

STUDENT HEALTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMME (SHIP) 2007/2008

This has been a very challenging year for our **SHIP**.

In the absence of an appropriate space from which to operate, our girls continue to participate in the Government School Feeding Programme and our committee remains concerned at the environment in which “**the food has to be consumed**” i.e. with a spork from a snack box. Our equipment is stored in various locations, while our temporary station was the room formerly occupied by the matron which now houses the school meals programme. At the present time we are homeless.

The other aspects of the programme pertaining to the general welfare of the girls continued unabated.

Ms. Mathews severed her^{SHIP} connection with at the beginning of this year, 2008 so that matron is now our direct connection with our girls. Fortunately, **Miss Sharon Jaggernaut**, a member of staff who has always displayed a keen interest in the girls and the programme, has now joined the committee and has been assisting **Miss Winsey Adams**, our staff representative.

On behalf of the committee, the coordinator continues to liaise with the school administration and the chairman of the Board on the matter of a new dock for **SHIP**.

Our finances continue to be healthy, buoyed by the annual substantial cheque from our Washington alumnae and the regular contributions from our local supporters. In addition, since we did not have to provide regular meals and received very generous sponsorship on the occasions on which school meals were not

available we ended the year with a balance of **twelve thousand, five hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seventy-six cents (\$12,598.76)**.

This year one of our old Hilarians offered a two year scholarship, covering books, traveling and living expenses, which was awarded to **Rynessa Cutting** of Lower VI.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was, as usual, a resounding success. Thanks to our many sponsors we were able to give the girls heavy gift bags which delighted them. In the light of our homeless situation we thank the Principal for allowing us the use of the Hall for the occasion and note that we could easily become accustomed to such luxury!

I wish to take this opportunity once again to extend heartfelt thanks to the members of the committee particularly **Justice Barnes and Matron, Mrs. Joyce Ali** and everyone who helped us to survive this difficult period.



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