

# NEWSLETTER - JULY, 2011

## Preschool Graduation



Class of 2011 1

Loveuntil Kindergarten held its 2011 Graduation ceremony on July 1, 2011. Thirteen students said farewell as they set their sights on the adventure ahead that is Primary School. The theme for the ceremony was "A brighter tomorrow". We congratulate all the graduates and wish them God's blessings as they move to the next phase of their journey in education. May each new tomorrow be brighter!

## School Base Programme

As part of Loveuntil's crisis intervention/prevention initiative, students from two schools participated in field trips. In March, students from the Mucurapo East secondary school visited the Youth Training Centre (YTC) in Arouca. At this facility there were exposed to some of the programmes and daily activities. They attended sessions exploring the reasons for incarceration, the history of certain attire and the use of certain slangs. The students in attendance were definitely enlightened as a result of the experience. In April, students from the Beetham Government Primary School visited the CNC3 studio in Port of Spain. At the studio, students were exposed and encouraged to pursue professions in media. They were allowed to role play as news anchors, weather person, editors and creative advertisers. It was a very fulfilling exercise and many students expressed a desire to further explore professions in media.

## After School Programmes



Music Class 1

The Music class held a special appreciation day in July to commemorate their six month milestone. Congratulations to all the students and special commendation to the tutors for dedicating their time to this programme.

Our homework centre continued with students from Success RC, Laventille Girls, and Beetham Gov't among others. The centre provides invaluable support for the students who attend. We applaud their dedication and celebrate their accomplishments.

## READI Centre



February 2, 2011 marked the commencement of the third cycle of the READI centre, Loveuntil Foundation's drug rehabilitation centre for men. This cycle concluded on July 17, 2011. We congratulate the graduates and applaud their efforts to initiate a turnaround in their individual and family lives. We pray that God will empower them to continue along the path of sobriety.

## Raffa House



The first Curry Q in aid of Raffa house took place on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. The event was a resounding success. Special thanks to Ms. Sherry James and Mr. David Barker (caregivers) for catering the event.

April 30, 2011 saw the second Artistic Expressions. This event took place at the Carlton Savannah Hotel and featured art pieces by artist Marcus Gooding. Raffa House was the beneficiary of the event. We say a special thank you to Strategic Benefit Programme for hosting such a successful event.

Falconz Starz Creationz hosted a Hawaiian night on July 2, 2011 to sensitize persons and to raise funds for the Homes.

Raffa House also benefited from the services of two ophthalmologists and a medical doctor who screened children at the home. We thank Ms. Emelia Permanand who was instrumental in securing the services of these professionals.

## Health Clinics



### Kelly Village Clinic 1

As part of our health initiative Loveuntil conducts free in-house clinics on a bi-monthly basis. Medical volunteers facilitate several services including: blood pressure testing, blood sugar testing, BMI calculation, cholesterol screening and medical consultation to name a few. We also facilitate requests from community groups and other organizations. Clinics have been conducted in areas including Kelly Village, Moruga, San Fernando as well as at the POS South Constituency office.

## **Food Service**

Our monthly hamper distribution programme is still ongoing. Distribution takes place on the last Thursday of every month and benefits many who are unemployed and underemployed. We also respond to distress calls from other organizations and agencies, assisting their clients with hampers when and where necessary. Special thanks go out to JB Fernandez trust for their continued support of this programme.

## **CSP Update**

Loveuntil Foundation through its technical arm; Reaction Productions Limited (RPL) in February 2011 completed a successful year of service in community building working in the village of Never Dirty, Morvant.

CSP (Citizen Security Programme) a division in the Ministry of National Security through which RPL was contracted, issued in May an excellent performance evaluation. This was based on activities conducted such as life skills and vocational training, support group, health clinics, hamper distribution and homework centre.

## **Upcoming events:**

- Down the Islands trip – July 31, 2011
- Raffa House Donor Appreciation day – August 3, 2011
- Free health clinic – August 7, 2011 (9:00AM – 3:00PM @ Loveuntil Foundation, hosted by Laventille SDA Church)
- Loveuntil Foundation Volunteer Appreciation day – August 14, 2011
- Movie extravaganza #2 – August 28, 2011 (Christian Epic – Pilgrim's Progress)
- Gala at Hilton Hotel – September 25, 2011
- Curry Que – September 29 & 30, 2011
- Golf Tournament – November 20, 2011