



**8th BAHAMAS SCOUT GROUP  
MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO  
QUAKOO ST. COMMUNITY**

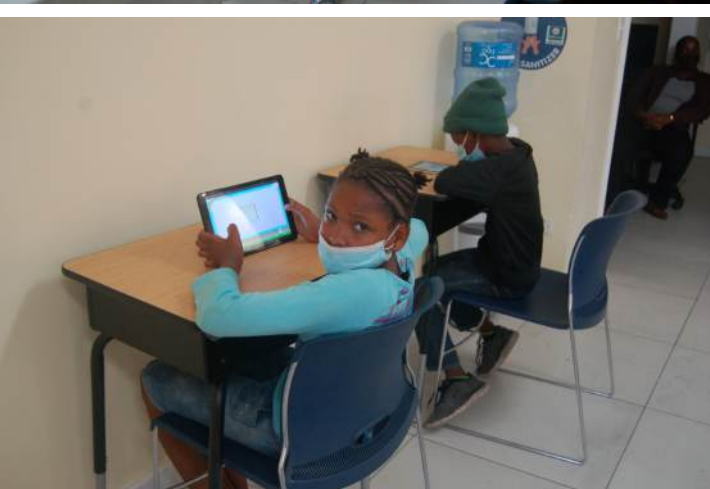




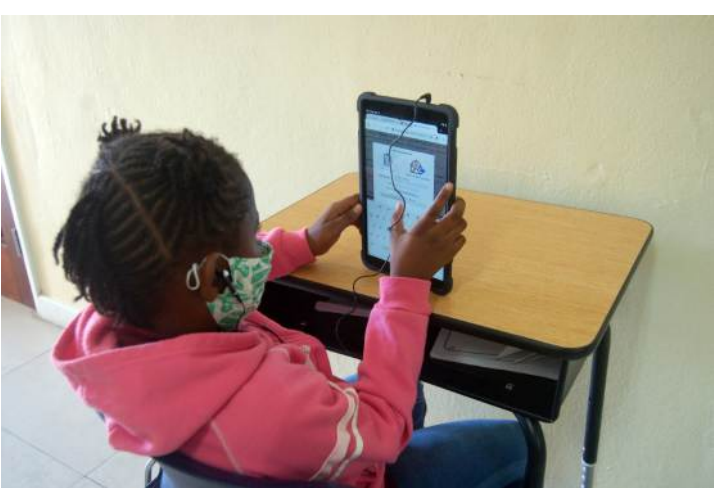
For 8-year-old Brandle Mithiell, (a Columbus Primary Student) the opportunity for virtual learning on a sponsored tablet device was a great experience. Just recently, the leadership of the 8th Bahamas Trinity Methodist Scout formally welcomed students from diverse backgrounds to the over-the-hill Quakoo Street Community Centre.



In an unprecedented pandemic where the world is experiencing global “shut downs”, children and the vulnerable are placed in a precarious state. The Peter Street Quakoo Street and Fritz Lane Communities, which are the “feeder system” for the 8th Bahamas Scout Troop became the site of a history-making opportunity for this youth group. According to Mr. Neville Wisdom, Group Leader and his co-ordinators; Mrs. Manita Wisdom and Mrs Shellyn Ingraham, in September of this year, they were in the community handing out food and personal care supplies when they noticed children roaming the streets unsupervised. They immediately reached out to their church and other stake holders to join in this novel initiative.



Parishioners of Trinity Methodist Church, Ministry of Education, d'Albenas Agency, and others partnered to purchase and procure electronic Tablet devices, school



furniture and lunch supplies. The Quakoo Street Community Centre became the meeting place for 'E-Learning' sessions from Monday to Friday. Ideally staffed and managed in partnership with the IDB Group, Ms. Chipman (Administrator) and Ministry of National Security, this location was favorable as most of the children came from homes without electricity and internet connectivity. The scenes of children logged in to their course work completing assignments and listening to virtual instructions were just heartwarming!



8th Bahamas Scout leader Neville Wisdom, informed the students (while most Scout groups are in recess with limiting contacts) that they were among the first in the scouting world to be a part of such a program. He along with National Training Commissioner Joseph Pickering expressed their desires to not see any young people being caught up in negative behaviours.



In conclusion, participants all joined in shouting out the Scout chants; "B-R-A-V-O" and "T-H-A-N-K-Y-O-U"!

The 107-year-old Bahamas Scout Association is under the leadership of Mr. Andrew Pinder, (President).