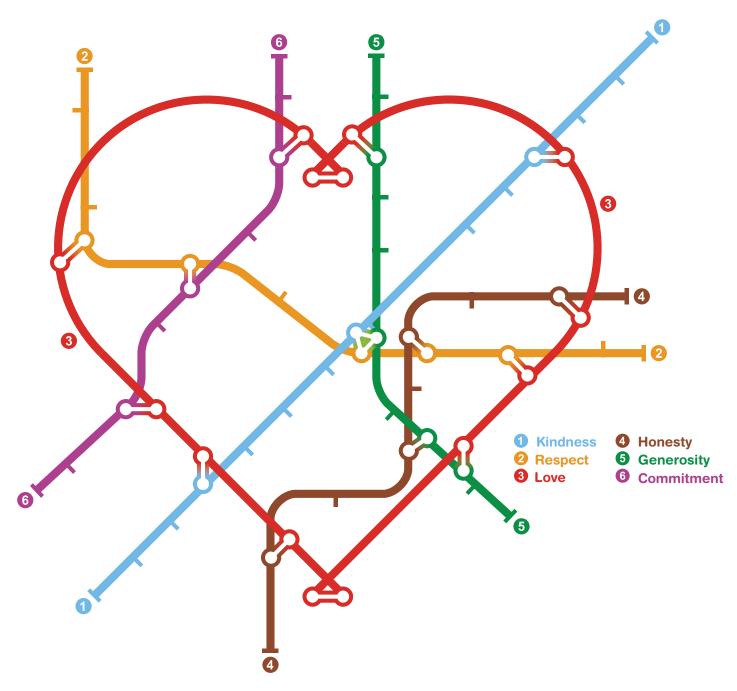
# THE JOURNEY TO A BRIGHTER TOMORROW





↑ t Maritime our commitment to our communities extends far beyond our mandate to service financial needs. As a Group, we acknowledge our wider responsibility for enhancing and bettering the quality of life of those in our communities.

With a focus on youth, we strive to make a difference by securing brighter futures for the next generation working alongside organisations and charities with a similar vision.

As we look back on the many great things we accomplished in 2016, we set our sights on the ways in which we can effect even greater change in 2017.





## AN OUTLOOK ON T&T'S CHILDREN

## **Key Demographic Indicators**

## **Under-Five Mortality Rate** \*\*\*\* **21** Per 1,000 Live Births

### **Infant Mortality Rate**



**19** Per 1,000 Live Births





#### Education



Attendance in early childhood education



Net attendance ratio in primary education



Net attendance ratio in secondary education



Proportion of out-of-school children of primary school age

1%



Literacy rate of 15-24 year-olds

#### **Child Protection**

.7%

Child Marriage (%)

2002-2012, married by 15

Children aged 5 to 14 years engaged in child labour

8.1% 1.8%

> Child marriage (%) 2002-2012, married by 18



Violent discipline (%) 2005-2012, total

Source: (https://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/trinidad\_tobago\_statistics.html)





**Caribbean Kids and Families Therapy Organization** 

he Maritime Financial Group partnered with the Caribbean Kids and Families Therapy Organization (CKFTO) to assist them in carrying out As part of our continued their mission of providing therapy and support services to all children in need.

therapeutic toys which included pinch exercisers, pinchpins, stacking cones

educational books for the kids to use during their sessions.

commitment to supporting youth initiatives, Maritime joined hands with CKFTO once again to host the first-ever Music Therapy Christmas Camp In March, Maritime donated for Kids. In December, the camp hosted children from Rainbow Gems School in Maraval and Bon Accord Preschool, located in our sister isle, Tobago.



**Autistic Society** 

s part of our social responsibility to the youth in our community, Maritime's very own Curtis Dass, Branch Manager of the North Financial Services Centre and some other Team Members joined the Autistic Society of Trinidad and Tobago (ASTT) to enjoy an afternoon of fun at their Autism Walk and Fair held in April. We salute the Autistic Society for planning this initiative that advocates for increased awareness for families and individuals with Autism.



#### **Credo Foundation**

We all know the old adage, "the children are our future". The Credo Foundation for Justice is an organisation that continuously does work to develop high risk and socially displaced children. They encourage the educational development of high risk boys and girls who are victims of physical and psychological abuse and neglect. We are

proud to have partnered with them in 2016, to help make a difference in the children's lives. We are confident that our contribution has made a positive impact on our society and helped to mould them into productive citizens of the future.



**Down Syndrome Family** Network

s part of 2016 World Down Syndrome Day, Maritime partnered with The Down Syndrome Family Network as a sponsor of disabilities. Their aim is to their conference which was held in March, at the Hyatt

Syndrome Family Network's work focuses on advocating for the rights of persons with Down Syndrome and other provide a platform in which parents of self advocates are Regency Hotel. The Down able to attain the resources and support necessary for the self advocates to achieve their full potential.



**Dyslexia Association** 

do fantastic work, Maritime economic assisted them by sponsoring the Association's 3 week training course for one teacher. The course was entitled Specific Methods for Teaching Dyslexics and was held in July.

disability that makes it words and numbers, and it dyslexics.

Dyslexia affects at least 15 % of all Association continues to children from varying sociobackgrounds. After conducting extensive studies, research proven that individuals with dyslexia learn differently and therefore require special teaching techniques. Hence, this 3 week training course aims to do just that Dyslexia is a learning by providing teachers and students with specific tools difficult to process written to better meet the needs of





#### **Healing with Horses**

**U**pon learning of the is groundbreaking work that of The Healing with Horses the Foundation (HWH), we just had to get involved.

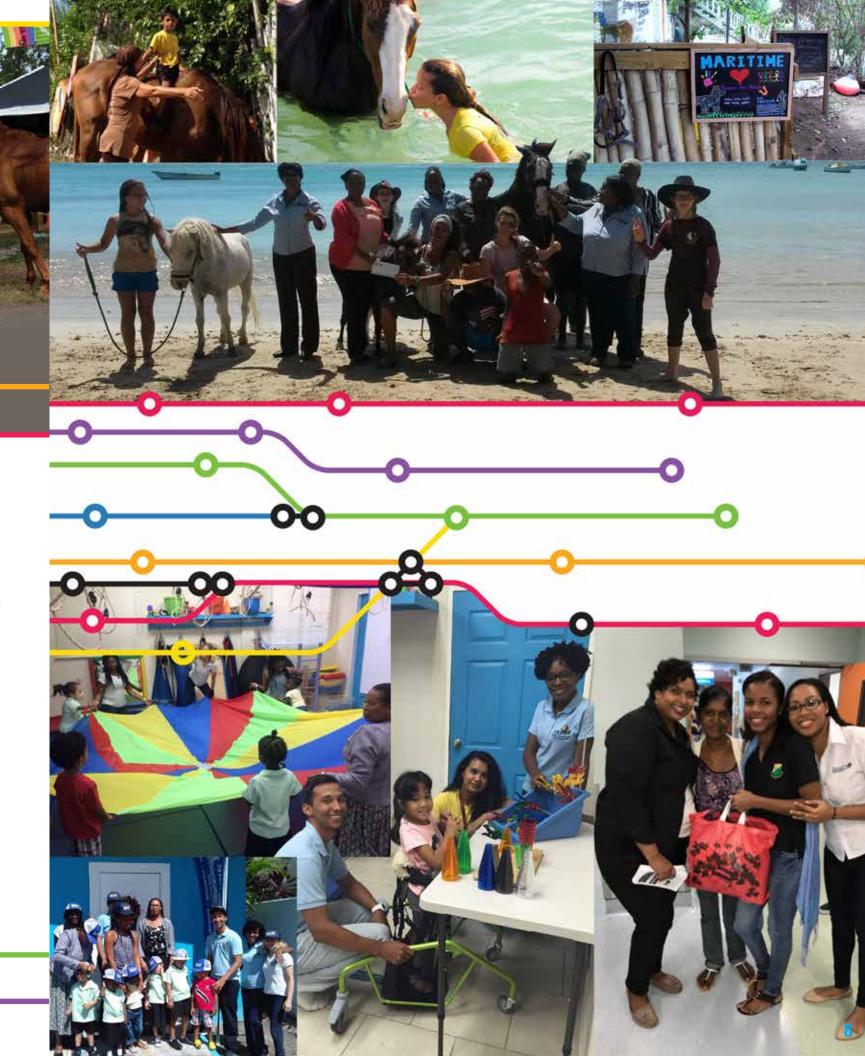
based in Buccoo, Tobago that uses Equine Nature Therapy ADHD, Autism, Palsy, Impairment, Weak Motor Skills and Aspergers. It





aritime was eager to The Maritime team together spread joy to others with The Voice of Lupus through their partnership with Foundation visited the San The Voice of Lupus Foundation Fernando Teaching Hospital (VLF). The two organisations in December to distribute together to Christmas hampers to low accomplish the VLF's annual income lupus patients. It Hand of Hope Project; a was a day well spent with Christmas hamper drive that the patients, singing carols distributes hampers to low and chatting with them to income lupus patients from help give them a sense of Trinidad and Tobago. Maritime hope and comfort during the made a generous donation Christmas season. We were of \$10,000 worth of food able to witness firsthand one items from Food Giant of the true joys of Christmas;

putting a smile on the faces of those in need.



## ALL ABOARD: THE ARTS & CULTURE TRAIN



## **NEXT STOP: SPORTS IN ACTION!**

morals and values in the youth of our society. It helps to provide good physical health, while also fostering values such as sacrifice, teamwork, setting and achieving goals and dealing with success and failure.

October, *The Trinidad* Tobago Canoe/Kayak Federation hosted its 7th Annual Maritime Ortoire River Race in Mayaro. As the title sponsor of the river race, some of Maritime's Team got the opportunity to

There is no doubt that partake in the day's activities which consisted of a long

## instils positive course (14KM) race and a short course (7KM) race.



## **EXPRESS ROUTE** TO CHANGE

Throughout the year, Maritime aims to make charitable contributions to organizations and schools such as Hope Centre, Darul Aman Home, En To To, St. Dominic's Children Home, Lady Hochoy Home, Ezekiel Children's Home, the Jai Lakshmi Home and several others.



Team Members of our Central Regional Centre took the initiative to ensure that 6 children in their community could receive all that they needed to return to school. The Branch's "Back to School Stationery Drive" was able to provide sneakers, textbooks and stationery for the kids.





**South Regional Centre: A Visit to the Islamic Home** 

As part of our continued commitment to our society, Maritime Team Members from the Lachme Baldeo Unit of the South Regional Centre, chose to lend a helping hand as part of their annual charity drive. They visited the Islamic Home for the aged, sick and homeless in Princes Town in April, where they distributed lunch and dinner for 35 members of the home. The Unit also donated toiletries, detergents, staple foods, bottled water and clothing.



## **Hope Centre**

We are proud to support the Hope Centre with the wonderful work that they continue to do every year. In April, Maritime Team Members from the South Regional Centre visited the Hope Centre in San Fernando to spend time with the children. The Team Members provided and ate lunch with the children, distributed goodie bags, and gave away hampers to the Home.



**North Financial Services Centre: A Back In Times Party** 

The North Financial Services Centre yet again hosted its annual fundraising event, "Born to Live". The gala was held on Saturday 13th August, 2016 at The Century Ballroom, Queen's Park Cricket Club. Proceeds from the event were distributed to various charitable initiatives including Hope of a Miracle Foundation, SERVOL life centres, San Juan Boys Roman Catholic School and The Abdul Aziz Trust Fund. The Team Members also prepared hampers to donate to several families for the Christmas season.



#### **Zumba Fitness Charity Party**

Our Team Members are very keen on keeping active in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Part of our "Marifit" Crew danced for a cure at the Zumba Fitness Charity Party for Breast Cancer and Cancer Awareness.



Every year, the company hosts an annual awards commemorate those Team Members that embody the core values and principles of being a "Maritimer", those who have surpassed their targets in the various branches and Team Members that go above and beyond their job scope.

to our Team Members, we also acknowledge the accomplishments of their children. During the month of July, we invite those Team

Member's children who have done exceptionally well in SEA, CXC and CAPE to our **Annual Educational Awards** Programme. In 2016, Mr. Peter Sheppard was present to help the children expand their creativity and learn about new areas rather than the traditional fields that they are already familiar with.









## **RUN FOR FUN CHARITY FAIR AND 5K**

#### **SUPER SPONSORS**









October, 2016.



On behalf of The Maritime Financial Group, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Run for Fun Charity Fair & 5K on Saturday 15th

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets or made

donations, all of our runners and walkers, those of you

who volunteered your time, all of our sponsors and participating NGOs who made our third annual 5K and

our first ever charity fair a huge success. Your charitable

contributions will be disbursed among various

youth-focused organisations and initiatives that aim to

better the lives of the children in our community. As a

result of your support, the lives of many will be positively



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