



## Thank you.

We like to start each annual report by saying Thank You! Thank you to our donors.

Thank you, our volunteers, and thank you to our partner schools. With all that has happened in 2020, we feel even more compelled to say thank you to all those that have continued to work with us and support us during these unprecedented times.

Despite the derailments/challenges caused by the global pandemic, which caused us to cancel our annual visit to Guyana, we were still able to accomplish some of our goals for this year.

We successfully completed the renovation of the reading room at St. Mary's Primary School. We delivered our shipment of books, school supplies and computer to Soesdyke Primary School, Supply Primary School and Houston Secondary Schools.

When the new school year began in September and the students had to continue their studies from home, we expanded our services to provide internet access to Timehri Primary School and Supply Primary School to turn the schools into wifi hotspots, so that students could access the internet for free.

This year has taught us many things. The difficulties schools and students faced trying to transition to fully virtual learning revealed just how important access to technology is for supporting the learning

environment. It also revealed how important it is for us to continue our mission of improving the educational outcomes of low-income students living in Guyana.

### Next Steps in 2021

We have already identified our newest partner school. In 2021 we will begin working with Kuru Kururu Primary School.

The school has a student population of 1,124 students of which 90% are reported as low income. The school is underperforming due to low reading scores primarily due to lack of nutrition, lack of memory retention and lack of prenatal support.

Our goal is provide 1,500 books, computers, learning aids, printer. If you would like to support our work with Kuru Kururu please consider making a donation at [www.blossomsofguyana.org](http://www.blossomsofguyana.org).

### Schools Supported (current and past)

- » Timehri Primary School
- » Soesdyke Primary School
- » Supply Primary School
- » Houston Secondary School
- » Golden Grove Secondary School
- » Kingston Secondary School
- » St. Agnes Primary School
- » St. Mary's Primary School



### Mission

To improve educational opportunities of low-income students living in Guyana. We accomplish this by providing books, computers, school supplies, and other necessities to help create a safe academic environment.



### Vision

Our vision is a country where every child has an opportunity to succeed.



### Board Members

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# Accomplishments

Here are some of the successfully completed projects we took on this year.

 <p>Served 2,960 students</p>	 <p>Supported 5 schools</p>	 <p>Provided internet access to Timehri Primary School and Supply Primary School along with toner and ink so teachers could print materials for students</p>
 <p>Donated 200 books to Houston Secondary School</p>	 <p>Provided stipend to reading specialist at Timehri Primary School through May</p>	 <p>Donated Computer to Supply Primary School</p>
 <p>Donated school supplies to Soesdyke Primary School</p>	 <p>Donated over 900 books to St. Mary's Primary School</p>	 <p>Completed the renovation of the reading room at St. Mary's Primary School.</p>
 <p>Held second annual reading competition at Houston Secondary School</p>		



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St. Mary's renovation project : One of this years' accomplishments, the renovation of the reading room at St. Mary's Primary School.



This year we would like to highlight one of our teachers, **Ms. Omieka Daniels**  
A teacher at Houston Secondary School

### Tell us about yourself.

I have been teaching at Houston for 6 years. I have taught all grades and now I teach grades 10 and 11. Before the onset of the pandemic, I created a girls club where I did personal development (skills, knowledge etc), social development (taking students on outings and having social events such as dinners so that they know table manners ) and community development where I would encourage them in giving back to the orphanage etc.

### What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I love socializing with students. I enjoy counseling them and, being more to them than just a teacher. It brings me joy to watch them achieve and grow academically. Most importantly, I enjoy watching them grow personally and becoming prepared for whatever life brings . Unfortunately, Covid has robbed

me of the main thing I loved about my job.

### How has the donations from Blossoms benefited the students or the school?

Blossoms has created a space not only for students to expand their vocabulary but also for students to socialize and share knowledge on their favorite books. As the teacher, it has brought me joy watching my students faces when they open a new book or enter a reading competition.

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