



**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF TRANSFORMING LIVES
AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES**

Beginnings

United Way Trinidad and Tobago (UWTT) proudly celebrates 25 years of service, collaboration, and impactful work in communities across Trinidad and Tobago. Since its founding on December 7, 1999, UWTT has championed the cause of uplifting lives, fostering partnerships, and addressing critical social issues, making a lasting difference in the lives of thousands. Our formation was advocated for since 1992 by the persistence of the late former President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Justice Noor Hassanali, and his wife Mrs. Zalayhar Hassanali, who continues to be our patroness.

Legacy of Leadership and Support

This milestone is a testament to the visionary leadership of our founding members - Ronnie Chan, Larry Howai, Nicholas Innis, and Sandra Chin Yuen Kee. Their dedication and belief in collective action, along with the support and generosity of Conrad Aleong, Clive Pantin, Bernard Dulal-Whiteway, Ivis Gibson, Clive Belgrave, Ronald Harford, Donna Ramsammy, Richard Cape, Dr. Marie Advani, and Mark Ramkerrysingh, laid the foundation for a legacy of service. Their leadership signaled the support of long-standing partners such as Atlantic LNG, Agostini's Limited, bpTT, First Citizens, Lonsdale Saatchi and Saatchi, Republic Bank, Global Financial Brokers, Scotiabank, SHELL, Citibank, IBM, FedEx, Massy Group, POWERGEN, and Trinity Power. These entities established the base for philanthropy to help us grow to the 50+ funding partners we have today. This legacy continues, with Ian Benjamin SC as Chairman and support from fellow directors, Vincent Pereira, Karen Darbasie, Gayle Pazos, Mitchell De Silva, Andre Celestain (replacing Ronald Adams), David Affonso (replacing Gervase Warner), Karen Yip Chuck, Ian Welch, Lisa Wickham, Simon AQUI, Simone Thorne, Hazel Douglas, and Sri Ravi Bharati.

Dedicated Management

Leading on the ground is also a long line of notable CEOs including, David Martin, Helen Drayton, Pamela Francis, Dr. Jennifer Sancho, and now Gail Sooknarine, who have guided the organization in facing a landscape of plural realities and normalized instability.

They have enabled UWTT to navigate the changing socio-economic landscape over the last quarter century and supported those in need, through partnerships with businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individual donors, using programs in youth opportunity, financial stability, healthy communities, and community resilience.

The Power of Partnership

Founded to support other NGOs and CBOs, we would not be who we are or where we are today without our NGO partners. Entities such as ALTA, Amica House, Autistic Society, Centre for Socially Displaced Persons (Court Shamrock), Families in Action, FEEL, Heroes Foundation, Islamic Home for Children, Kids in Need of Direction, Rape Crisis Society and Women in Society, have given us learnings about the gaps in communities as much as we have donated to them. Through their support and expertise, UWTT has devised longer-term impact programmes to enable communities to thrive.

Looking Forward

In recognition of our 25th anniversary, UWTT will continue to develop new programmes and host a series of commemorative events, including community outreach initiatives, Day of Caring 2025- United is the Way (DoC25), volunteer recognition ceremonies, and a gala dinner to honour our supporters and partners. These celebrations and initiatives, aim to highlight the power of collaboration and inspire even greater contributions to our shared goals. As we mark this momentous occasion, UWTT reaffirms its belief that **United Is The Way** to create communities that can thrive!

For more information about our anniversary events or to learn how you can get involved, please visit www.uwtt.com or contact us at unitedway@uwtt.com.