

# NEW & RENEWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRENED YOUTHS...

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**THE GRENADA EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, (GRENED)**

## GRENED AWARDS 26 STUDENTS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS



*Scholarship recipients and past students*

The Grenada Education and Development Programme, GRENED, awarded four (4) new students Scholarship bringing its total 26. Each student were provided each with \$350 worth of school supplies and uniforms. At the ending of the school term an additional \$300.00 will be allotted to them

for school fees and transportation as needed; because of the dire economic situation in Grenada. GRENED is adding a special financial contribution to its thirteen (13) graduating students, class of 2015.

The Scholarship Programme is in its 17th year. Participating students come from St. Andrew's, St. David's and St. Patrick's. They attended schools in these parishes, including other schools in the St. George's area. This Scholarship Programme is GRENED's

flagship and has graduated scores over the years. It is funded strictly on a volunteer basis by donations.

GRENED continues to need your financial support to be able to continue these direct awards in order to support at least 26 students for the



*Two new awardees*

## STUDENTS HOLIDAY GATHERING A SUCCESS

On Thursday 18th December 2014, GRENED's current students hosted a Christmas Gathering. Invited were past students and their parents along with the present students to prepare thank you cards for mailing to our donors and

supporters of 2014 and throughout the years. Alicia Peters, a 2014 graduate, co-chaired the event along with the Director. Students welcomed the new scholarship awardees, proceeded with a

program of poetry, reports and singing; they ended and with signing Christmas cards to all.

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- Graduation of 13 students in the Scholarship Programme in July
- GRENED's Leadership and Development Training.
- GRENED Science / or week-end camp?

## TESTIMONIAL



Some of GRENED's Alum at the Christmas gathering



My name is Charmaine Joseph. I live with my mother, father and three brothers in a beautiful village, near the seashore, called Telescope. I am a fifth form student of one of the best schools in Grenada, the Grenville Secondary School. I am fifteen years old. I can be described as a very confident, self-assured and intelligent person. I can also be very adventurous and spontaneous. I really like assisting people.

As I grew older, I started to take my education more and more serious. In primary school I had both good and bad experiences. There were times when I wanted to give up, but my mother was always by my side; she was and still is my number one motivator; and my teachers, GRENED and family always encouraged me to work even harder because with hard work comes success. I took part in many different academic activities in St. Andrew's Meth-

odist School which include mental math quiz and spelling bees.

In 2010, I began to attend the Grenville Secondary School. There I realized that my work was "cut out for me". As time went by, finance became a complication for my mom since she was my main source of finance and she did not have a permanent job. There were times when my mom was actually working more than one job at the same time, just to make sure that my brothers and I had what we needed to go to school everyday. One day we then heard about the Grenada Education Development Programme (GRENED). We were told that it was a programme for intelligent students who needed financial assistance. Both my big brother and I became members of GRENED. We were not only supported financially, but we were also supported emotionally and intellectually. Each student in GRENED is assigned a mentor so that we can have one on

one conversations. My brother and I are not the only ones who have benefited, and continue to benefit, from GRENED. There are many other students who have benefit from GRENED over the past fifteen years.

Since I was approximately three years old my goal was to become a doctor. GRENED has inspired me to go after my goal although there will be hard times. I have been doing extremely well in school because of GRENED's assistance.

With the help of GRENED, I have taken part in many competitions in which I have made my school known, It is my pleasure to be a part of GRENED. I am very thankful to Dr. Dessima Williams and everyone who supported this organization, for the continuous financial, emotional and intellectual assistance and the motivation. I hope GRENED continues.

*Charmaine Joseph is a top GRENED student and a consistent participant. She follows her brother, Isaiah Joseph in the programme. She graduates in June 2015.*

**"Intelligence plus Character—that is the goal of true education.**

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Leadership Development Training Seminars



some students at a Leadership Development Training Seminar

GRENED believes education is a holistic, all-inclusive, and life-long experience. Literacy, good values, acceptance of diversity and the ability to manage life's many challenges are therefore seen as critical. GRENED provides personal development and leadership training every month so that scholars can emerge

stronger, more confident and self aware, and thus be equipped to play positive roles at home, in community and in the world. On Saturday, January 31st 2015 over 15 students attended a Heath and Wellness Seminar with Dr. Rachael Williams, M.D., and Ms. Lemon Tobias social worker. In February a continuation of the

Health and Wellness Seminar concluded with a field trip to a Health Fair. On Saturday 28th March over 20 students attended the Seminar on Grenada's History and on Climate Change. Mr. Michael Jessamy led the History Seminar; Mr. Ventura led the introduction to Climate Change. Students have expressed their learning experience during this first quarter of seminars.

## PARENT COMMITTEE

On Friday, December 18th, 2014, GRENE D put together its Parents Committee. Parents discussed the way forward in terms of fundraising and students participation in the Leadership Development Seminars.

Seven members were present and they will be responsible for the approval of the topics to be covered and for local fundraisers to support administration and other office necessities.

The Committee suggested a raffle in order to assist in the provision of materials for the various programmes and training sessions. The raffle is ongoing.



Second meeting of the Parent Committee

## FUNDRAISING / DONORS

Voluntary donations are the life blood of GRENE D. In 2014, friends and well-wishers supported all GRENE D's programmes and administration.

Our donors are a very diverse group who share a passion for the education of our students.

Here is a profile of some of our 2014-2015 donors:

- a 19-year old Grenadian boy from an orphan-

age who gave \$100.00 because he himself now has support for his education from a beneficiary; - a Grenadian family from St. Andrew's who has donated \$1,000 for each of the past 2 years in the name of their deceased wife and mother; - a Jamaican University professor whose father was a visiting religious leader to Grenada; - a Massachusetts couple who is friends of the director and who have given \$13,000 for each of the past two years.

These are very welcome donations and we say Thank you! We are still far away from our projected budget of \$ 57,000 for scholarships and students programmes and \$38,876.00 for administration, communications and governance. We intend to support 45 students starting August 2015, for the 2015-2016 academic year. Please continue to support us by contacting the Director on

[contactgreded@gmail.com](mailto:contactgreded@gmail.com)

**"We should not teach children the sciences but give them a taste for them."**

*Jean Jacques Rousseau*

## UPCOMING GRENE D SCIENCE

GRENE D's Science programme is among the oldest and most popular of our initiatives. It fills a significant gap in the education of rural children at a make-or-break juncture in their lives: the transition from primary to secondary education.

The program helps students become comfortable with

science and the scientific method in order to contemplate careers in science.

Due to lack of funding the programme is on hold. Anyone interested in volunteering to design the program, teach in it or assist with its administration should contact the Administrative

Officer at [contactgreded@gmail.com](mailto:contactgreded@gmail.com)

Methods of teaching is participatory and includes Classroom sessions, Artistic expression drawings, poems and calypso music; Community Service Research projects and Field Trips.



Past GRENE D Science

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Founded in 1996 the Grenada Education and Development Programme (GREMED) is dedicated to Youth Empowerment, Leadership and Change. GREMED works to promote sustainable economic and social development by producing educated, socially engaged citizens and leaders youth. GREMED assist with the provision of uniforms and other necessary school supplies as well as finance for transportation, mentors for students and leadership training and development sessions every month. GREMED does not seek to promote only academic achievement but also self confidence and good values to prepare students for life's many challeng-

[www.gremed.net](http://www.gremed.net)

## **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As the main part of its regular governance structure, GREMED has had a governing board since its inception. The Board oversees the work of the organization. It was first chaired by a senior education leader, Principal of the St. Joseph's Convent, Grenville, Sr. Ann Keens-Douglas. Sister Ann presided over a board of eight (8) persons, mainly women who were retired or self-employed as well as prominent advocates of St. Andrew's development education. When Sr. Ann stepped down, the leadership was taken up by a veteran on the board at the time, Mr. Anthony Isaac an insurance executive and a former Chairman of the Grenada Banana Association. Mr. Isaac served actively as a highly structured, goal-oriented and hands on leader, giving full support to the staff. He stepped off the board in 2013... we'll continue in our next edition.