALS FOUNDATION and Trees That Feed Foundation teamed up with students of St Lawrence Primary School to plant fruit trees as part of a pilot project. (GP)**

benefit to the community too," she said.

At each school a Ma'afala breadfruit tree was planted. These were specially chosen for the high yield and delicious yellow "meaty" characteristic. The other two trees planted were decided upon by the principals of the schools and were chosen from golden apple, sourpou, mango and custard apple saplings.

David Hinds, public relations manager of Sandals

Barbados and representative of the Sandals Foundation, called the inaugural project a success.

"One of the pillars of the Sandals Foundation is helping to preserve the environment and today we were able to show our partner schools and the public how committed we are to this," said Hinds.

Principal of St Lawrence Primary, Gloria Bryan, thanked both organisations and said she was sure the project would be a success.

**STUDENTS OF Milton Lynch Primary working together to plant one of the trees provided by the Sandals Foundation and Trees That Feed Foundation. (GP)**

"Sandals has been like a big brother to us from the time they were established in Barbados. They started with a library, followed by a toy drive, continuous support with the Reading Road Trip and now this," said Bryan. (PR)

## Bajan speakers in clean sweep

BARBADIAN SPEAKERS dominated the Caribbean stage recently with the latest four taking the top four spots in the **Optimist International's Oratorical Contest** in Jamaica.

Jermaine Als, 17, of Harrison College, was the winner of the boys' contest, while Mequissa Baptiste, 18, also of Harrison College, took the top spot in the girls' division.

Ellerslie Secondary School student Nicola King, 17, was second in the girls' division, while former Alexandra School student and now Harrison College sixth former, 18-year-old Trey Cumberbatch, was second behind Als.

This year, the topic for the oratorical contest was **How My Optimism Will Help Me Press On To Greater Achievements Of The Future**.

Barbados also had success in the essay contest with David Johnson placing second among the boys. The



FROM LEFT, NICOLA KING, Trey Cumberbatch, Jermaine Als and Mequissa Baptiste. (GP)

essay topic was **Optimism Should Be A Priority**.

The contest is open to students under the age of 19. They were required to prepare and deliver a four- to five-minute speech on the topic. The top prize is a scholarship worth US\$2 500 to a tertiary institution of the winner's choice. (PR/HLE)

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## Salvation Army says thanks

THE RESPONSE by Barbadians to the Salvation Army's most recent letter and kettle appeals is "a tribute to their generosity as a people".

This assessment came from Salvation Army Divisional Commander for Barbados and St Lucia, Major Rosemarie Brown, who said she was very encouraged at how much empathy Barbadians continued to demonstrate towards those less fortunate in society.

"We are generally very pleased and encouraged that each year Barbadians continue to selflessly dig deep into their hearts and pockets, and in so doing have ensured that the important work of The Salvation Army can go on." Brown told the monthly meeting of The Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Commending Barbadians for their support and philanthropic efforts, especially given the current economic climate, she said: "Even though we did not reach our target of \$700 000, to have raised \$650 000 is certainly a successful effort . . . Thank you Barbados." (PR)



**SCOTIABANK'S MANAGING DIRECTOR David Noel (left) making a donation to Salvation Army's Major Rosemarie Brown. (GP)**



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