

CANADA ANSWERS THE COUNCIL GENERAL INTERNATIONAL'S MARCH APPEAL FOR HELP

Each month, the Commission for International Aid and Development of the Council General International selects one of the Society's projects that is in need of funds and invites the Society throughout the world to support it directly.

The project chosen for the month of March was "A Healthy Start", a daily breakfast program for pre-primary school children in Grenada.

The Situation: Children in need of food

This project seeks to provide a daily breakfast to 31 children between the ages of three and four at the New Hampshire Pre-Primary School in Grenada (Caribbean Islands). The school is located in a rural community with a high unemployment rate, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and where many of the families live in poverty. There is a recognized need by the school authorities and parents to support the children's growth and development through the provision of daily breakfasts, which they do not always have at home. Lack of a healthy start to the day compromises the children's development in their most formative years.

The appeal: The project will ensure that each child receives a healthy breakfast daily.

This will support each child's physical, mental, emotional and academic development. It will also lay the foundation for them to progress into primary and secondary school. This is consistent with studies, which indicate that the early years are critical to the development of well-rounded individuals. It will also ease some of the burdens and stress faced by the parents in trying to cope with the COVID-19 crisis.

Three Canadian conferences twinned with Grenada, as well as one Vincentian, through a personal donation, covered the entire project. The funds were sent to CGI and then forwarded to the SSVP in Grenada that is managing the project.

Council General International thanked the Vincentians of Canada for this beautiful gesture of solidarity.