

Our Angel From Above Still Doing Good Deeds On Earth

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*Welcome to the Sixth Annual
Shani E. Duplessy Memorial
Fundraising Dinner & Scholarship Award Ceremony
Sunday, April 15, 2018
The Coral House*



The President Message This year theme is:

*(You love when you care. You care when you share.
You share when you practice the two above.)*

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund sixth annual fund raising dinner and scholarship award ceremony. Every year for this occasion, we search the Haitian music and entertainment industry to find one of the best entertainers to perform for you. We have found him. Tonight we bring you Roger Eugene well known to the Haitian community as Shou-bou. Shou-bou is here and he will perform for you later.

The help, the support and the commitment that we receive from several individuals year after year cannot go unnoticed. Tonight we want to acknowledge a few of them. Dr. Ariel Nicoleau who donated most of the medications that we use in our medical fair in Haiti for the past four years. Thank you Dr. Nicoleau. What can we say about Dr. Thomas Beague, his wife Sarah and the medical team that they invited this year to participate in our goodwill mission in Haiti. You know how we feel about you guys, thank you so much.

Once again Dr. Kamica Lewis had gone the extra mile to be with us in Haiti. Kamica we love you. To the entire group of Mr. David Duchatellier of Haiti Relief Effort, you know who you are guys. You were fabulous as always, great job, thank you all. A special thank you note to Mr. George St Victor for his help and support. And finally to those of you who have participated as always in our Angel Tree Toy Drive last holiday season, please accept our most profound thanks.

Do the most good is our guiding light. Helping the less fortunate along the way remains and will always be our objective. Tonight I want to reiterate the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund's Mission Statement: The purpose of the fund is to award scholarships to deserving senior high school and college students in good academic standing as well as financial needs and a proven record of helping others within his/her own communities. The fund will also provide a limited quantity of gifts and toys to underprivileged children during holiday season right here in the United States. We have been doing just that. And to that we want to add the following: helping the less fortunate children in Haiti when the opportunity presents itself.

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Therefore, we have decided to lend a helping hand to a few aspirant students to some universities in Haiti. Some of them as you know can't even afford the admission fees. The conditions and details for the financial aids are to be worked out between the Foundation and the Higher Learning Institutions that the selected students will choose.

Now to the main event! Three outstanding students will receive this year the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund Award 2018 in the amount of \$6,000.00 each. They were chosen because of their academic achievements. They excel in every curriculum activity offered to them and in such represent the jewel of their respective school and the pride of every teacher. Congratulations to all of you and your proud parents for a job well done. We will proceed with the awards presentation in a few minutes.

Today, the Shani E. Duplessy foundation, in partnership with Haiti Relief Effort organization is pleased to report that the construction of the school in Masson Sion in Haiti has been completed with eleven classrooms total. Many thanks to each and every one of you for your support over the years. We could not have done it without you. The construction of the school is completed indeed but our commitment to help the needy school children will continue.

Five months ago, our Foundation teamed up with Amazon through their program Amazon Smile. Every time you shop at Amazon, you can support the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund simply by choosing it as your charitable organization. Here is our special link to Amazon. Remember before you start your shopping, go to smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0692554 and Amazon donates to the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund. Amazon will not charge you extra for anything that you buy from them for choosing us as your charitable organization. You will find this information printed in our souvenir journal as well as in our website (shaniduplessymemorialfund.org). Thank you in advance for your support.

In closing, we want to thank you again for coming. Enjoy the evening.

Oswald Duplessy, President
Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship
Fund April 15, 2018



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Mission Statement

The Shani E Duplessy Memorial Scholarship was established in 2011 by her parents in honor of her loving memory.

On April 29, 2011, Shani passed away from pulmonary artery thrombosis due to a rupture in her right achilles tendon while exercising. She was only 31 years old.

Shani was born in Brooklyn, NY, on July 31, 1979. During her early age through high school she began to be heavily involved in the ministries of her second home, St. Boniface Church. She became a cantor, led the youth choir, and participated in and then became a leader of HAYO (Haitian American Youth Organization). She completed her BA in meeting.planning and acquired a Master's degree in hospitality and hotel management at New York University, class of 2006.

Shani left a legacy of good will through her charitable contributions to underprivileged children, her devoted services to her church's youth ministry, her community and to people of all ages.

The Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund is a Tax Exempt Nonprofit Organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose of the fund is to award scholarships to deserving senior students in high school and college (all level) in good academic standing, and with a proven record of helping others within his/her own communities. The fund will also provide a limited quantity of gifts and toys to undreprivileged children during holiday season.

If you would like to help the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund you can make a donation to help applicants get a better education.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

~ Henry David Thoreau

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Reflection

Once again, we have come together almost at the same time you had suddenly departed from us, to celebrate the shining days of your life deeply engraved in our hearts. Thanks to your loving parents and to your friends, we will never stop doing what you passionately liked to do: Loving and caring for others. From Bobby and Gisele Goin

Shani, we miss your smile, your light and your warmth. You have left your mark on all our hearts and we shall never forget your radiance and beauty. To know you was to love you. Keep resting well, Angel. Love, Rosita

The commitment to excellence continues, the splendid effort by the committee on behalf of the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund is second to none. Our angel from above, I am sure is pleased with the work being done to keep her memory alive.

Uncle Guy

In Memoriam From The Duplessy Family

In loving memory of Luce Cazeau

In loving memory of Florin Jean Charles

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I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your very generous contribution of service to the Salvation Army 37th Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner of the Salvation Army in Nassau County.

We are grateful to God for the continued partnership in ministry we share with you and your organization. We are so thankful for the vital connection between you and the Salvation Army.

Again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your contribution.

Shalom,

Captain Charles Roberts
Nassau County Coordinator
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PS - In accordance with I.R.S. regulations, this is to acknowledge that no goods or services were rendered in exchange for this donation.

... there is no reward equal to that of doing the most good to the most people in the most need.

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Ifeoluwa Tugbobo

Senior at Elmont Memorial High School, New York

Ifeoluwa is currently a senior at Elmont Memorial High School in Elmont NY. She will graduate this coming spring with an impressive and outstanding grade point average of 4.0 over 4.0. After graduation Ifeoluwa plans to attend the Sophie Davis Biomedical at the City College of New York where she will continue her education pursuing a degree in Pre Medicine.

One of her teachers wrote (Beyond Ife's performance in Science Research, her years in Elmont Memorial High School have been saturated with academic accomplishments. Her devotion to education and drive for excellence has been acknowledged by being inducted into the Science National Honor Society in 2017}).

Despite her busy and over loading academic schedule, Ife is involved in almost every extra curriculum activity offered inside and outside the classroom and her community as well. In her personal essay which is part of her application for this scholarship, Ife wrote (My personal connection sparked my desire to study medicine in college. I realize the work of brilliant doctors, scientists and other STEM related fields is in great demand. Being in college would not only put me on the right track to a successful career but also allow me to build lifelong relationships with like-minded peers who are also self-motivated. I want to attend college because it gives students like me numerous opportunities for growth as individuals and is an appropriate avenue for my journey in a science related field career. At college I plan to study pre-medicine and pursue a career in child psychiatry. I hope to return one day to my home country of Nigeria to provide medical aid for my family there and as well as other villagers because it is an important link to my identity as well as what pushes me to attend a collegiate education in biology. 10 years from now I hope to be actively pursuing a career in medicine that is specific to children's needs or a career in science research. Regardless of specific occupation, I hope to be changing the world for the better anywhere in the world).

In her acceptance letter for this scholarship, Ife wrote: On behalf of my family I wish to accept the offer and appreciate the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund for granting me such a wonderful opportunity. With this scholarship, my financial needs are met and I can focus on completing my education with excellent grades. Thank you

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Maria Duran

Senior at Sewanhaka High School, New York

Maria Duran is currently a senior at Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, New York. She will graduate in this coming spring with one of the highest grade point average of 98.01 over 100. Maria has been accepted at many colleges but decided to attend Hunter College in the Fall 2018 to pursue her dream which is to receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her thinking goes beyond the four walls of the classroom.

In her essay, Maria wrote: I come from a country where an education is hardly attainable. Ecuador is still a country that lacks economic and political stability. It is nearly impossible to further your education to a college level and obtain a job with that degree. Taking all that into consideration, my parents made the decision of moving our family to the United States. My parents sacrifice all they know to bring me and my brother to US in hope of us obtaining a better education and overall a better quality of life.

Maria continues: Being a bilingual speaker and hopefully entering the health care field, I want to impact my community in the most positive way. My community has a growing population of Spanish speaking immigrants. Not knowing The English language and being able to communicate efficiently is one of the most frustrating problems people go through. I was once in their shoes and my parents today still struggle at times with English. I want to be able to use my advantage of speaking two languages fluently to help these people at a Doctor's appointment or emergency hospital visit for example. I can aid in this situation by helping communicate the doctor's orders or any questions the patient or their family members have. Well said Maria

In her acceptance letter Maria wrote: I am beyond thrilled to accept the Shani E. Duplessy Scholarship and I am so incredibly grateful to have been selected. Words cannot express how thankful I am to be given this immense opportunity which will aid in furthering my education. Thank you again to the Duplessy family for giving students like myself this amazing support to continue their education without the financial burden that college can bring. Sincerely, Maria Duran



Bianca Coley

Senior at Elmont Memorial high School

Bianca Coley is currently a senior at Elmont Memorial High School in Elmont, New York. She will graduate this spring, and will attend Spelman College in the fall of this year to pursue a degree in engineering. If one academic performance can only be measured by his or her Grade Point Average, Bianca is right at the top of the list with a GPA of 4.0 over 4.0.

In her application for this scholarship Bianca wrote: The world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) has always been exciting to me. Their challenges equip me for life outside of high school as I am made aware of how hard I can work and how much I can accomplish in any given time. My mentor ensures me that as an African American female immigrant, it does not matter that my strong passion for science and Mathematics may come as a surprise from others. It does not matter that my failure in life itself will be expected from those around me, and any cases, hoped for. And does no matter that in any given situation, I will be forced to work twice as hard and run three times as long as many more American counterparts just to reach half the distance.

Regardless of the dreadful hurdles placed in front of me, persistently demanding that I give up, I am instead encouraged to excel even more. In the future, I see STEM allowing me to break whatever social stigmas that dissuade young African American female immigrants, and any other minorities from pursuing activities and careers related to those fields. I see STEM enabling me to break whatever barriers stand between me and my dream of engineering a more inclusive world. I am extremely proud to say that I see STEM enabling me to become a woman whose capacity for knowledge is uncontainable, as she strive to better herself every day.

(She can not say it any better than that).

A Special Thank You Note

From

The Duplessy Family

To

McVeigh Associates, Staff & Personnel

For your Dedication and Unparalleled

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We owe you a Monumental

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Thank You

Sincerely

Oswald & Michelle Duplessy

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The following pictures are of the School of Masson-Sion, Haiti, sponsored by the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund



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CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2018 Recipients of
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Scholarship Award.

Ifeoluwa Tugbobo, Maria Duran and Bianca Coley

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Haiti Relief Effort is committed to promote the gift of education to
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*"And all may do what has by man been done."
~ Edward Young*



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