



Because of Jenna Trust

2012

ANNUAL REPORT



A registered charity since January 2004, the Because of Jenna Trust is dedicated to easing the suffering of severely brain-injured children in Barbados and improving their quality of life.

The Trust raises funds through charitable events and personal and corporate donations and uses these funds to help pay for the special treatments, equipment and supplies needed by severely brain-injured children. The Trust also works to create public awareness of the plight of these children and their families.

The Because of Jenna Trust was founded in memory of Jenna Leigh Clarke, the 11-year-old daughter of Anna Clarke, who died on December 1, 2001.

THANK YOU

for your support!

Dear Supporters and Friends of the Because of Jenna Trust,

As always our Annual Report is published in order to provide everyone with the Trust's current financial position as well as an overview of our work during the past year. During 2012, we disbursed BDS\$237,000 in financial assistance for severely brain-injured children; the Wheelchair Clinics, Medical Supplies and monthly Pamper Drive comprised the major expenditure. \$37,000 and \$32,000 were spent in School Fees and Physiotherapy respectively.

As can be seen from the Financials, our balance sheet is looking healthy and this is a good thing however I should like to take this opportunity to explain a bit about this. During the past years as the Trust became more recognized and continued to grow financially, we found ourselves in a position whereby we were able to invest a portion of funds in an effort to grow these while at the same time meeting all of the requests for financial assistance. I always mandated that we should keep a sum of money for that special "emergency" should the need arise for this at any time. Because of some very successful fundraising as well as a few "unexpected" large and generous donations

over the past two years, our bank account has grown significantly while we continue to meet every need presented to us as we have not had to refuse a single request for this period. Having said that, we are actively looking at injecting significant funding into a special project which will positively impact the lives of these children and their families in a way we have so far been unable to do. We have already commenced discussions with the view to partnering with another organisation to realise the first steps towards making "my dream" a reality.

My Dream....

As soon as I began to work with these special children after Jenna died more than 10 years ago, I recognised that sadly Barbados is lacking in a 'home away from home' for our special children. I have always said that it would therefore be my "dream" to raise enough money to build a fully equipped and functioning facility for the brain-injured children of Barbados. Somewhere where parents could take their children from 6 am to 6 pm Mondays to Fridays and even have respite programs on weekends. This

"home away from home" would be that special place where the children would receive all of the care, stimulation, medical treatments, therapy, nutritious meals etc in a safe environment, therefore giving parents the much-needed time to work or even just to have some time for themselves, since caring for a child with special needs is a 24/7 job which often does not allow the parent (many of whom are single) to work or to have any time for themselves and they therefore depend on relatives or friends to assist them both physically and financially. We also have children who have reached the "accepted age limit" of the schools available to them and they are therefore left with nowhere to go so they lie on beds or sit in wheelchairs all day long which does not equate to quality of life and is physiologically detrimental to their health.

This is a multi-million dollar dream... finding land, constructing and equipping the facility, staffing and maintenance are just some of the prerequisites of such a dream. That said, we never thought that we would see such a healthy balance sheet just 10 years into our work so as the cliché goes "never say never".

We recognise our financial position as one whereby we are on the brink of making a decision on how best to utilise these funds towards taking our support of these special children “up another notch” and as such we have reported above on our decision to commence discussions as we feel certain that we may be on the threshold of taking the first step towards making this dream a reality.



Thank you, as always, for allowing us to make a difference in the children's lives. I will leave you with two short excerpts: a copy of an email from our head therapist, Yvonne to Kike (our wheelchair specialist from Puerto Rico) during the Clinic held in June and a note from parents of one of the children who benefitted. I think this will give you just a tiny peep into the passion and work which forms the basis of these clinics:

“Hi Kike.....Thanks for all your hard work today. I hope you found a more satisfying place to have dinner tonight. Kianna looked amazing, Shaquon sitting for the first time in his life in a seating system ...priceless! Wayne-Anthony: his mum was so pleased: not one critical word...that's like a wonder and wonders just take a little longer. Thanks again, please tell George he did great...

Good night
Yvonne”

“Hi Kike Just a short note to let you know that Sean is doing well in his new foam in place, he is tolerating it well and we feel sure that the right decision was made for him by Yvonne and yourself.

Just a small thing to note that while sitting in his new seat, just four days and on Father's Day, Sean ate solid food for the first time in two years. I do not know if it was because of the seat or if it was because it was his favourite dessert, cheesecake, but I would like to think it was because he felt like he was sitting in a “cloud”

Thanks again for your wonderful support over the past years and your commitment to the seating programme at CDC.

Say “hi” to Jorge who will from this day forward be known as the “Magician”, the man with the magic hands!”

With thanks and kind regards

Anna Clarke

Founder & Trustee



BECAUSE OF JENNA TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 578
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

Approved by the trustees July 30, 2013

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Assets		
Cash at bank	278,693	511,635
Investment - Globe Finance Inc. fixed deposit	256,193	-
Investment - Royal Fidelity Premium Income Fund	377,510	356,196
	912,396	867,831
less:		
Accounts payable and deferred income	(19,157)	(8,500)
	893,239	859,331
Represented by:		
General fund		
Balance at beginning of year	859,331	397,404
Surplus of income over expenditure during the year	33,908	461,927
Balance at end of year	893,239	859,331

Approved by the Trustees on June 25, 2013

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Income		
Donations and covenants	199,503	114,331
Profit on Golf Tournament	28,096	-
Increase in fair value of investment	21,314	29,272
Surfers Bay fund raiser	15,842	-
Interest	6,193	-
Profit on Valentines Ball	-	477,458
Profit on Sandy Lane champagne and auction event	-	107,754
	270,948	728,815
Expenditure		
Provision of pampers and briefs	58,945	52,961
Wheelchair clinic	46,076	50,281
School fees and transportation	37,688	25,656
Physiotherapist fees	32,855	28,778
Medical supplies	21,477	26,903
Orthopedic braces	11,300	28,107
Doctors and surgical expenses	8,170	5,965
Food donations, Christmas gifts and rent support	7,747	18,075
Special project	7,684	16,360
Equipment for CDC Physiotherapy Room	2,745	3,655
Office and administrative	1,095	7,514
Funeral expenses	834	2,000
Bank charges	424	633
Donation - Barbados Council for the Disabled	-	-
	237,040	266,888
Surplus of income over expenditure during the year	33,908	461,927