



PRESS RELEASE

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Joanna Clarke Committee Members Visit Nadine Andreas Residential Foster Home

GEORGE TOWN, Grand Cayman – Members of the Joanna Clarke Excellence in Education Award (JCA) Committee recently visited the N.C.V.O.'s Nadine Andreas Residential Foster Home to see their educational grant at work. As the 2009 grand prize winner of the JCA, the Nadine Andreas Residential Foster Home received just under \$10,000 KYD in funding for their Accessing Computer Aided Learning programme. The JCA, founded and administered by dms Organization Ltd. (dms), grants up to \$12,000 KYD annually to a worthy recipient(s).

Having received full funding for its initiative, the N.C.V.O.'s programme offers youth residents of the Nadine Andreas Residential Foster Home a computing and network suite. This enables them to have the same access to approved computer websites and activities such as 'lanschool' as some of their peers schooled at George Hicks and John Gray High School. The JCA grant facilitated the purchase and installation of PCs and necessary software programmes.

Commented iconic educator and patron of the award, Ms. Joanna Clarke, "I was impressed with the progress of the initiative; it was an absolute pleasure to see how this money has gone to work to benefit our local youth. It was a gratifying experience to witness firsthand the great things the staff has done in ensuring its success."

JCA Committee members, including Ms. Clarke, met with Nadine Andreas Residential Foster Home Care Manager, John Alban, who provided them with a progress update, highlighting how the students have benefited from the grant. He communicated that students have benefited in a variety of ways such as assisting with homework, conducting research for their assignments, and even playing educational games. Mr. Alban graciously gave a demonstration of the new computers and accompanying software, which also allows staff members to monitor usage from a separate computer. An important feature about the staff computer is that it is able to send messages through the computer system to any individual or all computers, reminding students to keep on track with their homework, or that they need to log off of a website.

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The committee members were also delighted to have the opportunity to interact with the students, learning directly from them the enjoyment they have derived from the implementation of this programme.

“Educating children has forever been my passion, it’s all about doing our part to ensure the well being of our country’s youth. I would like to publicly acknowledge and commend the hard work and determination of the staff at Nadine Andreas Residential Foster Home,” added Ms. Clarke. “It was also such a pleasure to have the opportunity to speak with the children – they were extremely grateful and expressed their appreciation by sharing how the computer suite has assisted them in their studies.”

Commented dms Vice President and JCA Committee Member Krista Pell, “dms recognizes the importance of private sector support for education. Our visit reinforced that the Nadine Andreas Residential Foster Home was indeed an incredibly deserving recipient, and we very much look forward to continuing to receive updates about the progress of their programme. The application process for the 2010 Joanna Clarke Award will begin early next year, and we will keep the public updated with details closer to the time.”

dms introduced the award to honour Ms. Clarke, and publicly acknowledge the efforts of all persons and organizations that contribute to education in the Cayman Islands.

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Photo Caption 1: (L to R) JCA Committee Members: Ms. Joanna Clarke, Mitch Ebanks, Krista Pell; Nadine Andreas Foster Home Care Manager John Alban and JCA Committee Member Lydia Warren.