



Antigua and Barbuda Association United

Project 2015

Antigua & Barbuda Government Primary School Supply Drive





Antigua and Barbuda Associations United
15 Hudson Ave, Maplewood, NJ 07040

November 16, 2015

H. E. Dr. Walton Webson
Ambassador
Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda
305 East 47th Street
Suite 6A
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ambassador Webson,

I am pleased to report that, thanks to the generous support of the Consulate General in New York the Antigua and Barbuda Associations United (ABAU) was able to exceed the goal of providing 5,000 primary school students in Antigua and Barbuda with school supplies.

Your support enabled us to ship 117,953 school supply items to thirty (30) primary schools in Antigua and Barbuda that were collected by the Antigua and Barbuda community organization volunteers in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Georgia.

We're also proud to share that, over the course of the Antigua and Barbuda Primary School Supply Project the ABAU Education Committee tallied 1,346 community volunteer hours, which is equivalent to one person working full-time for 33.65 weeks.

The primary schools' administration and parents are grateful for your support, and we can't wait to improve on the amount of supplies next year.

Attached to this letter are: newspaper articles, press release, pictures, videos, radio show appearances, receipts for shipment from New York, Boston, and Atlanta to Antigua, and comments from the event.

In Gratitude,

Conrad Andy Howell

Conrad Andy Howell-Co-Chair

Supply! Aspiration! Success!

Antigua and Barbuda Associations United (ABAU).

ABAU purpose:

- To represent the interests of the Antigua and Barbuda community organizations in USA.
- To strengthen and unify the Antigua and Barbuda community organizations, so they can better serve the community.
- To work with government, non-profits, community and faith-based organizations and corporations to support Antigua and Barbuda Organizations initiatives by brokering partnerships and establishing sustainable funding resources.
- To establish memorandum of understanding between member organizations.
- To maintain a community calendar of event for the member organizations
- To provide training to the members, so they can better service our community.
- To form focus areas committees:

Committees:

Education Committee

The Education Committee is responsible for identifying the educational needs of the Community. Work with member organizations to create quality, value-added programs to enhance the people in our community knowledge, professionalism and business development goals.

Disaster Management/Relief Committee

The Disaster Management/Relief Committee is responsible for assisting people in Antigua and Barbuda that have incurred hardship as a result of a sudden, unexpected natural disaster. Work with member organizations to foster partnerships with organizations and grantees that will support our efforts.

Environmental Committee

The purpose of the Environmental Committee is to involve the community in developing an Environmental Program. The committee will provide recommendations on effective environmental programs and policies to the Community and will serve as a forum for the community to offer input concerning environmental sustainability.

Health and Nutrition Committee

The Health and Nutrition Committee is responsible for developing projects that would educate the Community on health and nutrition issues. The plan is to combine the creative energies of the ABAU organizations and Health and Nutrition professionals around the world to develop an in-depth health and nutrition network.

Antigua and Barbuda Primary School Supplies Project

Overview

The Antigua and Barbuda Primary School Supplies Project will provide school supplies to the primary school students in Antigua and Barbuda. Through contributions of money and donations from Sidewalk University, Antigua and Barbuda Associations of Philadelphia (ABAF), Antigua and Barbuda Associations United (ABAU), Antigua and Barbuda Student Association-USA (ABSA), churches, the business community, school groups, and individuals, Sidewalk University, ABAF, ABSA and ABAU will distribute these supplies to children identified as “in need” by the Antigua and Barbuda social service agencies and school officials.

Goals

- To provide school supplies to children who can not afford them
- To get families involved in “serving others” in need
- To make a difference in a child’s educational experience by setting them up for success

ABAU Project Leaders:

- New Jersey – Sidewalk University
- Pennsylvania - Antigua and Barbuda Associations of Philadelphia
- New York – Antigua and Barbuda Student Association-USA
- Boston –
- Atlanta –
- Florida -

Ways to Help:

- Donations of every kind, whether they are supplies or monetary, are appreciated
- Donate money to purchase supplies – all money goes directly towards bulk orders of school supplies.
- Please make checks payable to a ABAU project leader organization listed above and note Antigua and Barbuda Primary School Supplies Project in the memo line
- Please contact a ABAU project leader organization listed above for a drop off location

School Supplies List

- #2 Pencil
 - Pencil Sharpener
 - Eraser
 - Pen
 - Ruler
 - Crayon
 - Notebook
 - Back Pack
-

Project information:

1. Name and address of Sponsoring North East United States Based national organization or entity:
Sidewalk University, 15 Hudson Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040

2. Registered 501C3 Status: Yes No Registration number: 22- 3843841

Sidewalk University (www.sidewalkuniversity.org) is a 501 C (3) non-profit organization that was founded on January 10, 2001. Sidewalk University is committed to helping people become leaders in their communities. Sidewalk University (SU) carries out this mission through a variety of means, including an assortment of educational and cultural programs that seek to expand the horizons of people and give them the skill sets they will need to lead successful and productive lives. SU focus areas are education, economic empowerment and health and nutrition.

3. List Executive Members names, addresses, and contact numbers
Conrad Andy Howell – President (973)-885-0860
15 Hudson Ave, Maplewood, NJ 07040

Lonnie Jones – Vice President (973) – 508-7874
112 Hillside Ter, Irvington, NJ 07111

Bethany Fairbrother –Vice President (845)-986-5523
27 Robert Dr.,Warwick, NY 10990

Patricia Jones – Vice President (973)-508-2303
22 Gladstone Ave, Newark, NJ 07106

Cherre E. Ogden – Secretary (201)-432-2120
29 Broadman Parkway, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Wentworth Grayman – Treasurer (804)-721-2037
122 Smith Street, Newark, NJ 07106

Dave Picozzi – Business Manager (973)-978-6723
27 Robert Dr.,Warwick, NY 10990

Main Contact Person Information

Name: Andy Howell
Telephone numbers: H) W) C) 973-885-0860 Email: AHowell@ups.com
Address 15 Hudson Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040

4. Website if any, and other social media information:www.sidewalkuniversity.org

5. Name and address of receiving organization in Antigua and Barbuda
All Government Primary Schools in Antigua and Barbuda

6. List Executive Members: names, addresses and contact numbers.

Senator Hon. Colin L. James
Ministry of Trade Industry, Commerce,
Sports, Culture & National Festivals
Roberts Building
Casada Gardens, St. Johns, Antigua
(268)562-6224
(268)464-5053

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colinpolitics@hotmail.com, parliamentarysecretarysports@gmail.com

9. Website if any, and other social media information:

<http://www.ab.gov.ag/>

10. Name and description of project/ service that this donation will support.

Antigua and Barbuda Education Development Project. This project will assist the Education Ministry with the educational development of Antigua and Barbuda students. This project will have several phases. Phase I (One) provides school supplies to primary school age children in the Antigua and Barbuda Public School System.

11. State briefly how your contribution will help support the project.

Our organization is committed to supporting the educational system in Antigua and Barbuda. Sometimes it is difficult for some parents just to cover the basics school supplies for their children. By providing school supplies for all children, this will remove any possible stigma between those who could actually afford to purchase school supplies and those who cannot. The school supplies which have been collected will be distributed to all government primary schools in Antigua and Barbuda. This aspect of our work will ensure that all Primary Age school children in the public school system in Antigua and Barbuda have the basic necessities to do their school work.

12. Description and amount of goods to be shipped or contribution requested

Notebooks, Pens, Pencils, Computer Paper, Backpacks, Rulers, Crayons, Erasers, Paper Clips, Binder Paper, and Glue Sticks for 6,000 primary public school students in Antigua and Barbuda.

13. Proposed date of event/ shipment

Friday, September 18, 2015

14. Itemized estimated expenses

	Education Development Project	2015
PUBLIC SUPPORTS & REVENUE		
1	Contributions - Sponsors	\$113,000.00
2	Grants from Government Agencies	\$11,000.00
3	TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES	\$124,000.00
EXPENSES		
1	Advertising and Marketing	\$1,350.00
2	School Supplies	\$104,879.00
3	Transportation	\$475.00
4	Shipping Supplies (boxes, tape, etc.)	\$1,780.00
5	Telephone	\$156.00
6	Shipment from New York to Antigua	\$2,600.00
7	Shipment from Boston to Antigua	\$500.00
8	Shipment from Georgia to Antigua	\$140.00
9	Duty Fee	\$6,000.00
10	Representative Travel to Antigua, Room and Board and Food	\$2,330.00
11	Cost to Distribute Supplies to Schools	\$2,700.00
12	TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$122,910.00

15. Amount requested from the Consulate

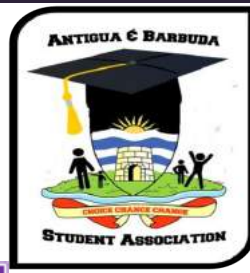
\$3,240

16. List other committed sources of funding

This project is proudly sponsored by the Alumni of Faith & Hope High School, Antigua Girls' High School Alumni Association NY-USA Inc., Children of Freetown, USA (COFA), Crossroad of All Saints Village Fund, Inc., All Saints Homecoming Committee, Sidewalk University, Wadadli Cultural Association-Boston, The Antigua and Barbuda Association of Georgia, Antigua & Barbuda Student Association, Antigua & Barbuda Alumni International Inc., Swetes Reunion, Family United, Dave Ray, Jen Myers, Hilda Melenciano, Keith Williams, Ozier Hastings, Michelle Charles, Bolans Community Development Association(BCDA) and Julia Roberts

17. Deadline for receipt of contribution

October 15, 2015



Antigua and Barbuda Schools Supplies Drive

Now Until June 30, 2015

Antigua and Barbuda Student Association USA Inc. is collecting school supplies to be distributed to 5,000 + underprivileged primary schools children



We Need: Notebooks, Paper, Pens, #2 Pencils, Crayons, Coloring Books, Erasers, Rulers, and Backpacks

To make a dollar or school supply donation: go to www.absausainc.com, or contact us by phone at **(646)312-7259** or email absausa@mail.com

Primary Schools in Antigua and Barbuda

School	Number of Students	Name of Principal
Bendals Primary	135	Mrs. Genevieve Gomes
Bethesda Primary	30	Mrs. Esther Tonge Dickenson
Buckleys Primary	117	Mrs. Vernest Mack
Cedar Grove Primary	160	Mrs. Angella James
Charlesworth T. Samuel Primary	50	Mr. Donald Joshua
Cobbs Cross Primary	88	Miss Carol Lashley
Five Islands Primary	450	Mrs. Hyacinth Gonsalves Barriero
Freemansville Primary	93	Mrs. Janice Joseph
Freetown Primary	46	Mrs. Lucina Nathaniel
Golden Grove Primary	320	Mrs. Sandy Lewis
Greenbay Primary	301	Mr. Christopher Roberts
Holy Trinity (Barbuda)	229	Miss Charlene Harris
J.T. Ambrose Primary	263	Mrs. Neta Robinson
Jennings Primary	205	Mrs. Denese Francis Solomon
Liberta Primary	106	Mrs. Pauline Simon
Mary E. Pigott Primary	368	Miss Gayle Samuel
Newfield Primary	42	Mrs. Alison Spencer
New Winthropes Primary	109	Mr. Whitfield Browne
Old Road Primary	95	Mrs. Ryona Joseph
Pares Primary	111	Miss Lois Drew
Parham Primary	86	Miss Allison Ledeatte
Pigotts Primary	192	Mrs. Theoline Croft
Potters Primary	210	Miss Jasinter Athill
S.R. Olivia David (Bolans)	143	Mrs. Jose Joseph
Sea View Farm Primary	152	Mrs. Arian Thomas
T.N. Kirnon Primary	333	Mrs. Monica Roberts Drew
Urlings Primary	58	Miss Temika Christian
Villa Primary	330	Mrs. Sandra Boney Felix
Willikies Primary	80	Mr. Denmore Roberts



Antigua and Barbuda Associations United

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Rosannette Kirby Phone: 347-594-3890(NY) or 268-724-0934(ANU) Email: abau.usa@gmail.com Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/abau.usa?ref=hl>

School Supply Drive Benefits Antigua and Barbuda Students

- Antigua and Barbuda Primary Schools will receive school supplies from The Antigua and Barbuda Associations United (ABAU) Education Committee for the 2015-2016 School Year.
- School supplies will be distributed to Primary School Principals on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 10am at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium. Bronx, New York September 17, 2015 --- Antigua and Barbuda Associations United works to strengthen and unify Antigua and Barbuda community organizations. The ABAU Education Committee identifies the educational needs of the community at home and abroad by creating quality, value-added programs to enhance professionalism and business development goals. "This was a big project, and we commend every individual and organization who contributed to this drive," said Dr. Charles Jarvis, spokesperson for ABAU. "When families are struggling to feed and clothe their children, school supplies are not their top priority, even though they understand they are sorely needed. Cuts in budgets mean schools are not filling the gap. Many teachers spend money out of their own pockets to supplement the needs of their students, just so kids can try to keep up with school work. We are pleased to be able to supply Antigua and Barbuda schools with supplies. We look forward to creating new partnerships to help make the 2016-2017 school supplies drive bigger than this one." "I would like to commend highly the initiative taken by the Antigua and Barbuda Associations United to provide school supplies for students back home." stated Senator Colin L. James, a member of the ABAU Education Committee. Sen. James is also responsible for the distribution of the school supplies in Antigua and Barbuda. "This gesture will go a long way in

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For more information on this project, please contact Senator Hon. Colin L. James at (268) 562-6224 or (268) 464-5053

Reaches by 17th August

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SHIP FROM (ANTIGUA & BARBUDA / H.S.S. 208 GEORGIA)

Shipper: W. RICHARDS

Address: 125 LEYLAND CYPRESS WAY
ELLENWOOD GA Zip 30294

Tel: 404-808-4251

Email: TAPAZUKI@NETZERO.NET

SHIP TO: (CO/MR. WHITEFIELD BROWNE)

Name: NEW WINTHROPES SCHOOL

Address: ST. GEORGES
PARRISH, ANTIGUA, WI

Tel: 268-462-2984

Port of Loading	Destination	Shipping Method	Delivery Type	Ship Date	Insurance	Document #
<u>MLL / MIM</u>	<u>ANTIGUA</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Air <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Port <input type="checkbox"/> Door	<u>8/3/15</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

PARTICULARS FURNISHED BY SHIPPER OF GOODS

UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS SHIPPED	L x W x H	CU. FT.	WGT.	AMOUNT
<u>1</u>	<u>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</u> <u>JUMBO ELASTIC BANDS</u>		<u>14</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>\$14000</u>
	<u>ECONO</u> <u>PAID</u>				
	<u>Seal # 0566336</u>				

Payment Methods: CASH CHECK # 001008 CREDIT COLLECT FREIGHT

INTERNATIONAL AGENTS
Consolidated Maritime Services
P.O. Box 2478 Old Param Rd.
St John's 268-462-1224

Sub-Total: \$ 14000
Pick Up Fee: \$ 450
Other: \$ 450
Total: \$ 14900
Brokerage/Custom Fees not included

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Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____ Receiving Clerk: [Signature]
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CONSIGNEE (PERSON OR COMPANY)
Senator Hon. Colin L. James Ministry of Trade Industry, Commerce, Sports, Culture & National Festivals Roberts Building, Cassada Gardens St. Johns, Antigua 12685626224

DATE	9/16/2015	TK# 59-787878			INVOICE #
Sales Rep	EAP	PICKUP DATE	9/16/2015	VIA	Sea
Item Code	Description		Quantity	Rate	Amount
2	Barrel Pickup		2	100.00	200.00
3	Boxes Pickup		50	45.62	2,281.00
				TOTAL	\$2,481.00

DISCLAIMER

I _____ CERTIFY THAT THIS CARGO DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY UNAUTHORIZED EXPLOSIVES, ILLEGAL CONTRABAND, OR OTHER DESTRUCTIVE SUBSTANCES OR ITEMS.

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Signature

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Date

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Address: 11342 Michelle way
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Tel: 347-594-3890
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<u>1</u>	<u>Box (School Supplies)</u>		<u>9</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>

Payment Methods: CASH CHECK # CREDIT COLLECT FREIGHT

Sub-Total \$ 80

Pick Up Fee \$ 35

Other _____

Total \$ 115.00

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Date: 9/15/15

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 BOSTON, MA 02126

(617) 298-7966
 glwest@verizon.net

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
09/02/2015	GP2529
Terms	Due Date
Due on receipt	09/02/2015

Bill To
 SHAKEBA ROBERTS
 2025 COLUMBUS AVE # 402
 ROXBURY, MA 02119
 PH: (617) 785 - 3361

Ship To
 COLIN JAMES
 MINISTRY OF TRADE INDUSTRY
 ROBERT BUILDING
 CANTERA DEN. ST. JOHN
 ANTIGUA
 PH: (268) 462 - 6224

PAID

Activity	Quantity	Rate	Amount
• Antigua Barrel	1	137.00	137.00
• Seal(s)	1	0.00	0.00
• SURCHARGE	1	2.74	2.74
• Geo. W. Bennett	1	0.00	0.00
Brysons & Co. Ltd. Long & Church St. St. John's Antigua W.I. Tel:268-480-1240 Fax:268-462-0170			
Total			\$139.74

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By *admin* -

September 17, 2015



"Education" Button on Modern Computer Keyboard.

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Donation of school supplies welcomed

By Kadeem Joseph

Scores of the nation's most vulnerable youth will receive much needed school supplies as part of the efforts of a non-profit organisation.

The Antigua & Barbuda Associations United (ABAU) Education Committee will distribute books, pens, crayons and other stationery to primary schools across the nation, in a ceremony at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on October 15.

Spokesperson for ABAU, Dr Charles Jarvis said the supplies will help impoverished youth and the teachers who seek to assist them with personal finances.

"When families are struggling to feed and clothe their children, school supplies are not their top priority, even though they understand they are sorely needed. Cuts in budgets mean schools are not filling the gap. Many teachers spend money out of their own pockets to supplement the needs of their students, just so kids can try to keep up with schoolwork. We are pleased to be able to supply Antigua and Barbuda schools



A number of school supplies waiting to be distributed to youth eager to learn

with supplies," he said.

Dr Charles said the group hopes for greater partnerships with donors and schools in the future, as they seek to expand the programme.

The supplies were gathered through collection efforts at over 10 of the nation's primary schools and generous donations from residents and service organisations from across the country.

Several American-based organisations and other residents in the diaspora also made donations to the project.

Member of the ABAU's Education Committee, Senator Colin James not only commended the work of the organization, but said the "gesture will go a long way in cementing the ABAU in the hearts and minds of the young people of our twin-

island state".

He added, "Each school year some parents struggle to find the school supplies for their child or children and it is always a magnanimous gesture to provide assistance."

The senator said he looked forward to continued collaborations with the groups and encouraged members to continue their much-needed efforts.



Reduce salt, save lives

Wednesday marked the opening of a two-day workshop at the Jolly Beach Resort to enhance the campaign to educate people on the harmful effects of excessive salt in the diet. The event – put on by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO), and the Ministry of Health – saw close to 20 health professionals from the region and the USA put their heads together to plan ways to use social marketing to promote reduction in the intake of excess dietary salts, which contribute to high blood pressure, increased heart disease and stroke risk. (Photo by Tabari Tabor/OBSERVER media)

When asked for the first time to participate in the Antigua and Barbuda Primary School supply drive, organizations and individuals came together to make this drive a success. Donations were received for schools below. This was our first time doing this, however we are planning to make it an annual event. So from here on it will only get bigger and better.

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Ceder Grove Primary
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Cobbs Cross Primary
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Freetown Primary
Golden Grove primary
Green Bay Primary
Holy Trinity (Barbuda)
J.T. Ambrose Primary
Jennings Primary
Liberta Primary
Newfield Primary
New Winthorpes Primary(Barnes Hill School)-----Already received from Atlanta
Old Road Primary
Pares Primary
Parham Primary-----Already received from Atlanta
Pigotts Primary
Potters Primary
S.R. Olivia David (Bolans)
Sea View Farm Primary
T.N.Kirnon Primary
Urlings Primary
Wilikies Primary
Five Island Primary
Mary E Pigott Primary
Villa Primary

There will be 50 boxes and 2 barrel coming from NY. One of the Barrel is for the Antigua Public Library. It contains some used College text book. They might be of use for reference. There's also a large box coming from Atlanta for Pares Primary.



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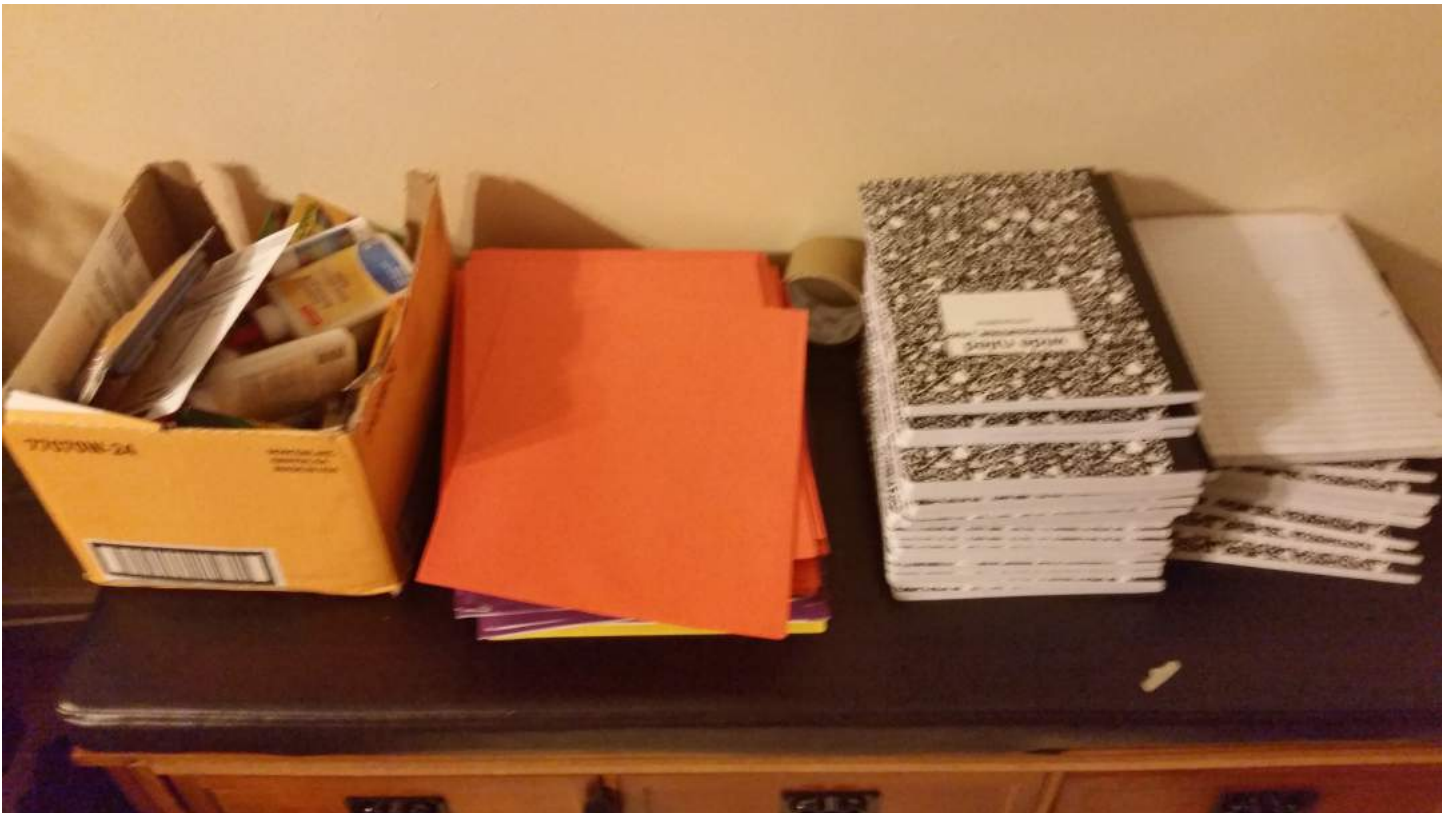
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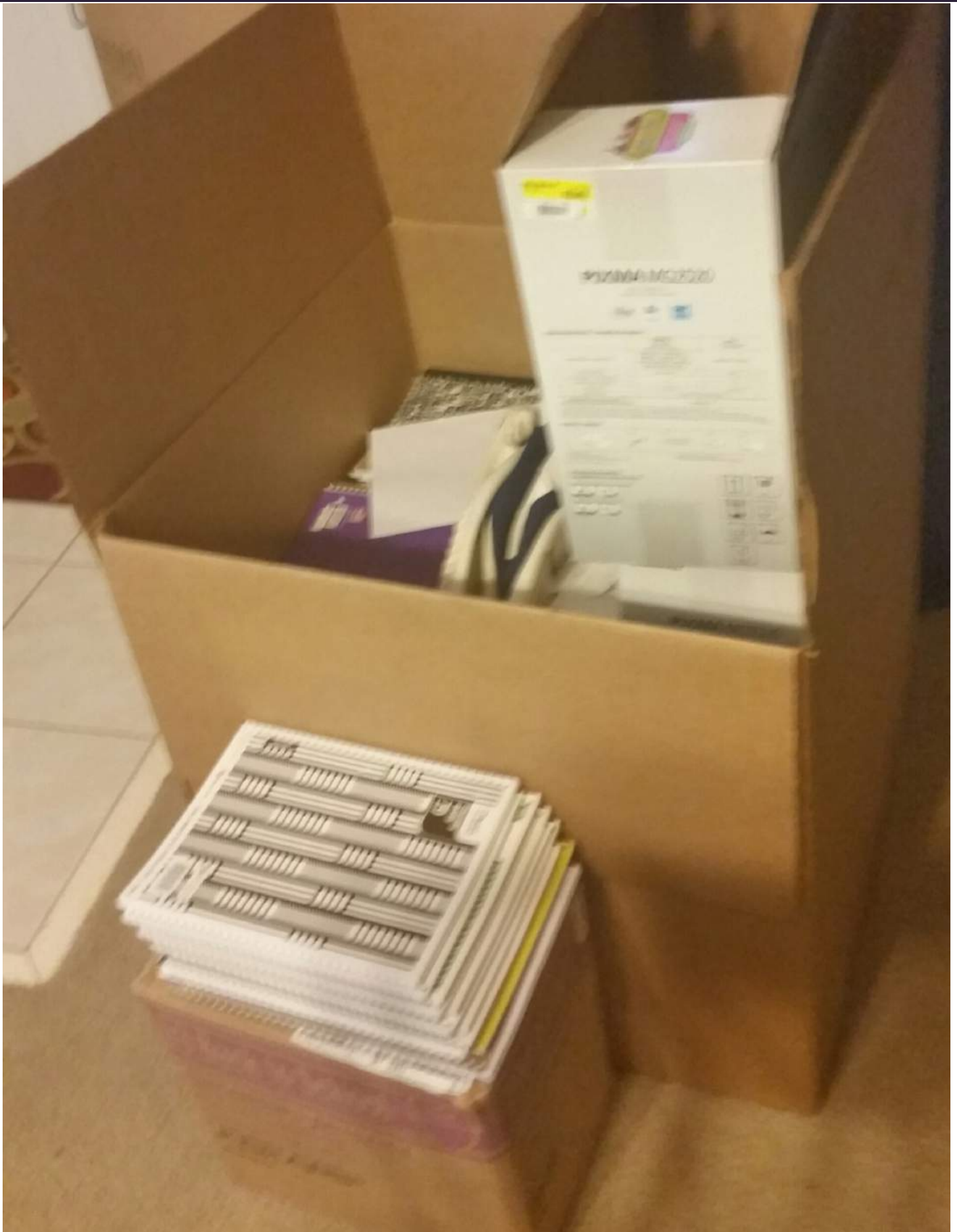
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Primary schools receive donated supplies



Principal of Villa Primary School, Sandra Felix (left) was one of the many representatives from the nation's various primary schools who received donations of school supplies, yesterday, thanks to Rosannette Kirby (right) and the US-based Antigua & Barbuda Association United. (Photos by Tabari Tabor/OBSERVER media)

By Tabari Tabor

Close to 30 of the nation's primary schools received donations of school supplies yesterday, thanks to the US-based Antigua & Barbuda Associations United (ABAU).

In an effort coordinated by ABUA's Rosannette Kirby, 51 boxes and three barrels – filled to the rim with exercise books, textbooks, and stationery – were handed over to representatives of 28 primary schools, at a ceremony at Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground.

The event marked the first of what Kirby said will grow into an annual donation programme.

All the items were purchased in the US and then shipped to Antigua.

Kirby described ABUA as an umbrella organisation that links together over 30 US-based Antiguan village-assistance groups.

"While these organisations take care of their individual village, we looked at some villages that don't have an organisation and said 'okay, what can we do? Let's get together and do projects for (the whole of) Antigua &

Barbuda,'" Kirby noted.

The co-ordinator added that many more planned undertakings would be launched in 2016, namely: a scholarship programme; Christmas sports equipment donation programme; colon cancer drive; disaster relief programme; and carnival club.

Key to the success of this year's donation was the Antigua & Barbuda Student Association USA (ABSA-USA), one of the umbrella groups; which recently received 501(c)(3) tax-exemption as a registered

US charity.

Kirby – who is also Public Relations Officer of ABSA-USA – noted that due to this, next year's supply donation should be even bigger, as some companies are already pledging "truck-loads" of support.

Representing the government in the day's proceedings was Senator Colin James, parliamentary secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Commerce.

"What we are receiving is the benefit of what our brothers and sisters in the US would have contributed to

make sure that we can provide at least every child in a primary school with a school supply," James said.

Along with the 28 schools donated to yesterday – which included Holy Trinity Primary School in Barbuda – two schools received their supplies at a prior date, bringing the benefited total to 30.

"If there's something we can do, let us know; we'll try to help," Kirby told the gathering of educators.

She affirmed, "We're not saying we can do everything ... but we're gonna try."

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ABAU would like to sincerely thank all the donors and volunteers who help to make this operation possible. Together, we have delivered supplies to 30 Primary School in Antigua and Barbuda. It was just an overall positive and successful project. The schools were all grateful, and excited. I have even acquired wish list and thank you notes from over 20 schools.

Here's what some teachers are saying about ABAU:

Congratulations to ABAU. I am extremely proud of your give back action. Choosing Education is an excellent idea!!

Bethesda Primary School

"Wow! Words cannot express our deep gratitude for the donated items. We want to keep in touch with you guys. Hooray!!"

Villa Primary School

"Thanks to your donation, my students have more supplies to enhance their learning experience. My colleagues and I really appreciate your generosity."

Green Bay Primary School

Thank you so much -- not only for the gifts, but for caring so much about teachers. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

My students will be very grateful when I tell them how lucky we are -- blessed, actually.

I received so many positive feedbacks from all of the principals and I must say thank you to everyone for allowing me to represent ABAU on that day. Our first joint project was an astounding success!

Sincerely,

Rosannette Kirby

Rosannette Kirby/Public Relation Officer



Dear Ms. Kirby,

Received and noted.

On Mon, Oct 26, 2015 at 3:16 PM, Annette Kirby <annetekirby@hotmail.com> wrote:
Good Afternoon Senator Colin James;

On behalf of the entire body and members of the Antigua and Barbuda Associations United (ABAU), the students we serve, their families and their communities, we thank you for all you help and support during the School supply drive. We could not have done it so smoothly without you. Also tell shipwreck and all the guys who help at the Stadium, Thanks!.

We are proud to be able to assist in our country's future. We are committed to help ensure conditions conducive to teaching and learning in public schools in Antigua and Barbuda, so as to provide an immediate boost to our student's energy to learning.

Our members in Tri State area and across the nation watched this project closely. On their behalf, we thank you again for doing what is right and supporting public education—the best investment our people can make in the children who will lead 21st century of our Country.



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October 26, 2015

H. E. Dr. Walton Webson
Ambassador
Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda
305 East 47th Street
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New York, NY 10017

Dear Ambassador Webson,

On behalf of Antigua and Barbuda Associations United (ABAU), I would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the Consulate General in New York for its generous donation towards the shipping and handling costs for supplies sent to the Antigua and Barbuda Primary Schools.

The Consulate's partnering with ABAU on the 2015 School Supplies Project made the effort very successful. The resources you and your staff provided to the project were priceless.

We are happy to have the Consulate General in New York as our partner going into the 2016 Primary School Supply Project.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. My e-mail is andy@sidewalkuniversity.org, and my cell is 973-885-0860.

Thank you again for your generous donation and support!

Sincerely,

Conrad Andy Howell

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