


COMMUNITY IMPACT



Students participate in the St. Gregory's Anglican Steel Angels Orchestra Music Camp.

The primary objective of the Fifth Company Community Impact project is to improve success in primary school through collaboration between the Community, School and Parents towards this shared goal. UWTT seeks to measure this by improved literacy rates in students and improved school attendance. However, in high need communities, several factors attribute to low literacy and school attendance including families' inability to send students to school, or insufficient classroom resources for students with different learning styles. In 2018, after working with the community since 2015 and specifically in the St. Gregory's Anglican Primary School since 2017, the standard one teacher reported a stark improvement in the literacy assessment results. The school principal also reported a decrease in school absenteeism.

This was evidence that in order to improve student success, interventions must start early, and strong school administration support is critical. In 2018, UWTT with expertise from the non-profit organizations, continued to implement interventions in Fifth Company Moruga and the St. Gregory's Anglican Primary School. Teacher training with different learning styles, provision of parenting workshops, out of school time sports and music programmes for students were successfully completed. All programmes were offered parallel to families in need receiving home and food supplies from Foundation for the Enhancement and Enrichment of Life (FEEL's) CSO programme. The school library, previously an empty science laboratory, due to addition upgrades is now a fully functional child-friendly space with a librarian managing a book loan system for students.

 The 2018-2019 standard 1 students, with marked increased literacy rates, are the beneficiaries of the:

- Caribbean Kids and Family Therapy Organization's teacher training and in-class support on diverse learning styles, and 'Movin on Up' programme, readiness for school programme for incoming students
- Common Sense Parenting Workshops offered by the Franciscan Institute in Collaboration with the Cotton Tree Foundation
- Out of School Time (OST) sports by volunteers trained by the Caribbean Sports and Development Agency (CSDA)
- (OST) music activities from the St. Gregory's Steel Angel Orchestra programme by the Music Literacy Trust
- Jolly Phonics and early literacy resources support

Coupled with this, in 2018 first and second-year teachers at St. Gregory's Anglican Primary benefitted from the **Neurodevelopment of Words (NOW)! Foundations of Speech, Language, Reading and Spelling®** teacher and principal orientation training and weekly in-class mentorship by The Morris Centre.

NOW! is designed to develop students' phonetical awareness, especially students that have different learning style needs and an insufficient phonetic awareness foundation.

The St. Gregory's Angels Steel Orchestra hosted its first 3-week music camp, funded by JB Fernandes Memorial Trust and

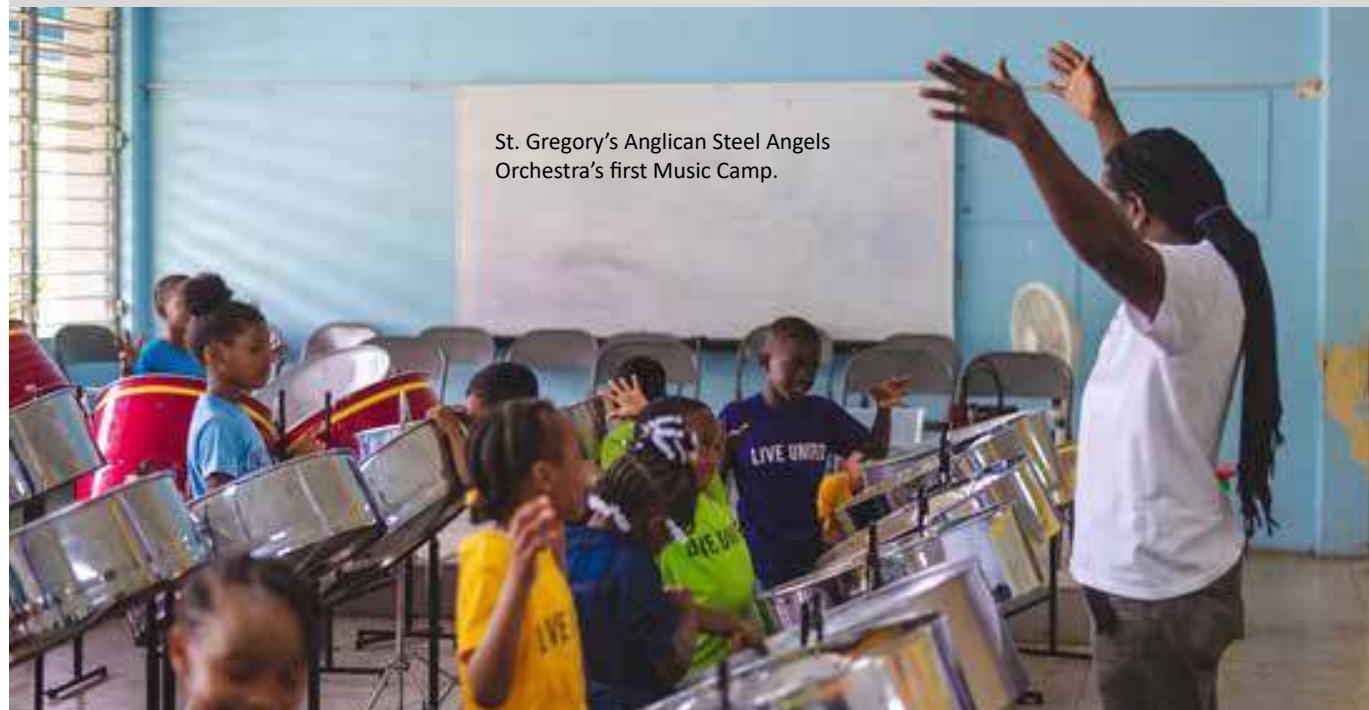
UWTT's Community Fund. During these 3 weeks, students of infants 1 – standard 5 learned Djembe Drum, Steel Pan, and social skills with a fun sports day and field trip to the Moruga Museum. At the end, students were elated to demonstrate their music knowledge for parents and community in concert.

As the Fifth Company Community Impact project approaches the end in 2020 UWTT continues to increase community and parent involvement in all activities for programme sustainability. In addition, to collaborating with the community stakeholders and consultants to develop a shared community space for more community activities.



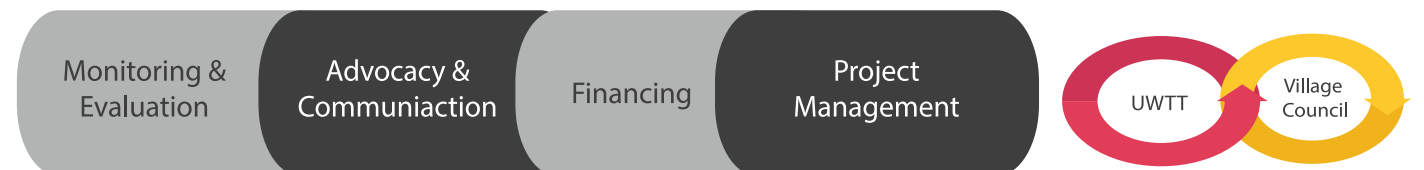
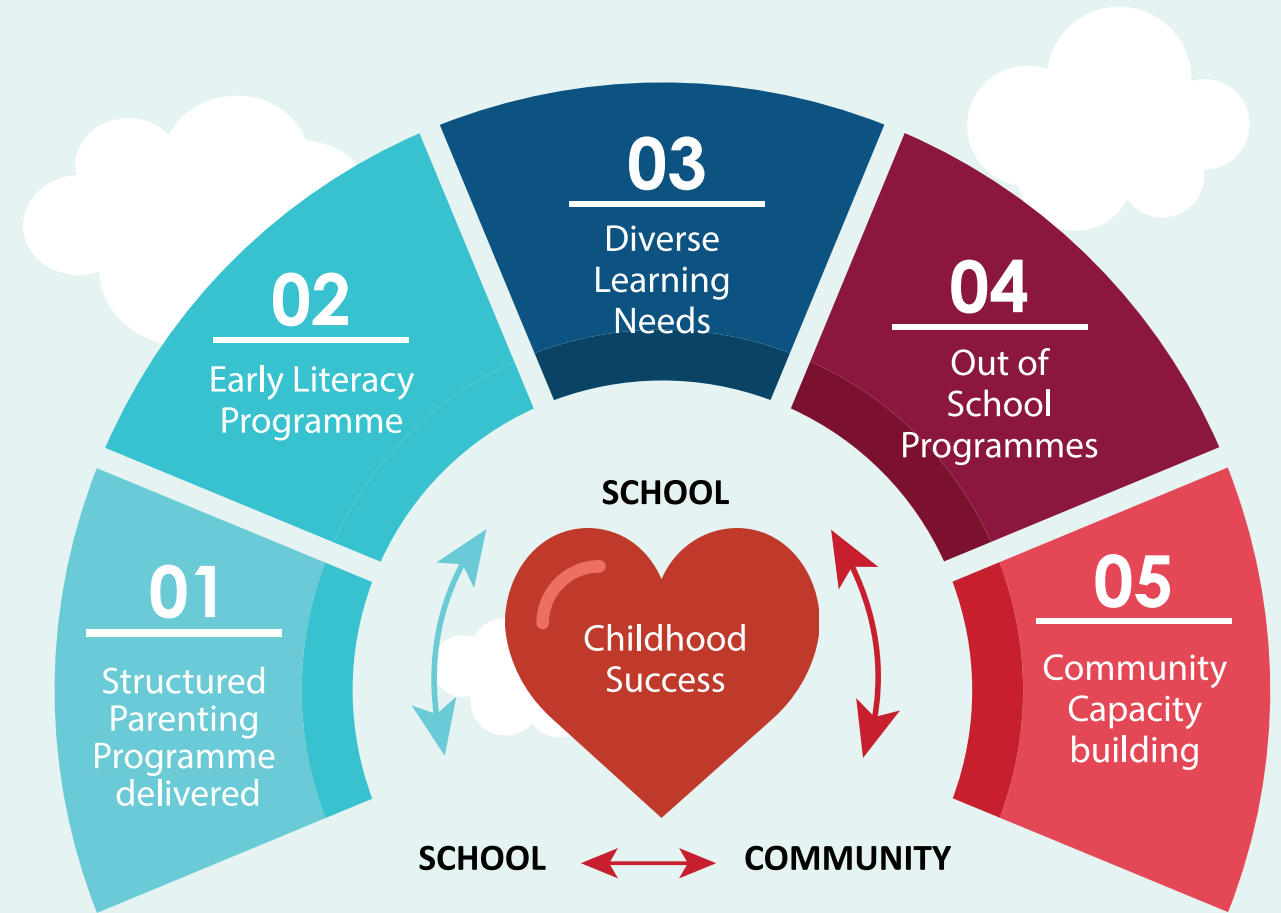
To date, the lessons learnt in the Fifth Community Impact project remains for success in primary:

- Strong school administration
- Out of School time activities that promotes a student's development
- Communication between parents and school administration
- A whole school and whole class approach to different learning styles
- Teacher support to prevent teacher burnout in high need communities
- Consistent, collective and longer term commitment to take to scale the actions



St. Gregory's Anglican Steel Angels Orchestra's first Music Camp.

Fifth Company Community Impact Project





- 1 - Books donated to the St. Gregorys Anglican Primary School Library
- 2 - Christmas concert and community luncheon
- 3 - Fifth Company Village Council
- 4 - Brian Lara presented fifty Christmas boxes to the Fifth Company Village Council President
- 5 - Keshorn Walcott at St. Gregorys Anglican Primary Schools Fun Day
- 6 - Out of School Time sporting activities
- 7 - Students visit the Moruga Museum in St. Gregorys Anglican Steel Angels Orchestra Music Camp
- 8 - NOWI teacher training with the Morris Centre
- 9 - National Day Of Caring 2018: Repaint School Exterior by Rahamut Group of Companies, Fifth Company Villagers, and The Music Literacy Trust

