

THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF CARIBBEAN PROFESSIONALS (ICCP) USA

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The International Consortium of Caribbean Professionals, USA Chapter (ICCP-USA) responding to the call for assistance following the December 2013 flood in St. Vincent, shipped three barrels and one box containing personal and medical items to St. Vincent. Items include adult and baby diapers, clothing, and toiletries. A special presentation of the adult pampers will be made to the Ministry of Health.

Vincentian nationals and members of ICCP, contacted the President of ICCP, Dr. Gerald White-Davis, and told him of the need he committed that the association would assist in whatever way it could. Dr. White-Davis has followed through on his promise and we are very thankful to him and the members of ICCP-USA who have rallied to the cause and gave selflessly to provide assistance. ICCP-USA is a registered not-for-profit organisation in the United States with membership of a diverse group of professionals and business leaders in the Caribbean diaspora dedicated to providing support and assistance to the peoples of the Caribbean at home and abroad. ICCP's mission is to bring together Caribbean professionals across national and regional boundaries to share information, knowledge, resources, and expertise through collaboration, partnerships, and individual initiatives for the mutual benefit of its membership and the Caribbean peoples and nations.

In reference to the devastating impact of the flood on the island of St. Vincent, ICCP intends to work very closely with governments and businesses in the Caribbean in an effort to find ways to deal with the challenges caused by global warming and other environmental issues and concerns. ICCP also intends to establish an Emergency Task Force & Fund to be able to provide timely assistance when similar situations occur in the future.

The barrels were received by the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO), and the distribution will be co-ordinated by ICCP members (Swana Williams, Kayanna Burke, Stacey Browne, Ateisha Bishop, Farique Daniel, Rolique Pope and Lizanna Williams) who will co-ordinate the distribution of items to those who are most in need. ICCP is in the process of establishing a Chapter in St. Vincent and Vincentians are encouraged to come on board. For information on becoming a member, contact Ms. Swana Williams or Ms. Kayanna Burke at Email: swana_williams@hotmail.com or kayannarichards@gmail.com, or in the USA, Dr. Gerald White-Davis at: 646-824-6810 Email: gerry4d@aol.com.

The presentation will be held at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital on Thursday, 5th June 2014, at 2:00 p.m. An invitation is extended to all media houses to cover the proceedings.

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