

The Kohn Foundation 2008 Year-End Report

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Sasha Williams, our pre-medical student from West End, graduated Suma Cum Laude from Bethune Cookman College in April, 2008. Sasha is currently working at Old Bahama Bay while preparing for her MCAT exams. She has been accepted into the brand new medical school in Freeport, where she plans to start her cardiology training.

Sasha is the very first Kohn Foundation scholar to finish college. We are extremely proud of her accomplishments. Sasha worked very hard to finish college in spite of financial challenges along the way. She will be a leader for her peers and younger students from West End. We heartily congratulate Sasha.

Alexis Nairn is the second TKF scholar who completed her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration at Florida Memorial University on December 11th, 2008. We are very proud of Alexis, who finished with a 3.83 GPA. She is home in Bootle Bay, seeking employment that will allow her to utilize her acquired professional and educational skills. After working for a year, she plans to attend graduate school to pursue an MBA degree.

Brittney Stubbs is in her second year of college preparation, which precedes her entry to pre-dental school at the College of the Bahamas. Brittney has two more classes to complete, then she will start the biochemistry program. Brittney has met academic challenges to overcome these initial hurdles and is dedicated to becoming one of the first women dentists on Grand Bahama.

Marquita Cooper is finishing her MBA in Cuba after studying there for eight years. She will graduate in the spring of 2009 with an MBA after completing her thesis. Marquita's determination is praiseworthy, since she was required to speak fluent Spanish in all of her coursework. Marquita hopes to pursue a career in offshore banking, or another high level position that will utilize her financial and technical skills.

Romal Russell is a 21 year old honor roll student at the College of the Bahamas in Freeport. He is majoring in accounting and international relations and is at the beginning of his third year. He plans to transfer to Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia. Romal is also employed with Saybolt LP Bahamas Its., where he is a petroleum inspector. He serves as a member of the Altar Server's Guild of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, and is past president of that church's Christian Youth Movement. Romal is a former Scout leader and first responder. He also worked for the West End Urban Renewal Program, which was organized after the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005. In that capacity, he served

as Assistant Team Leader and trained in disaster shelter management through the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

Moses Moxey, Jr. graduated from Eight Mile Rock High School in June, 2008. Last June, he was accepted by the Bahamian Maritime Institute to attend a weeklong leadership program at SUNY Maritime University in Throggs Neck, NY. Moses is very interested in attending college at SUNY, and hopes to find sponsors to assist him with his tuition. He has taken the SAT exam and has already applied online for the upcoming semester.

West End Food Drive and Assistance

The Kohn Foundation continues to support the West End Settlement by sending money to purchase food for local families. We recently sent \$2,800 to the community for the ongoing food drive. Some of these funds will be used to purchase a new stove for St. Michael's Church, which is the location of the soup kitchen. We are grateful for the donations we received during this emergency.

THE KOHN FOUNDATION BAHAMIAN ANIMAL RESCUE COMMITTEE/HUMANE SOCIETY OF GRAND BAHAMA

Tremendous strides have been made since 2005, when the The Kohn Foundation Bahamian Animal Rescue Committee (BARC) formed a partnership with the Humane Society of Grand Bahama. Three major spay/neuter clinics have taken place on Grand Bahama, with the last one held in West End in April, 2008. During this period of time, more than 1000 animals were sterilized on Grand Bahama by U.S. veterinary teams who paid their own way to Freeport and donated a week of their time to the project. The Kohn Foundation assisted in fundraising, and ordering the requisite medicines and surgery supplies.

The island wide success is compelling, especially in the remote areas like West End where there are far less stray, sick and abandoned animals. We are so excited to be part of this wonderful program that is helping to improve the situation for the entire animal population of Grand Bahama. We are striving to raise funding for future clinics, including the upcoming one in 2009.

Please visit the Humane Society of Grand Bahama's brand new website, www.hs-gb.org, to learn more about their ongoing programs and events. When visiting Freeport, the brand new shelter is located close to the airport. The facility now houses a surgery room and other modern features which are helping increase awareness about potcake adoption and care.