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PRESS RELEASE

NGC RALLIES ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN'S HOME HIT BY FIRE

State-owned National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) has allocated over \$500,000 towards assisting the Operation Smile Home for Children in Williamsville whose main building was destroyed by fire on August 06. The main building included a kitchen, computer laboratory, library, office and provided storage space for food item and other supplies. The building also stored children's school books, uniform and clothing.

Arising out of a site visit to the children's home immediately after the devastating fire, NGC's Acting Chairman, Mr. Roop Chan Chadeesingh said the company would assist with the immediate purchase of food, personal care items, schools books, uniforms and hardware items for the construction of a temporary storage space.

NGC's President, Mr. S. Andrew McIntosh who presented relief supplies to the children's home on August 25 said it was important to return a sense of normality to the lives of the children in the quickest possible time. "It's the reason why NGC rallied so quickly in rendering support to the children's home. We need to bring their lives back to normal as soon as possible," he said.

Operation Smile Home for Children was formally opened on April 21, 2001 and currently houses some 41 children - 20 boys and 21 girls - ranging from newborn to 18 years.

Within days after the fire, NGC, through the Corporate Communications Division, started disbursing food and personal care items to the children's home. This will be done in three (3) tranches. Reconstruction of the main building which was gutted by fire will also be carried out with a December 2011 completion date.

NGC will continue to work closely with the Operation Smile Home for Children over the next several months to execute our various commitments.

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