

As Family Life Tobago celebrates 10 years...

STUDENTS URGED TO SHOW CHARACTER

For the last decade, Family Life Tobago has been sharing values of moral and ethics with secondary schools through their programme, "Crossroads".

In partnership with the Division of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport, Family Life Tobago helps teach students the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, citizenship, caring and respect—as well as their importance in society.

On Friday (November 13), the organisation hosted a youth rally at the Shaw Park Complex, where students, teachers, facilitators and other guests gathered to celebrate the organisation's contribution to youth in Tobago.

Dr. Carlton Guy, Operations Director of the Schools Nutrition Unit at the Education Division, reminded the students of the value of what they are being taught.

"You're going to be making

yourselves the kind of examples you ought to be not only at school but in the family setting, and your NGOs, your sports clubs," Dr. Guy said. "Wherever you interact with people, these traits ought to come to the fore."

Korisha Sinanan, Family Life Tobago's programme director, said her hope is to see that Tobago's youth become "wonderful, well-educated children that will bring value, not only to Tobago, but the world at large".



2015 CHAMPS: POS Chargers celebrate their victory at the sixth annual Bago Sports Beach Soccer Championship at the Courland Heritage Park on Sunday. Centre is Huey N Cadette, Secretary Education, Youth Affairs and Sport. The Division sponsored the event.

DEAF STUDENTS STAR AT FLOOR HOCKEY

Eleven students from Tobago's School for the Deaf, Speech and Language Impaired left their teachers brimming with pride after securing eight medals and two ribbons at the 2015 Special Olympics of Trinidad and Tobago Floor Hockey Games.

The students had only two months to prepare for the event. They learned stick handling, passing and shooting for accuracy before attending the games, with the support of the Division of

Education, Youth Affairs and Sport, which covered their airfare.

The school competed in the Individual Skills category, as it was their first time attending the games. Principal Annette Neptune said the school is elated at their performances.

"We decided to participate to expose our children," Neptune-Henry said.

"Many people figure because our children are special needs, they cannot do things. But they can achieve with effective support."

BASKETBALL COMMISSION SEEKING TO REVIVE SPORT

In recent years, the popularity of basketball in Tobago has waned considerably.

The Tobago Basketball Zonal Commission hopes to change that by raising the profile of the game on the island, and they're raising funds to kick-start this effort, according to chairman Kieron McDougal. Mc Dougal said funding is the first major hurdle the Commission needs to clear.

"To get the youths to understand the fundamentals, these equipment and tools will

require balls and cones, as well as ensure that the coaches have the necessary resources they need in order to execute a very good training programme."

To achieve its goal, the Commission is working closely with the Tobago House of Assembly and the International Basketball Federation to boost the women's game.

"We intend to focus on (this area), with the view to stimulate female basketball on the island of Tobago," Mc Dougal stated.