

# UNITED WAY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CHAMPION'S APPRECIATION 2024: Re-Connect . Re-Engage . Re-Energize



United Way Trinidad and Tobago (UWTT) held their 1<sup>st</sup> Champions Appreciation Event Post-COVID on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at the Courtyard by Marriott. The event was attended by UWTT board and committee members as well as Champions both old and new, some of whom have supported UWTT since its inception in 1999. It was no coincidence that the appreciation event follows from UWTT's Day of Caring, which took place on May 19<sup>th</sup> and saw over 2000 Care Ambassadors (Volunteers), who came out to execute over 55 projects, supporting close to 20,000 beneficiaries across our twin island state.

The event itself was a much-needed occasion to **Re-Connect. Re-Engage. Re-Energize**, supporting volunteerism across 60 companies for UWTT's Day of Caring and donations to UWTT's Workplace Employee Giving Campaign, which support activities across UWTT's focus areas of Education, Family Wellbeing, Equity and Disaster Resilience.



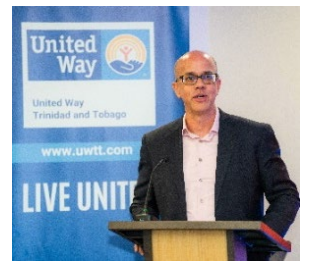
1. MC Joel Aming



2. CEO Gail Sooknarine



3. Resource Development Manager Kendall Teloka



4. Director Mitchell De Silva

The event was hosted by Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Joel Aming. Chief Executive Officer of UWTT, Ms. Gail Sooknarine, recognized the support of champions and corporate partners over the years and the accomplishments made with their partnership, especially their role in the Employee Giving Campaign and the return to volunteerism post-COVID. Resource Development Manager, Mr. Kendall Teloka, stressed the importance of Reengagement and how crucial champions are to UWTT's purpose of helping communities thrive and the significance of collaborating with them for 25 more years. Lastly, Director Mitchell De Silva, Chief Country Officer and Banking Head of Citibank Reenergized those present with a sneak peek into some of UWTT's future programmes with a focus on the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Programme which takes a closer look at Family Wellbeing in vulnerable communities and the potential for improving economic mobility.



5. Board Chairman Ian Benjamin

A special tribute was made to long standing Director and well-known motivational speaker Don La Foucade, who recently announced his departure from the UWTT Board, and heartfelt appreciation for his yeoman service was made by Chairman of UWTT, Ian Benjamin and Patroness Zalayhar Hassanali.



6. Presentation to outgoing director Don La Foucade by Gail Sooknarine and Patroness Zalayhar Hassanali



7. Community Impact Manager Keisha Mitchell-Daly

Closing off the evening with a rousing Vote of Thanks was Community Impact Manager, Mrs. Keisha Mitchell- Daly, who most recently joined the UWTT team. Present from the UWTT Board and Sub-Committees were Karen Yip Chuck, Colin Wharfe and Fr. Martin Sirju. We thank our Champions for making this event possible and their continued support. **#LiveUnited**

