

Foreign Minister Disburses Funds to Students

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Kingstown, ST. VINCENT: Sir Louis Straker, Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG), presented a total of thirty thousand (EC\$32,000.00) dollars to seventy five (75) needy primary and secondary school students, drawn from the constituencies throughout the State.



L-R: Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) – Hon. Dr Ralph Gonsalves and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade for SVG – Hon. Sir Louis Straker

The funds were made available through the efforts of H.E. Mr Cenio Lewis, SVG High Commissioner in London, who created the “SVG Children in Need Special Fund” four years ago to involve Vincentians residing in the United Kingdom and voluntary organisations to donate.

With the recent establishment of a Consulate in Northern Ireland, Dr Christopher Stange, Hon. Consul for SVG, has become actively involved in soliciting donations from Nationals, businesses, individuals and creating partnerships with SVG.

Men’s Christian Fellowship in High Wycombe, UK was a major contributor this year, raising two thousand two hundred and twenty five (GBP£2,225.00) pounds sterling from events arranged for this purpose.

The students were chosen based on their needs and following collaboration between Government representatives and the schools in the various constituencies.

Now in its 4th year, the programme is an ongoing project which coincides with the Government’s policy and commitment to the “Education Revolution”.

To date over three hundred (300) students have benefited from the bursaries involving the Vincentian Diaspora to make meaningful contributions to assist in the economic and social development of their homeland.

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