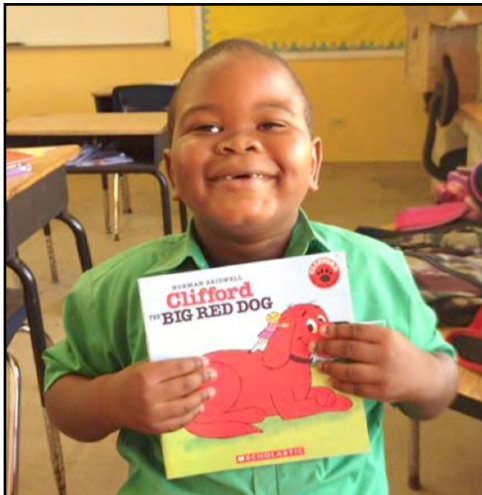


THE EXUMA FOUNDATION - JUNE 2015

BOOKS FOR EXUMA KIDS



We are indebted to Danielle Esposito and Jo Feracci and the volunteers from the Family Island Book Initiative (familyislandbookinitiative.org) for their work in Exuma. FIBI collects books in the U.S. and ships them to Exuma (below) and then distributes them through the island and the Cays.



We are now at the stage where every school on Exuma has a well stocked functioning library. Books are also distributed to pre-schools and clinics (top) so very young children can be exposed to the book experience. The Exuma Foundation assists by organizing book fairs and arranging transport of books to the schools and collection from the shipper ((top right).

Danielle also spends time in the schools organizing libraries and giving help to teachers with teaching techniques.

BEES AND BREADFRUIT

The first attempt to bring queens from Hawaii to Exuma failed when the bees got to California late. Our import permission is good for 90 days so we shall continue the effort. All the hives are in place. Catherine has also established a contact with a Nassau beekeeper who seems to have clean friendly bees. The breadfruit trees are now nearly 3 ft high and 50 have been given away or sold to farmers and gardeners.



MEMBERSHIP

Following suggestions made at the Development Committee meeting we have purchased 250 4" x 4" car stickers with the Exuma Foundation logos and the word "MEMBER" along the bottom. We hope to engage wider participation and exposure in the community. The logos may be purchased at a variety of levels.

NEW VEHICLES ARRIVE



The two vehicles pictured here were purchased with a grant from the Exuma Foundation. Although we

paid freight and VAT, the duty was waived. The bus replaces the old vehicle which was becoming unsafe and expensive to repair. This will be used for transporting children on field trips, etc. and to transport the Starve Poverty volunteers. The truck will be used for SPI projects on Exuma and replaces the old S10. Both vehicles are Fords making it relatively easy to obtain parts. Both vehicles are causing comments on the street because, although they are secondhand they look new and the logo decorations are impressive. Trustee Ron Fraser made the purchases on our behalf and arranged the design and placement of the logos. A very good job.

Our thanks also to Ron and friends for the fundraising banquet held in New Jersey to support the fire relief fund at the straw market.

MURRAY DEYOUNG FOUNDATION



Alice Matthews - Vice President, Trinity Cody - President, Sarah Godwin - Secretary

Murray DeYoung was a frequent visitor to Exuma from the 1980's and a supporter of The Exuma Foundation (the then Resource Centre) from 1990. Murray was interested in providing educational opportunities to young people that would lead to their being able to earn a living. To that end Murray provided scholarships for Exuma students entering The College of The Bahamas. This fund has been operated by Jenny Kettel through The Exuma Foundation for more than 20 years. When Murray passed away his Foundation (The Murray DeYoung Education Foundation (MDYEF) continued its work under the presidency of his friend Tom Matthews and the vice-presidency of his niece, Trinity Cody.

Tom passed away unexpectedly in May of this year and Trinity became president of the MDYEF and his widow Alice became vice president. In June of this year the Board of the MDYEF met in Exuma. The Board were able to interview candidates for the next academic year and to visit with all of those involved with the Exuma Foundation.

Our school for Exceptional Students has benefitted from grants from MDYEF and the visitors were able to see the equipment they have provided and meet with some of the students and teachers.

The MDYEF has also been a reliable and generous supporter of the operational costs involved in maintaining the property at Hoopers Bay and the many activities and opportunities it provides to the Exuma public.

The Exuma Foundation and the general Exuma community owe Murray and those who have administered his Foundation a substantial debt of gratitude.

It is our hope that Murray and Tom are pleased with the results of their generosity and labour.

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