



The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa

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Trinidad and Tobago National Disaster Flood Relief

The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO) will be heading a funding campaign to assist with the humanitarian efforts in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) related to the recent floods last weekend. Due to the logistical and financial challenges of collecting, storing and shipping items from Canada to T&T, the TTAO executive will meet on Monday, October 29, 2018 to decide the organisation(s) that will receive the donated funds.

The upcoming SOCA Parang hosted by the TTAO on November 4, 2018, <http://www.ttao.ca> will be used as the official kickoff for the campaign, which will continue until December 10, 2018. You are encouraged to support this event, as part of the proceeds will be donated to the cause and would therefore serve as your indirect contribution. As an alternative, donations will also be accepted via e-transfer to tandtassociation@gmail.com. If you wish to mail in your donation, the address is: P.O. Box 8401, Stn. T, Ottawa, ON K1G 3H8. With regard to the latter, please bear in mind the Canada Post service disruptions related to rotating strikes.

It should be noted that the association has a specific bank account for the deposit of funds collected for charitable purposes.

Please ensure that the TTAO has your coordinates (email or mailing address) so that you can be kept apprised of the progress of the campaign. You can also check our website at www.ttao.ca for updates.

We thank you in advance for your contribution to this very worthy cause. **Together we aspire, together we achieve.**

We look forward to your support.

Ingrid John-Baptiste

President,TTAO

Further to my communiqué above, a funding campaign to assist with the humanitarian efforts in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) related to the recent floods, we have decided that all donated funds will be provided to the Living Water Community (LWC).

Anthony Pantin, then Archbishop of Trinidad and Tobago said in May 1996, "Living Water Community has been a beacon of light and hope to the downtrodden, a source of

comfort and healing to the sick and dying, and is generally a haven for the spiritually and physically poor and abandoned." Truer words were never spoken. Once the need of victims of the flooding was determined, LWC sprang into action by establishing a donation portal and putting in place the logistics for the collection of non-monetary donations.

The TTAO's funding campaign will begin in earnest at the SOCA Parang on Sunday November 4, 2018. Donations will also be accepted by e-transfer to tandtassociation@gmail.com or by mail at the TTAO mailing address: P.O. Box 8401, Stn. T, Ottawa, ON K1G 3H8. With regard to the latter, please be reminded that rotating strikes are still ongoing by Canada Post.

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We would like to thank you in advance for your contribution to those in need back in our homeland, especially as the festive season approaches.

Ingrid John-Baptiste