

‘MEK IT AN SHARE IT’ for Children at Christmas

In the true spirit of Christmas, the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC), through its Visual Arts Competition & Exhibition has launched the ‘Mek It An’ Share It’ Initiative.

This programme invites the public to donate handmade gifts of toys, linens, clothing, greeting cards and other items for children aged 9-18 years old that will be distributed to children in Government-owned Child Care Facilities in the Child Development Agency (CDA) Western Region. According to Mrs. Sana Rose-Savage, JCDC Visual Arts Specialist, ‘the aim of this gesture is to bring the personal touch of handmade gifts and encourage the spirit of gift-giving at Christmas.’ She also stated that at least 80% of the items must be hand-made. She also indicated that a box for collection of the items will be provided at the Jamaica Visual Arts Exhibition, currently being held at the Jamaica Conference Centre, downtown Kingston. Persons may make their donations between December 8-18, 2013. ‘Mek It An’ Share It’ is one of the activities that is part of this year’s Jamaica Visual Arts Competition & Exhibition, celebrating 50 years in showcasing the creative talent of our Jamaican people through photography, ceramics, sculptures, works-on-paper and paintings. The competition also provides opportunities for artists to gain access to local and international recognition. Noted and respected talents such as Osmond Watson, Dr. David Boxer, Colin Garland, George Rodney, Christopher Gonzalez, Cecil Cooper, Alexander Cooper, Norma Rodney Harrack, Fitz Harrack, Maria La Yacona, Howard Moo Young, Donnette Zacca, Errol Harvey, Owen Minott and Dr. Warren Robinson among its distinguished list of participants and achievers.