

1st National Bank facilitates Youth Rally with \$15000 sponsorship



From left: RISE president Dr Stephen King, 1st National Bank's Carlton Glasgow and Dr Carl Mack of the National Student Association of Black Engineers.

1st National Bank continued its ongoing support of youth development and empowerment this week with a \$15000 donation to the youth organization RISE. The acronym RISE stands for Respect and Reality, Initiative and Industry, Social Health and Society Building and Education and Empowerment. It comprises a local membership of 150 persons from all walks of life and all ages with a strong contingent of students and out of school

youth.

The donation was made specifically for a Youth rally organised by Rise featuring Dr Carl Mack of the National Student Association of Black Engineers—the largest black student-run organization in the world. Dr Mack is a youth motivational speaker.

The cheque presentation was made by Managing Director of 1st National Bank, Mr Carlton Glasgow who applauded the efforts of Rise and noted that the bank's

work with the youth is a major part of its community reinvestment programme.

"The work of empowering and developing youth is an ongoing one. We at 1st National Bank are happy to be providing significant financial support to this segment of our society as is evidenced in our commitment to and partnership with schools, sporting events, academia and youth organizations.

"Therefore when we

examined the request by Rise we saw merit and value in its purpose and goal and therefore are today very happy to be supporting this youth activity," noted Mr Glasgow.

In accepting the cheque, President of Rise Dr Stephen King acknowledged 1st National Bank as a corporate leader in youth support.

"1st National Bank has shown that it is a company with a real heart for youth in this country. We see almost on a weekly basis the variety of youth activities they support. Rise is certainly grateful to Mr

Glasgow and 1st National Bank for their altruism and their solid support for this very vulnerable yet vital component of our society," said Dr King. Also at the cheque handing over was Dr Carl Mack. He explained that his main purpose on the island was to examine how his organization can provide assistance by way of scholarships to students in St Lucia who wish to pursue a career in engineering.

"I am on the island to set up a pipeline between St Lucia and universities in the United States of America through our

organization so that we can assist students in St Lucia.

"When I see the commitment of corporate citizens like 1st National Bank, I am encouraged and great hope for the less privileged in St Lucia. We do appeal to the rest of corporate St Lucia to join these efforts we can help these young students reach their full potential and benefit from a university education which equip them for life," added Dr Mack.

The youth rally was held in the town of Soufriere.



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