

# Good Samaritans

## EDEN LODGE CHARITABLE TRUST HELPING THOSE IN NEED

By Michron Robinson

Over 400 Barbadian school children stand to benefit from back to school supplies thanks to the Eden Lodge Charitable Trust.

During two recent donations at the Cloister Bookstore Ltd along Hincks Street and at Woolworth along Prince William Street, parents and children who were on the receiving end of school supplies said that they were eternally grateful for the welcome gesture.

Parent of two school children, Rhonda Phillips, who was at Woolworth explained that the donation will go a long way in assisting her household.

"I want to say thank you to the Eden Lodge Youth Charitable Trust. These school uniforms will go a long way," she said adding that she received a donation last year as well.

"It's difficult for a lot of parents like myself during these times... after the pandemic a lot of people are unemployed and there are a lot of single mothers out there like myself so it's very difficult," she said, adding it could cost



From left, PRO of the Eden Lodge Youth Charitable Trust Billie June Langdon, senior processing clerk with Scotiabank Simone Neblett and deputy general manager of Cloister Bookstore Ltd Robert Griffith with the little ones who received books.

her one thousand dollars or more to be able to afford books, shoes and uniforms.

"I can't do like the rest and go into town and shop. I buy uniforms piece by piece ...

so yes [I'm very grateful," she said. New entrant to St Leonards Boys School, Kyle Cumberbatch, said that he was pleased to be selected to receive assistance. "I feel very

happy to have been [presented] with this help and I thank the Eden Lodge Youth Charitable Trust," he said.

Public relations officer with the trust, Billie-June Langdon, said that the Eden Lodge Youth Charitable Trust started ten years ago with 250 families who needed assistance. However, she said the programme has grown from strength to strength and demand for help has increased exponentially.

"We are supplying over four hundred children in Barbados and the numbers have grown. With the recent spike in COVID-19 and so forth people have been coming to us for even more assistance," she said.

Meanwhile deputy general manager of Cloister Bookstore Robert Griffith said that back to school sales this year are going better than in 2021.

"Back to school this year has been better than last year partly because children and their parents know they are going back to school unlike last year when there was so much uncertainty about when school would start and parents were hesitant about purchasing books," he explained to Barbados TODAY.

"Now there is a bit more positivity and parents are trying to get the books organized. We are trying to keep the prices down because we know that parents are struggling and we decided this year to cut the margins to keep books affordable," he said, adding that if the prices of books were compared to 2021, they are now noticeably lower. "We tried to absorb some of the costs," Griffith said.

## Price wins \$601 800 with Double Draw Spot 7

Amanda Price is still reeling from the shock and surprise of being the first Spot 7 winner for 2022, with a whopping \$601,800 Double Draw win with The Barbados Lottery. Price, although a bit nervous, was excited for her first big win and expressed that she was feeling "very grateful". She purchased her winning Spot 7 ticket with the numbers 05, 09, 12, 16, 20, 22, 25 for Draw #28481 on Monday 8 August 2022, from The Barbados Lottery Retail agent at the Rubis Service Station located in Oistins, Christ Church.

As a regular player of The Barbados Lottery's games for over ten years, Price stated that she plays just over two to three times a week and, in keeping with her father's strategy, chooses her numbers from the birth dates of family members. This approach proved to be the winning formula and she has big plans for her win-nings: "I wanted to purchase a house, so this will be a very good start for me... I will be helping my mum renovate her home... invest in my daughter's education, have enough money to complete my Master's as well and any future investments I can grow."

Rubis Service Station representative Verona Clarke stated that she felt very good about having the winning ticket purchased at the location by a deserving regular customer and looks forward to even bigger wins for her with Rubis.

Shelly Ann Hee Chung, Country Manager for IGT Antilles



Amanda Price collects her cheque from Julian King, Marketing Manager, The Barbados Lottery.

operations (The Barbados Lottery & Caribbean Lottery), congratulated Price on her win of a lifetime. "Our team at The Barbados Lottery is pleased about Ms. Price's \$601,800 Spot 7 win with our Double Draw game, especially as our first Spot 7 winner for the year. It is heartening to learn that she will be fulfilling her dream for home purchase, assisting her mother and educational pursuits for herself and her daughter. We wish her the very best for the future."

When asked if she intends to keep playing, Price exclaimed, "Yes I will!" She also reminded other players to, "Keep trying, don't give up." For 2022 thus far, The Barbados Lottery has

paid over \$26 million to the many lucky Double Draw winners, with over \$31 million paid over for 2021. Starting from \$1 per ticket with 4 draws per day, you can win up to \$25,000 with the Double Draw game.

Double Draw remains one of the major brands in The Barbados Lottery's game portfolio, with its proceeds providing financial support to the Lottery's beneficiaries: The Barbados Olympic Association, The Barbados Turf Club, The Barbados Cricket Association and The National Sports Club Council and their sports, youth and cultural activities across Barbados. (PR)