Excelsior Past Students Association The Network of Champions

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The Scholarship Committee of the Excelsior Past Students Association was established to assist students of the Excelsior High School with school fees, books, transportation costs and lunch. This mandate is being achieved through the annual selection of beneficiaries of academic scholarships and economic grants which are administered by the school's Guidance and Counselling Department.

In order to ensure the sustainability of the Scholarship Fund we hereby seek your assistance as a sponsor, with the option of making either a single or yearly contribution(s). If you so desire you may stipulate any special conditions which should be applied to your sponsorship as long as these are in harmony with the rules and regulations which govern the operations of the Scholarship Committee and the EPSA.

Just a few points to remember when considering your support for our students. This is based on discussions with the faculty, guidance & counselling departments of the school.

- Many attend without breakfast and are unable to afford lunch, resulting in poor academic performance.
- There is a marked increase in the number of students on the Path Programme, with many more awaiting assistance and still others whose parents are too proud to request assistance.
- Some parent have been rejected by Path due to household possessions, but struggles to make ends meet due to unemployment, many children and/or low salaries.
- The Breakfast Programme (partly supported by the Canadian PSA Chapter) is overwhelmed and some teachers have been assisting from their personal resources.
- Ill-fitting and worn clothing/footwear are very common among the students in urgent need.
- Absenteeism results from parents' inability to provide bus fare daily.
- Many of the needy are very bright students and some are promising student-athlete, all between grades 7 and 12
- We have pledged to increase the number of benefits each year to at least keep pace with the demands.

We are committed to providing five (5) Academic Scholarships in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) each and twenty (20) Economic Grants of twenty-five thousand dollars (25,000.00) each for this school year. The Academic Scholarships are named for our past principals: Mr Lindo Wong, Mr Mark Loague, Mr Sydney Fenton, Mrs. Beverly Wilson, and Ms. Allison Peart

We would be truly delighted to partner with you in this quest to make a positive impact on the lives of our Nation's children.

Yours in service

O. Alexander Robinson Chairman, Scholarship & Welfare Committee (ph. 876-3826818)

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