



# LBSF UPDATE

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### Pass it On

- Have you ever thought of establishing a scholarship or book grant to honor a family member or loved one?
- It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

Become an LBSF Book Grant Partner and let us show you how you can change a life! If you complete the contact information sheet, a member of LBSF's Board will guide you through the process.

- All direct contributions of a Book Grant Partner are fully tax deductible.

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## LBSF 2008 Scholarship Awards

With the help of our supporters, LBSF has had a great year!

LBSF awarded nine new scholarships and book grants this year-

- **UWI**— 3 scholarships of US\$1,000.00 each.

Awardees had a GPA above 3.8, perform community service and are economics majors.

- **DC Book Grant Program** —3 book grants of US\$300.00 each.

Two awardees are freshmen. One is a graduating senior and prior recipient of a LBSF scholarship.

- **Fair Prospect High School Scholarships**—4 awards of US\$250.00 each.

Awardees are freshmen at neighboring high schools. These scholarships supplement free tuition costs by providing funds for transportation, books, uniforms and other educational necessities.

### *In Their Own Words*

*From Christopher-*

*The person I admire most is my teacher, Miss Neufville. The reason why I admire Miss Neufville is because she is always encouraging me to do better. She always says, "Christopher you can do better" and I always listened and*

*respect her advice in whatever she says.*

About three weeks before GSAT (exams) Miss Neufville said, "Christopher GSAT is right around the corner, stop wasting time." Because of Miss Neufville's hard work as a teacher and encouragement I was able to get the highest GSAT marks as a boy and will be going to high school. I intend to do my best to make Miss Neufville proud of her hard work.

*Christopher is 12 years old. He will attend Titchfield High School, Portland, Jamaica as a freshman this fall.*

## Computers for Qumbu Project

I learned about LBSF's interest in an educational project in South Africa from my colleague, Lorna John. At about that time, our church hosted a visiting pastor from the Eastern Cape in South Africa, and I

journeyed to Qumbu on vacation. In the Eastern Cape, I lost my heart to the children I met there. On my return, I worked with LBSF to develop and fund a program "Computers for Qumbu" and this fall, LBSF awarded a

grant of US\$1,500 to the Qumbu High School to purchase two computers and internet access for 300 students, age 14-19, in a remote rural village of South Africa. These young people were curious about the

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### *Computers for Qumbu Continued-*

people of the United States and peppered me with questions about my life here. Computers and web access will bring our world to them while tapping into their thirst for education. Please join LBSF and me in making their dream come true...much like Lorna's sister did for her. Please call me, Richard McCarthy at 571-246-3586 or Lorna John, 202-329-9826.

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### *From the Founder—My Sister's Gift To Me*

My sister Adlith was my idol. In my ten year old mind, she was the most beautiful and elegant woman in the world, and I aspired to be just like her. I was even more impressed by how accomplished and brilliant she was. I remember dressing up in my finest clothes to visit her at the University of the West Indies where she was an undergraduate student. Her friends there were just as impressive. They seemed to know everything and were so sure of themselves. And when they stormed into our house in Portland late at night on their way to the beach at Zion Hill, I did my best to eavesdrop on their conversations...hoping to learn their secrets. I wore her clothes when she was not around, squeezing into her tiny dresses and shoes, whose exotic designers I had never heard of. She was not amused. I resolved to be like my sister and her accomplished friends, and a college education was the key to that future.

So what does this memory have to do with the LBSF? Not only was Adlith my inspiration, my sister helped to fulfill my dream to attend the University of the West Indies. Each semester without fail, a check for US\$200.00 arrived in the mail. With that princely sum, I contributed to the cost of room and board or purchased other necessities. Only much later in life did I understand what a sacrifice that was for her! At the time, she was a graduate student in Montreal living on a stipend. Knowing how much she loved fine clothes and shoes, that \$200.00 was a tremendous act of love and sacrifice. Now, the LBSF will follow her example by *passing on* similar gifts to the students of today and tomorrow who hope to achieve their dreams.