

Power of People

As the global COVID-19 crisis unfolded, it disrupted all our lives in some way. In March, when the stay-at-home measures were announced, non-essential businesses closed, and essential suppliers had to operate with less staff and open for shorter hours. The effect of this shutdown was that thousands of vulnerable families lost their streams of income.

The Couva Sporting and Cultural Organization, the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation, New Land Tenant and Ratepayers Association

(NLTRA) and the Besson Street Police station were among those that received calls from people in need.

NGC was approached to assist in a hamper drive initiative. This was a noble cause and the Company was eager to contribute. We engaged groceries in the Couva area to prepare pre-packaged hampers for delivery to the respective groups who expressed need on behalf of various families.

Some other groups that we also supported and who are our CSR

stakeholders are the National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago (NAAATT), NGC Steel Xplosion Steel Orchestra, NGC La Brea Nightingales Steel Orchestra, Police Youth Clubs and reforestation workers were also among the beneficiaries of our community assistance through hamper distribution. Mark Loquan, President of NGC, commented on the hamper drive distribution, "During this period of uncertainty, we at NGC understand the importance of assisting community and country. I wish to thank all our participants who made this possible and hope that we can return to normal soon."

Packaged with Care

We are proud of and inspired by the men and women who each day provided compassionate care during the pandemic – our doctors, nurses and other health care professionals, food and environment service providers, pharmacists, and countless others. We are grateful for your dedication to Trinidad and Tobago.

When it comes to COVID-19, older people are especially vulnerable to severe illness. Research is showing that adults 60 years and older, especially those with pre-existing medical conditions, especially heart disease, lung disease, diabetes or cancer, are more likely to have severe – even deadly – coronavirus symptoms than any other age group.

Homes providing care to the elderly were obligated to increase sanitisation as a measure to prevent the spread of the virus among persons in their charge. The homes, which already function on tight budgets, were faced with increasing costs for various items such as medication, and cleaning and sanitisation products. NGC recognised this at-risk community and wanted to provide immediate support. The Company therefore donated gift cards to 32 elderly homes including those in our fenceline communities across Trinidad and Tobago. The recipients were grateful and sent us some heartfelt notes of thanks.



"Thanking you for your kind consideration in this time with the present COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for the donation, generosity and support."

Ms. Margaret Baptiste, Matron
at the All Saints' Church Gordon
Home, Port of Spain.

"I wish to extend to you my gratitude for your outreach to Dolly's Place – a home for the aged, during this difficult period. I must commend your initiative to contribute to the senior citizens in your community. Your donation will be most beneficial to our residents, especially at this critical time."

Ms. Amera Ali, Director of Dolly's Place,
Preysal, Couva.

"On behalf of the management and staff, we would like to thank you for the gift cards. Words can't express our gratitude and appreciation. May God bless you all and keep you safe during this COVID-19 pandemic."

Reah Figaro,
The Helena Charles Home,
La Brea