

# Residents ‘painting’ positive picture of Barrett Town

Chairman of the Barrett Town, Basic school Board of Governors, Mrs. Margaret Harwood-Farquharson along with the United States based non-profit organization, Help to Impact Lives, HTIL, recently implemented a number of projects in the community designed to improve its profile.

This after Barrett Town was rocked by a number of criminal activities.

The first project implemented was the paving of the 40 metre entry way to the basic school which was completed with brightly coloured paintings of educational murals depicting social graces, literacy and numeracy as well as Spanish some done by past students of the school.

Mrs. Harwood-Farquharson also spear-headed The Technology Intervention Project at Rose Hall Basic School in conjunction with

Robert Hemmings (past student) and his HTIL to use technology as a learning tool for the students.

The HTIL purchased and donated ten tablets to launch the project.

She said it was expected that with this intervention, there would be an improvement in Literacy Skills.

## BARRETT TOWN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Another noteworthy project, which was recently launched, was the Barrett Town Student Scholarship Fund. After 3 years of awarding an annual soccer scholarship (worth about \$30,000.00) to the top soccer-scholar in Barrett Town, HTIL stepped up bigger this time to award four students the sum of \$128,800.00. The award was bestowed on 2 top GSAT stu-



**ENTRY WAY:**A composite photo showing work on the entry way to the Barrett Town Basic School.



**RECIPIENTS:**The four recipients from left to right in top picture: Simonique Simpson (William Knibb), Romique Leslie (MoBay High), Khaleil Lewis (Ruseas High), Roshawn Salmon (Spot Valley High) posed with Councilor Anthony Murray (far left) and Mrs. Harwood-Farquharson (far right), the scholarship program coordinator and newly added local HTIL representative.



**COACH AND HIS CHARGES:**Milton Banny Griffiths and some of the young footballers whom he coaches and mentors in the afternoon.



**TECHNOLOGY:**Teachers and students at the Rose hall Basic School are captured after the launch of the Technology Innovation Project.

dents from Barrett Town All Age School and 2 top GSAT students from John Rollins Success Primary.

This scholarship is currently for students who live in Barrett Town and attend the two primary schools in the community.

The mission of the fund is to provide funding for the 4 top GSAT scholars every year, while sustaining the scholars already in the program (granted they meet desired academic and moral standards). Subsequently, by the 2020 school year, HTIL plans to provide scholarships for 20 students.

According to HTIL president, Robert Hemmings, “I take delight in doing what I can do to give back; and I see it as a moral and social virtue to do so. And what even delights me more is to see others like Margaret who takes the initiative and time to invest in the youths”.

## FOOTBALL COACH AND MENTOR

Another person who is investing in the Bar-

rett Town youths is Milton “Banny” Griffiths (also a past student of Rose Hall Basic and Barrett Town All Age. Almost every weekend, he religiously takes a number of children and teaches them football, while imparting life skills to them. He has been deemed by many in the community as a coach, a mentor and a father figure to many of them.

One of the children in particular, Ramapolia “Ramma” Kerr who attends Cornwall College has been under Banny’s tutelage for the past 3 years: it has helped Ramma to make the Cornwall College U14 and U16 teams.

In July of 2016, with Banny’s recommendation, HTIL awarded Ramma a student-athlete stipend worth over \$50,000. Ramma has expressed his appreciation and vowed not let those who believe and invest in him down. On investing his time coaching, Banny commented, “... I feel really happy and at peace when I am on the field coaching them!”

St. James Municipal Corporation

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**CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Market Manager will be required to inter alia, plan, direct and coordinate all programmes and activities related to the operations at the Charles Gordon Market in accordance with the Market Regulations and the policies and regulations prescribed by the Corporation.

- Examine and analyze rates, rental fees, operating costs and revenues to determine such needs as increase in rentals and reduction in operation and maintenance costs for all commercial activities related to the facility.
- Submit recommendations on a timely basis for improving efficiency and increasing revenues and lowering costs.
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- Diploma in Business Administration from a recognized Tertiary Institution or its equivalent with at least seven (7) years working experience of which five (5) should be in a managerial/supervisory capacity.
- Ability to manage and supervise all categories of staff
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The deadline for applications is Friday, February 24, 2017.

Suitable applications should be sent to:  
**Chief Executive Officer  
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