

# COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMME







## ABOUT

# Fifth Company Moruga Community Impact Programme

Phase 1, the second year of the five-year project implementation was successfully achieved in 2017. All project components were off the ground, the community, parents and school were engaged with support from local NGOs collaborating to improve the success of students in Fifth Company. St. Gregory's Anglican Primary participated in an early literacy Jolly Phonics programmes, parents attended Common Sense Parenting workshops, community volunteers were trained to implement out of school time sporting activities, and teachers' capacity was built in different learning styles.

St. Gregory's Steel Angels Music Programme is the first Out of School (OST) time music programme offered at St. Gregory's Anglican Primary School. While other schools are focused on learning Steel Pan and

The Fifth Company Community Impact Project is a five-year project (2015-2020) aimed to improve childhood success in primary school. Fifth Company is one of the poorest communities in Trinidad, and at the time of initiating this project, had not directly benefitted from any formal programme of giving.

The project seeks to achieve the goal by improving **early literacy, parenting skills, teaching strategies for students with different learning styles, access to out of school time (OST) sports and music time activities and community capacity building for sustainability.**

music for competitions, this programme is focused on participation and a student's development. Students' enthusiasm to learn music was evident with over 35% of the school registering to participate in the programme! This Angels Programme, adapted from the City Angels Project, was implemented by the Music Literacy Trust. Students, parents, funding partners, community volunteers, and the Anglican Church Archdeacon - Father Edwin Primus, all participated in the launch in October 2017.

OST Programmes, when designed, in partnership with schools and parents, provides an integrated experience for children while they attend school. It is also shown that engaging with music will have improved language development, hone their auditory skills, and helps children stay engaged in school, ultimately it will have the greatest impact on school success. The majority of the students attending the OST: St. Gregory's Anglican Primary Steel Angels Music Programme had no prior musical experience; in addition, the school offered very limited OST activities.

Through the Community Impact Fifth Company project, Fifth Company, specifically St. Gregory's Anglican Primary School benefitted from implementation of:

- Caribbean Kids and Family Therapy Organization's in class interventions on different learning styles- teacher training and in-class support on strategies to identify and work with students with different learning styles.
- Caribbean Sports and Development Agencies' Out of School Time Sports training for community volunteers.
- Franciscan Institute's Common Sense Parenting workshop – a practical, skills based parenting workshop focused on using effective praise, positive and negative consequences and staying calm.
- Schools receive Jolly Phonics kits and classroom literacy materials.
- Supporting 50 families in need through distribution of grocery vouchers for Christmas.

After 5 years of the Community Impact in Fifth Company in Moruga we are continually learning what works and what doesn't – the key foundation messages remain relevant:

- Early intervention through education is a cost effective means to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty.
- Building 'Caring Communities' requires consistent, collective and longer term commitment to take to scale the actions that we know works.

*Infant class participating in Caribbean Kids and Family Therapy Organization's in class support activities.*





Teacher training on Diverse Learning Styles by the Caribbean Families and Therapy Organization (CKFTO)



Out of School Time volunteer sports instructor training. Led by the Caribbean Sports and Development Agency.



Parents and guardians participating in the Common Sense Parenting workshop implemented by the Franciscan Institute.



St. Gregory Anglican Primary School library restored through the generosity of First Citizen's Bank and its employees.



St. Gregory's Steel Angels Music programme.







Launch of the St. Gregory's Steel Angels Music Programme. Left to right: Jennifer Sancho, CEO UWTT, Inca Mohammed, Consulting Advisor JB Fernandes Memorial Trust, Akua Leith, Music Programme Co-ordinator MLT, Jennifer Lee, Director MLT, Mark Loquan, Founding Director MLT



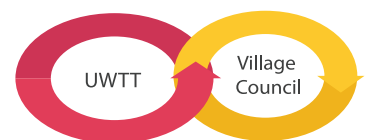
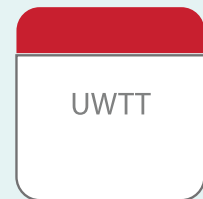
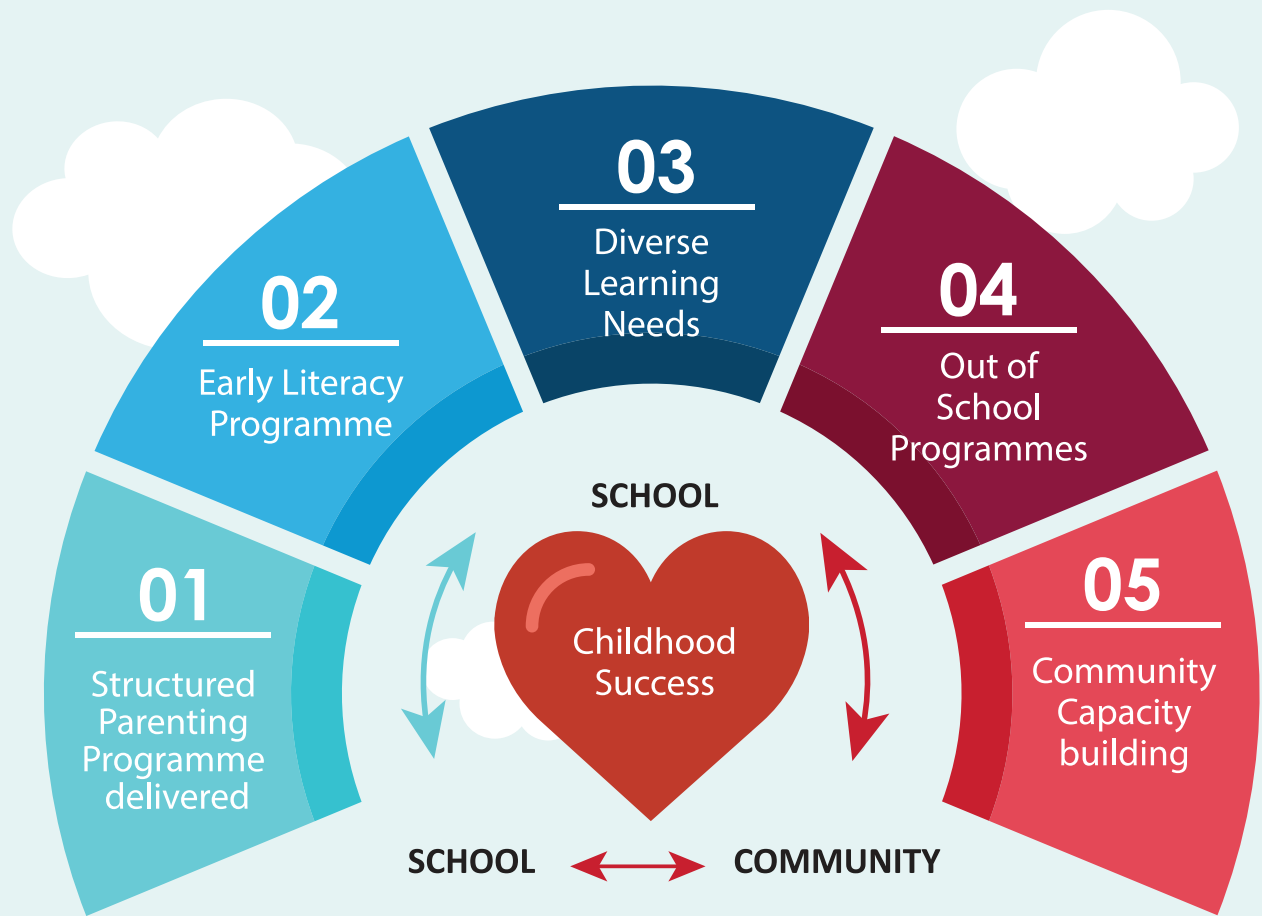
Students of St. Gregory's Anglican Primary School preparing to perform for their family and friends during their first music recital in December.



Mr. Curtis Matthew, school principal, addressing parents before the school's first music recital in December.

Fifth Company Village Council Member distributing Christmas grocery vouchers to families in Fifth Company, Moruga.

# Childhood Success in Primary Schools Programme – FIFTH COMPANY



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## 5th Company Moruga 2017

### 205 INFANTS

- Library refurbished
- Teacher trained in NOW! Mental Imagery
- Literacy and Jolly Phonics materials provided

### EARLY LITERACY



### DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES



### 35 TEACHERS

- CKFTO teacher trained in different learning styles & classroom strategies
- Parents sensitized
- In-class school readiness

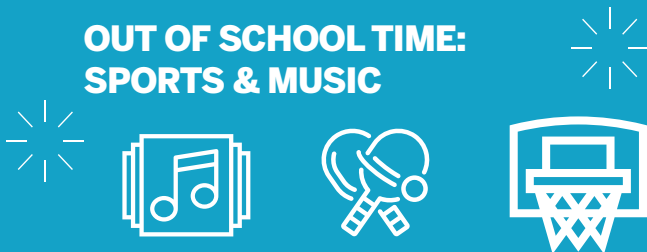
### 50+ FAMILIES

- In Reach Parenting Programme
- Common Sense Parenting
- Parenting for Literacy workshop

### PARENTING



### OUT OF SCHOOL TIME: SPORTS & MUSIC



### 2 PRIMARY SCHOOLS


- Community volunteer coaches trained
- Football, basketball, dance & table tennis introduced
- Angel steel pan and djembe drum programme commenced

**SUCCESS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
+ COMMUNITY & FUNDERS SUPPORT!**

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