

## May-August 2005 Newsletter

### **DONATIONS/GRANTS**

A \$1260 donation was made by the students of the Benjamin Art School in North Palm Beach, Florida. These students designed beautiful cards depicting the hurricanes which damaged West End last fall and sold them as a fundraiser. The money will be donated to help build a new West End Primary school. Thank you to Ro Sammis, the art teacher who coordinated this effort, and to all of the students who participated in this project.

The Kohn Foundation (B.A.R.C.) was awarded a \$500 grant from Petco to be used for the Humane Society of Grand Bahama. This is an exciting accomplishment because a U.S.-based foundation received money for a project outside of its borders. Anyone who is interested in grant writing please contact Ellen Kohn at [horsegal52@aol.com](mailto:horsegal52@aol.com).

Ms. Martha Wurzel, a member of B.A.R.C., donated \$100 to purchase a brand new microscope for the Grand Bahama Humane Society in Freeport. The microscope was purchased at cost from Farmstead Health in North Carolina. The Humane Society does not currently have a microscope, so this donation will be very helpful to their ongoing efforts to help the animals of Grand Bahama.

### **NEWS**

A press conference was held at the offices of Barefoot Marketing in Freeport on June 28, 2005 to introduce The Kohn Foundation mission and goals. Representatives of the Freeport News, The Tribune, TV Radio 810 AM, and Cool 96 FM attended. A power point presentation was made by Ellen Kohn, followed by a question and answer period.

### **TKF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Two students have been selected by the Board of Directors to receive the first TKF scholarships for West End. Sasha Williams, daughter of Roosevelt and Princess Williams, is currently enrolled at Bethune Cookman College in Daytona

Beach where she is studying chemistry. She plans to attend medical school to become a cardiologist. Moses Moxey also received a college scholarship. The money awarded to Moses will be placed in an interest earning account since Moses is currently in high school. Profiles of these outstanding students will be supplied upon request. Each student will receive \$1000 for the upcoming academic year 2005-2006. The deadline for registration was August 31, 2005.

### **MICROCREDIT TRAINING**

Mrs. Mary Nairn, a TKF Board member and resident of West End, will be joining Ellen Kohn in Denver for an international micro-credit conference on September 29, 2005. Mrs. Nairn will be training in micro-credit loan procedures and implementation so that she may in turn teach a staff in West End how to administer these loans to citizens wishing to finance local businesses. The conference will be attended by micro-credit financiers, scholars, and educators from all over the world. This is an incredible opportunity to train with the experts.

### **NEW PROGRAMS**

Dr. David Cowan of Orlando, Florida, has started a project to help the Boy and Girl Scouts of West End. He is working with Father Stephen Grant of the St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church to identify the scout needs in the community. Dr. Cowan is requesting financial assistance to purchase uniforms, tents and study materials. He has already raised over \$3000 to date. Anyone interested in helping this worthy cause may make a tax-deductible donation to the Scout program through The Kohn Foundation. A receipt will be provided upon request.

### **WEST END YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Under the directorship of Keith Cooper, a TKF Board Member who works in the Old Bahama Bay Sales Office, this program was developed for West End Youth. The purpose of the program is to train young men and women to become the future caretakers of West End. Their goals include providing care for the elderly, village cleanup, social responsibility, and business development. Members of this group are: Moses Moxey, Jr.;

Marvin McQueen, Jr.; Leonard Ruel Newton, III; Gererd Munnings; Ryan Symonette and Angelo Sweeting.

Another collection of used folders, notebooks, three ring binders and book covers was donated by Evergreen High School (Evergreen, Colorado) to Eight Mile Rock High School. Twenty boxes were sent to West End for distribution to the high school for next fall. For information on how your community can accomplish this easy task contact Ellen Kohn.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Effective June 30, 2005, the TKF Board of Directors:

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### **B.A.R.C.**

New members of The Bahamian Animal Rescue Committee:

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Please refer to our volunteer wish list. We need individuals to help us in many areas. Your support is greatly appreciated.