Deputy Prime Minister Disburses Funds to Special Needs Schools

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Kingstown, ST. VINCENT: Hon. Girlyn Miguel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG), presented a total of six thousand two hundred (\$6,220.00) dollars, split in half (\$3,110.00) to the Principals of Kingstown and Georgetown Special Needs Schools, respectively.

These funds were made available through the efforts of Dr Christopher Stange, Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland, for a "SVG Special Needs School Fund" to involve donations from Vincentians residing in the United Kingdom/Ireland, businesses, individuals and voluntary organisations.



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Mrs Samuel – Principal of Kingstown Special
Needs School, Hon. Girlyn Miguel - Deputy Prime
Minister and Minister of Education for St.
Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) and Dr
Christopher Stange - Hon. Consul for SVG to
Northern Ireland

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Hon. Girlyn Miguel - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG), Principal - Georgetown Special Needs School, H.E. Cenio Lewis – High Commissioner for SVG to the United Kingdom, Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for SVG to Northern Ireland

The Consulate of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland has become actively involved in gaining donations from Nationals, businesses, individuals and creating partnerships with SVG, regarding economic, social and educational development.

Granshaw Presbyterian Church in Comber, Northern Ireland was a major contributor, raising five hundred (GBP£500.00) pounds sterling from a Tear Fund luncheon arranged for this purpose.

The Special Needs Schools were identified following collaboration between SVG Government representatives and through the "Educational Revolution" plan, which coincides with the Government's policy and continued commitment to education for all students at every level.

Notes for Editor:

- This recent fund for Special Needs Schools is an extension of the larger "SVG Children in Need Special Fund" created by H.E. Cenio Lewis, High Commissioner for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in London, which is in its fifth year to involve Vincentians residing in the United Kingdom and the voluntary sector to donate.
- High Commissioner Lewis kindly arranged the exchange and distribution of these funds through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs.

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