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NEWS AND REVIEWS ON THE HALO FOUNDATION

YOUTH SERVICE SIBLING DUO



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PERSPECTIVES

Dear Friends,

2025 is the year we one ecceptorally Hoillad to Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Halo Foundation in Antigua and Barbuda. We all recognize that these are challenging times for our youth, who.. in effect.. must consider innovatie careers with the advent of technology innovation such as Als. As parents and guardians, we are also considerably concerned about any anti-social behavior like bullying, violence or suicide.

The activities of youth organizations such as the Girl Guides, Boy's Brigade and the Red Cross, in conjunction with Instututions like the Royal Drawing School and our own local artists, help to provide more focus and ambition. It is also equally as important to reward young achievers for a job well done, in order that they may be even further encouraged.

Let's all play our part in mentoring the youth of Antigua and Barbuda.

Sincerely,

H.E. Lady Williams
Governor General's Goodwill Emissary
President and Founder, The Halo Foundation Inc.



Rewarding SELFLESS SERVICE

Their Excellencies Present 3rd Annual Guiding Light Award.

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The medals, manufactured in the United Kingdom by Worcestershire Medal Services—by appointment of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II—symbolise the highest standards of dedication and service.

The selection process, conducted confidentially by the leadership of both organisations, coincidentally resulted in the selection of the brother and sister duo. During the ceremony, the awardees were encouraged to continue along their commendable path, striving to



become exemplary citizens. Their parents were also congratulated for raising two outstanding young individuals who embody the principle of “service before self.”

Her Excellency Lady Williams, President of The Halo Foundation, announced that in 2026, the Guiding Light Award will be expanded to include all youth uniformed organisations under the umbrella of the Halo Foundation.

HALO
FOUNDATION
CELEBRATES

Youth Creativity

10TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION AWARDS

The Halo Foundation hosted its 10th Annual Christmas Art Competition Awards Ceremony at Government House, marking a decade of fostering artistic expression among our nation's youth.

This year's competition continued its tradition of encouraging students to explore their creativity while illustrating the cultural aspects of Christmas in the Caribbean through art. Gabrielle Grant of Christ the King High School emerged as the overall winner, standing out among a talented pool of participants. In his welcome remarks, Patron of the Foundation, H.E. Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, lauded the students for their dedication to the arts. He also commended the teachers present for their commitment to nurturing the creativity and minds of the next generation of

leaders. He further stated that their dedication to the arts is commendable and inspiring.

Cuthbert Forbes, PRO of the Foundation said, “As The Halo Foundation celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, we remain resolute in our commitment to supporting initiatives focused on youth development through educational and artistic advancement. In addition to prizes and trophies for the overall winner and school, the winners will — as usual — also be given cash awards.” The Christmas Art Competition continues to be a platform for young artists to

showcase their talents and contribute to preserving Antigua and Barbuda's cultural identity.

The Halo Foundation was founded by Her Excellency Lady Williams in 2014, and initiates and supports projects concerning arts and culture, community outreach, differently abled, education, the elderly, history and heritage, the environment, health, sports, uniformed bodies, women and girls, world peace and youth.

AWARDED Best CORPORATE CITIZEN

A.S Bryden & Sons (Antigua) has been hailed as Best Corporate Citizen of the Year for 2024.

The accolade was bestowed in a brief ceremony held at Government House Monday morning. Frances-Ann Minors is seen here accepting the prestigious title from Their Excellencies Sir Rodney and Sandra Lady Williams. The award recognized Bryden's swift response to a critical call for help, showcasing their commitment to community support and humanitarian efforts.

Sir Rodney and Sandra Lady Williams expressed their admiration for the remarkable humanitarian spirit exhibited by Bryden's, highlighting the importance of such selfless actions in today's world.



Their Excellencies with first place winner / overall competition winner (Gabrielle Grant, Christ the King High School (CKHS) - second from left) and CKHS Art Teacher, Ms. Arian Audain.



H.E. Lady Williams with first place winner (7-9 age category, St. John's Lutheran), Breana Houghton



H.E. Sir Rodney Williams and second place winner (10-12 age category, St. Nicholas), Savannah Holborough

GENUINE Gifts

HEARTFELT GIFT BRINGS HOPE AND MOBILITY TO A YOUNG RESIDENT

Blue Waters Resort & Spa shared a moment of genuine compassion and care with Their Excellencies Sir Rodney and Lady Williams, along with Mr. Gary Randall, Ms. Kay Greveson, and dedicated staff from the Friends of the Care Project gathered to celebrate a special occasion — the official presentation of a motorized wheelchair to Aiden Man, a cherished young resident of the Friends of the Care Project.

Aiden, a bright and resilient young boy, lives with a rare condition that affects his ability to walk and presents various health challenges. Despite these obstacles, his warm smile, keen intelligence, and unwavering spirit continue to inspire everyone he meets. Having had to drag himself around on the ground by the seat of his pants for his entire life, Aiden was extremely excited and emotionally overwhelmed to receive the gift of the wheelchair.

During the luncheon and the brief handover ceremony, Lady Williams expressed her deep appreciation for the opportunity to engage in yet another act of kindness. She emphasized that such gestures embody the core values of the Halo Foundation's mission: to uplift spirits, foster hope, and bring comfort to those who most need love and encouragement. "Supporting such initiatives is at the heart of our work," she remarked. "We are truly grateful to Mr. Gary Randall and Ms. Kay Greveson for their generous support and genuine concern for the well-being of our eager recipient."



ROBERTS & CO. DONATES \$10K TO HALO FOUNDATION

In honour of the Law Firm's 39th Anniversary Her Excellency Sandra Lady Williams, President and Founder of the Halo Foundation Inc., was presented with a cheque by the staff of Roberts & Company last week. The generous donation was made in celebration of Roberts & Co.'s 39th anniversary.

Sir Clare Roberts, Deputy to the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, noted that the \$10,000 contribution was also in recognition of the Foundation's decade of unbroken service to the nation of Antigua and Barbuda.

In accepting the cheque at the company's chambers, Her Excellency expressed heartfelt appreciation for the unwavering support of Roberts & Co. since the inception of the Halo Foundation. She described the company's contributions as "meaningful, needed and sincerely appreciated."







Charities

MEET WITH

THEIR PATRONS

A heartwarming and inspiring meeting with our incredible partners, the Street Pastors. Together, we're crafting plans to make a real difference in our communities. As the saying goes, "No one has ever become poor by giving." Stay tuned for the wonderful initiatives ahead!

Their Excellencies were visited by Rev. and Mrs. Les and Louise Isaac from the UK to Their Excellencies Sir Rodney and Lady Williams at Government House. It's moments like these that remind us, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."



Their Excellencies Sir Rodney and Lady Williams had an informative meeting with Ms. Patricia Collins of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Day Care Centre for the elderly. Together, they are brainstorming plans to enhance the facility in 2025.

One of the top priorities? An upgrade to the building that houses the center for seniors. Stay tuned for more updates as we work to create a brighter future for our cherished older citizens!

The Kiwanis Club of St. John's, led by President Mr. Kevin Morgan and Secretary Ms. Ana Charles, had the esteemed privilege of meeting with Their Excellencies Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams.

During this inspiring discussion, they unveiled their 2025 plans aimed at empowering the youth of Antigua and Barbuda and shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Together, they explored synergies between Kiwanis and Halo, paving the way for potential collaborative projects that will make a lasting impact. Stay tuned for more updates as we work together for a brighter future.



Their Excellencies Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams recently engaged in a dynamic meeting with the Lions Club of Antigua to explore an inspiring new collaboration!

This year, the Halo Foundation is teaming up with the Lions to launch a transformative care initiative aimed at uplifting our elderly community members in need. Together, we're committed to enhancing their lives and creating a brighter future! Stay tuned for updates on this impactful project! Let's make a difference together!

The Antigua and Barbuda Girl Guides Association had an inspiring meeting with Their Excellencies, Sir Rodney and Lady Williams; their esteemed Patrons Chief Commissioner Mrs. Suzette Burton proudly showcased the incredible achievements of 2024 and unveiled exciting plans for the year ahead.

Their Excellencies are on board too, pledging their support for the Association in 2025!



Her Excellency Lady Williams handed over 2 brand new air conditioning split units to the Girl Guides for installation at their headquarters.

In receipt of the units was Mrs. Marcia Persaud, Deputy Chief Commissioner, who thanked the Halo Foundation for always being willing to assist, whenever possible, to progress the activities and upgrade the equipment for the Girl Guides of Antigua and Barbuda.



Halo Foundation Supports Antigua and Barbuda Horticultural Society



The Halo Foundation recently announced its support for the Antigua and Barbuda Horticultural Society (ABHS) as the organisation prepares to make its debut at the prestigious Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show in May 2025. This partnership is aimed at recognising and uplifting local organisations under the patronage of the Governor General that attempt to contribute to the nation's development.



Set to take place from May 20-24, 2025 at the Royal Hospital Chelsea grounds in London, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is internationally revered as a premier event in horticulture, showcasing cutting-edge garden design and the latest landscaping trends. The participation of the ABHS marks a historic milestone for Antigua and Barbuda, bringing the island's rich horticultural heritage to a global audience.

In an expression of commitment, the Halo Foundation has contributed five thousand dollars towards the various expenses associated with participation in the event. This financial support underscores Halo's dedication to promoting Caribbean excellence in various areas.

Royal Drawing SCHOOL

Halo Foundation and Jumby Bay Fund Collaborate with Royal Drawing School to Ignite Creativity in Youth Through Unique Art Workshop

The Halo Foundation, in partnership with the Jumby Bay Fund, is thrilled to announce the launch of an inspiring and complimentary six-week art workshop designed to cultivate creativity and artistic talent among the island's youth. Commenced on April 1, 2025, this innovative programme provides students aged 10 to 18 with hands-on artistic experiences, guided by expert Instructors from the prestigious Royal Drawing School in London — Mr. David Gardner and Mr. Dexter Phillips.

Thanks to the generous support of the Jumby Bay Fund, a total of thirty-two enthusiastic young artists from various public and private primary and secondary schools are participating in this transformative resourcefulness. The workshop runs Monday through Thursday, offering a dynamic environment where students can explore their creativity and develop essential artistic skills.

This initiative is part of the Halo Foundation's year-long celebration of its 10th anniversary, themed "10 Months of Giving." April also marks Youth Month, a perfect opportunity for the Foundation to engage young people

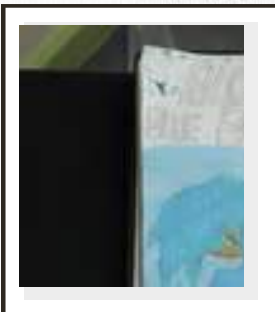
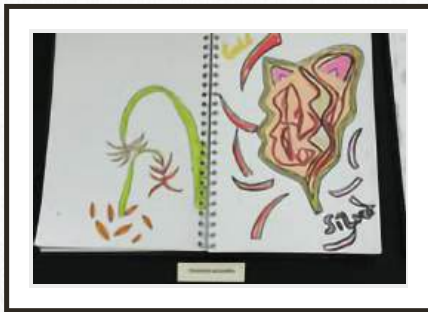
in meaningful activities that promote their development and empowerment. Originally established three years ago to enhance the skills of art educators, this program has evolved under the visionary leadership of Halo Foundation founder, Her Excellency Sandra, Lady Williams. This year's workshop is particularly focused on empowering youth, providing them with the tools, guidance and space to express their artistic voices and hone their creative abilities.

Special acknowledgment is extended to Mr. Anson Henry of Anson J. Henry Studios, whose local involvement in the program at his venue in Market Street has assisted in making this vision become a reality.

His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda and Patron of the Halo Foundation, praised the collaboration between the Jumby Bay Fund, the Halo Foundation, Anson J. Henry Studios and the Royal Drawing School. "Our youth are tomorrow's leaders, and art serves as a powerful medium for them to communicate their thoughts, ideas, and aspirations," he stated



CHECK THIS OUT!



HALO FOUNDATION CELEBRATES *Student Talents*

A DECADE OF SERVICE AT ART SCHOOL CLOSING CEREMONY

The Halo Foundation Inc. marked another dual celebration this afternoon at the National Public Library: the culmination of its annual Art Workshop Programme and the commemoration of the Foundation's 10th anniversary of service to the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

Delivering remarks on behalf of Their Excellencies Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams, His Excellency Sir Clare Roberts KCN, KC, Governor General's Deputy, who was accompanied by his wife Lady Roberts, extended congratulations to the thirty-one young artists who completed the six-week workshop. The programme brought together students aged 10 to 18 from across the country to explore artistic techniques, engage with professional instructors, and discover their creative voices through immersive learning both inside and outside the classroom.

Attendees were also treated to an inspiring exhibition of student artwork, with pieces reflecting themes of observation, perspective, landscape, and transformation. The exhibit

enhanced the halls of the Library with colour and vision, served as a proud testament to the students' growth and achievement.

Sir Clare also highlighted the visionary leadership of Her Excellency Sandra Lady Williams, Founder and President of the Halo Foundation. "Under Lady Williams' guidance," he noted, "Halo has grown from a bold idea into a movement, uniting nearly 40 charities under one umbrella and transforming lives through its focus on youth empowerment, education, culture, and social support."

Founded in 2014, the Halo Foundation has become a leading force in charitable advocacy in Antigua and Barbuda, working tirelessly to assist the vulnerable, amplify the voices of the underserved, and create pathways for young people to flourish. From the arts and literacy to disability advocacy and mental health, the Foundation's impact has been both broad and deeply personal.

Sir Clare praised His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, Patron of the Foundation, for

his steadfast support of its mission, and commended the continued collaboration of partners such as the Jumby Bay Fund, the Ministry of Education, Sports, and the Creative Industries, and the Royal Drawing School, whose volunteer instructors travelled from the UK to lead the workshop sessions.

This year's programme represented a shift in focus, from training educators to direct student engagement, giving youth a chance to develop their creative voice in settings such as the Botanical Gardens, Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, and Fig Tree Drive Art Studio.

In recognition of their efforts, Director of Education Mr. Clare Roberts presented certificates to several outstanding participants, acknowledging their dedication, creativity, and commitment to the artistic process.

As the ceremony concluded, students, instructors, and supporters were reminded that the arts are not just about expression but about building community and shaping the nation's future.



Outstanding PERFORMANCES

General Manager of the International Global Fellowship (Boys Brigade), Bill Stevenson, visited Their Excellencies Sir Rodney and Lady Williams at Government House.

The delegation included the President of the Boys Brigade of Antigua and Barbuda, Rev. Joseph Nicholas. There are approximately 60 boys in Antigua and Barbuda who are members of the Boys Brigade, and the organization is currently strategizing to increase its membership.

The Boys Brigade, which has been in Antigua and Barbuda since the 1940's, is a Christian-based organization that focuses on social, educational, physical and spiritual development.



GOVERNOR GENERAL HONOURS *Red Cross Volunteers* AT THE 2024 AWARDS CEREMONY

The Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society (ABRCS) hosted its 2024 Volunteer Recognition and Awards Ceremony on February 22, 2025, at Dutchman's Bay, celebrating the remarkable service and dedication of volunteers, partners, and humanitarian champions. Under the theme "Shining Stars of Service: Honouring Dedication and Impact," the event recognized outstanding contributions made in 2024, a year marked by significant humanitarian efforts, disaster response, and community resilience-building initiatives.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, who serves as Patron of the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society. In his congratulatory remarks, His Excellency applauded the dedication, resilience, and compassion of the Red Cross volunteers, emphasizing their invaluable role in providing emergency relief, first aid training, and disaster preparedness. He underscored the

importance of humanitarian service in Antigua and Barbuda and called for continued support and collaboration to sustain the organization's impact.



A key highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Governor General's Award to Dr. José Humphreys, President

of the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society. Dr. Humphreys was recognized for his transformational leadership, which has significantly enhanced the accountability, efficiency, and visibility of the Red Cross at both national and regional levels. A distinguished medical professional, he has made significant contributions in disaster risk management and mental health support, ensuring that the Red Cross remains at the forefront of emergency response and community resilience in Antigua and Barbuda. Dr. Humphreys was presented with the Governor General's Faithful and Meritorious Service Cross by His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams. The Mill Reef Fund, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Antigua and Barbuda Fire Department, and other corporate and community partners were acknowledged for their critical support in advancing the Red Cross mission in disaster relief, emergency preparedness, and community outreach programmes.

Humanitarianism — IN OUR YOUTHS —

MISS IMANI AMBROSE AWARDED WITH HUMANITARIANISM AWARD 2024

Her Excellency Lady Williams presented Imani Ambrose with the Lady Sandra Williams Award for Humanitarianism yesterday during the Antigua Girls' High School annual church service. The leadership award aims to recognize young women in their final year of school who have demonstrated exceptional school spirit and have consistently gone above and beyond in their contributions. Lady Williams, a former student of the institution, encouraged Ms. Ambrose to continue embracing kindness and outreach as she progresses in life.



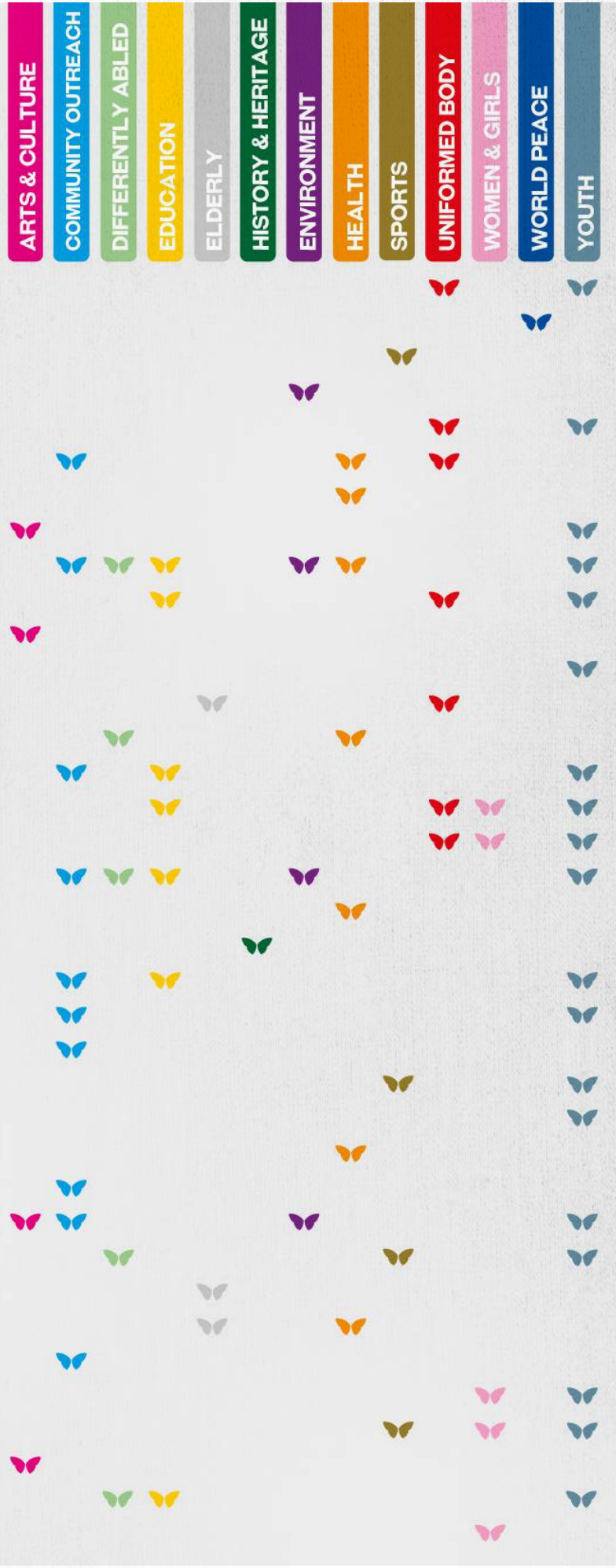
MISS THERESE MATHURIN AWARDED FOR HUMANITARIANISM 2024

Therese Mathurin is vibrant student who is deeply rooted in her faith and has been a source of moral support for her peers. Therese served as a member of the Student Council for three years and was elected Deputy Head Girl in her senior year. Therese was readily available to participate in devotions, sports, charity and other events. During her senior years she encouraged a group of students to meet and pray together and to have a small bible study. In addition, she promoted the continuance of Charity Excelsior petitioning students to provide school supplies for children in need.



CURRENT LIST OF CHARITIES UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

- Antigua & Barbuda Branch Of **The Scout Association**
- Antigua & Barbuda **China Friendship Association**
- Antigua and Barbuda **Falcons**
- Antigua & Barbuda **Horticulture Society**
- Antigua and Barbuda **National Cadet Corp**
- Antigua & Barbuda **Red Cross**
- Antigua & Barbuda **Sickle Cell Association**
- Antigua & Barbuda **Youth Symphony Orchestra**
- The **Blue Dragonfly Foundation**
- Boys' Brigade**
- Classic Singers** (Antigua & Barbuda) Ltd.
- Duke Of Edinburgh Award**
- Ex-Servicemen's Association**
- Friends Foundation**
- The Gard Centre**
- Girls' Brigade**
- Girl Guides Association** Of Antigua & Barbuda
- Good Humans 268 Inc.**
- Heart & Stroke Foundation** Of Antigua And Barbuda
- Heritage Trust** Antigua and Barbuda
- Hopeful Hearts** Foundation
- Kiwanis Club (Circle K)**
- Lions Club Of Antigua**
- National Sailing Academy**
- National Youth Parliament** Of Antigua & Barbuda
- Renal Society** Of Antigua & Barbuda
- Rotary Club Of Antigua**
- The Royal Commonwealth Society**
- Sailability**
- Society Of St.Vincent De Paul** (Holy Family Conference)
- St.John Hospice**
- Street Pastors**
- Sunshine Home** For Girls
- Team Antigua Island Girls**
- Tostem Emancipation Stories**
- The Victory Centre**
- Women Of Esteem**



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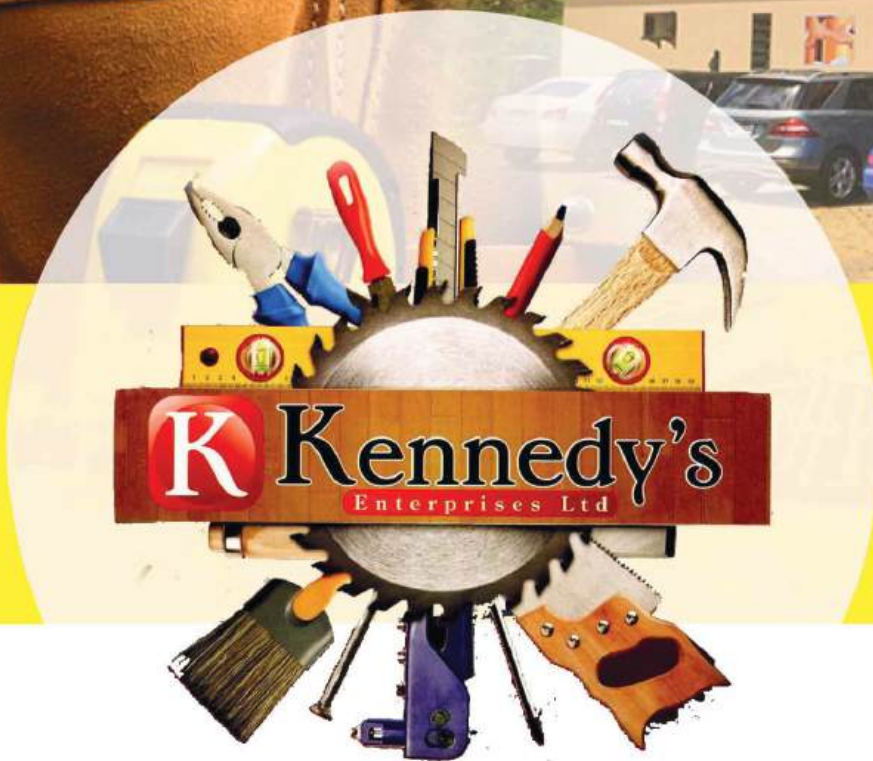
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