



On Thursday, April 3, 2014, The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) hosted a formal ceremony to hand over a nursery to the **Kids In Need of Direction (KIND)** organisation.

Founded in 1996, KIND is actively engaged in transforming the lives of children and their parents. KIND hosts workshops and outreach programmes and uses education as the medium to overcome the pain of physical, emotional and psychological abuse, covering topics such as substance abuse, goal setting and self-esteem.

Inspired by the commendable work of KIND, ACTT's Board of Directors, Management and staff volunteered to spearhead the interior design of a nursery at the organisation's Laventille office. The nursery will provide a secure space so that parents attending KIND workshops can be assured of the safety of their children, who will be in the care of professionals. The children will be engaged in meaningful activities and will have an avenue to play, to learn and to grow.

At the event, ACTT's Executive Director, Michael Bradshaw, along with Deputy Chairman, Azim Ali, and Anthony Parris, Administrator at KIND, formally opened the nursery which is now outfitted with furniture and a play area for the older children.

The Council has also committed to providing a hamper of non-perishable food items to KIND, once a month, for the duration of 2014. A first aid kit was also donated, as KIND hosts several after-school programmes, such as ballet and karate for children.

The above initiatives are being funded by ACTT and its staff.

