

# PRINGLE HOME FOR CHILDREN

A Short History and Profile



# HISTORY

Pringle Home is situated in the hills of Carron Hall, St Mary. The home was started in 1922 by Rev. and Mrs. James Mc Nee and their daughter Kathie.

Funds to construct the building was donated by the then Custos Dr. John Pringle. The Home was first located at the building that now houses the Carron Hall High School.

In 1939 the girls' home as it was called, moved to its present site which has seen a number of development and is now known as the Pringle Home for Children.





# LICENCING PROVISION

The Home is a Private Residential Child Care Facility which is licensed to accommodate 36 girls ages 4 through 18 years. However at present our youngest girl is 9 years old, and we now have 25 girls in residence.

# ADMINISTRATION

The Home is operated by the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

There is a board of directors which oversees the home and a Director/Manager who is responsible for the day to day operations of the home.

Housemothers and other caregivers are employed to nurture and ensure the well being of the girls.



# FINANCIAL PROVISION

The Home receives a monthly subsidy for each child from the Government of Jamaica. Other cash grants are received from the government. The United Church of Jamaica also provides a stipend to the Home each month.

Our partners and well-wishers make financial and other contributions from time to time.

# THE BACKGROUND OF OUR GIRLS

Sometimes families are unable to function effectively and sometimes the development of the children is affected negatively.

When this happens, the Child Protection and Family Services Agency ( CPFSA) intervenes. There is a legal process through the courts that determines the outcome of each case.

Our children come to us through this system as Children in Need of Care and Protection.



# EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL STATE OF OUR GIRLS WHEN THEY ARRIVE

When our children come to us, they demonstrate fragility in all aspects of their development.

Their psychological , social and moral development all display how vulnerable the children have been. Hence, we take our vision and mission seriously in order to meet the needs of the children



# OUR VISION & MISSION

## **OUR VISION**

To transform the lives of hurting children in a safe and secure family-oriented environment, where faith in God is developed and hope is restored.

## **OUR MISSION**

To provide a loving and nurturing atmosphere where hurts are healed, and hope is nurtured, so that the children may maximize their potential and fulfil their purpose with the engagement of all partners.



# SPECIAL NEEDS OF OUR CHILDREN

Children whose self-esteem has been damaged need special nurturing. And because our children at the Pringle Home for Children are emotionally fragile, all aspects of their development become important in designing interventions.

The special needs are many, but we begin by ensuring that their physical environment is aesthetically pleasing; that the caregivers are committed to our mission to children by providing a stable family environment at the Home; that there is an adequate budget to provide not only basic but other necessary provisions.

# SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CHILDREN

- Our Chaplain is Rev. Donald Burke who is the Minister at the Carron Hall United Church. He has regular sessions with the girls. He has organized the girls to participate in the worship experience at the church through the music ministry and also through the United Church Youth Fellowship.
- Time is also set aside for morning and evening devotion in the Home.



# EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The home facilitates the holistic development of children through programmes such as:

- Group and Individual Counselling
- Recreational Activities
- Social Skills Training
- Educational Opportunities

These interventions are facilitated through a clinical psychologist who visits the home weekly; attendance at Child Guidance Clinics; individuals and groups who visit the Home; and the staff at the Home.

# EDUCATION

Our intention is that all our girls must attend school. At present, 22 of 25 girls attend school.

The other girls will be registered as soon as we receive their birth certificates and other documents.

The schools are: The Carron Hall Primary School, the Carron Hall High School and Guy's Hill High School.



# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- At present, the Head Girl and some of the Senior Prefects in some schools are residents at Pringle Home. Many of our children have been awarded medals and other citations for academic excellence.
- Some of the girls who have been at the Home in the past, have done well academically. When this happens, on acceptance to tertiary institutions, the government, through the CPFSA provides support for the girls to complete their education. Some past residents are in nursing, teaching, and other fields. Other girls who are so inclined, are assisted in receiving skills training from the HEART/NTA.

# SPECIAL AREAS OF NEED

Critical areas of assistance are:

- Individual mentorship
- Assistance to assist the girls in the transition from the home at age 18.
- Improved Budgetary Provision
- Renovation of the building
- Repairs of the Solar Electrical System
- Transportation to enrich the experiences that impact the development of the girls.
- Renovation and equipping of the auditorium as a skills club centre.
- Multi Media for Training (Laptop & Projector)
- Rehabilitation of the farm















