## Newsletter January, 2024

#### UNITED WAY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

2024 AND BEYOND:

#### CONNECTING RESOURCES TO TRANSFORM LIVES





At the beginning of 2024, UWTT started looking at ways to better connect resources to people, including funding partners, employees, NGOs, and especially the beneficiaries across vulnerable communities.

At a strategy session, Lost Tribe Creative Director, Valmiki Maharaj was able to help us shape discussions with our board on how we can better add value to the communities we serve. Additionally, John Emgee, Regional Engagement Director of United Way Worldwide, provided insight into the global landscape of giving.

These conversations helped clarify UWTT's purpose of "Transforming Lives through the common cause of caring by bringing resources and people together." The session helped to focus the team and provided a renewed sense of purpose to drive our actions for 2024 and beyond.

### NOW TRAINING 2024: TEACHERS & CLASSROOM ASSISTANT TRAINEES

Teachers and 14 Classroom Assistant Trainees from the CAT Programme, came out in January to continue training in the NOW which Programme, ultimately enables students in 1st and 2nd year to read to learn. The exposure was especially important for the trainees to support the teachers in classroom. This programme is one of five pillars under the **Building Bridges Programme.** 









# BUILDING BRIDGES SCHOOLS CROSS THE STAGE AT JUNIOR PANORAMA 2024

We felt tremendous pride when two of our Building Bridges schools: Fifth Company Anglican and Nelson Street Boys RC, made it to the National Junior Panorama Finals on Sunday, 14th January 2024. They inspired us all with their dedication and courage as they poured out their hearts playing for the packed audience in the Grandstand.

These two schools welcomed the Out of School Time Music component of the Building Bridges from Learning to Success Programme, and are testaments to its impact. The programme enables students of Infants I & II to have space that allows for free play and movement: in physical and music education. It builds on the development of socialization skills, which are critical for this target group.

With support from our donor partners, UWTT was able to purchase, pans, provide tutors, and a music space for the Fifth Company Anglican school since 2013.

<u>See a clip here of impact in action, with one of the performances from Fifth Company Anglican.</u>







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Day of Caring Sunday 19th May, 2024

