

# NEWSLETTER

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On February 17th the Commission attended an extravaganza activity hosted by the Enid Capron Primary School located in Five Cays of Providenciales. At the event the Commission provided informational leaflets on the Rights Of the Child Convention to grade groups ranging from four through five. The Commission also conducted a short educational session to the Grade six students who participated well by asking and answering questions.

On January 20th, the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission's team conducted an open house exercise on Grand Turk. The purpose of the exercise was to enhance access to the commission in the outer islands and to offer residents the chance to obtain information about the commission's work, lodge complaints, and seek advice. The event was deemed a success.



Enid Capron Primary School  
Extravaganza







## Detention Centre

In **January 2024**, the Commission conducted a facility and wellness review at the *detention centre*. The review was comprised of a series of interviews with personnel and detainees. We have submitted a report with recommendations to ensure human rights compliance after the review.

The centre will be visited by the Commission again during the second quarter of the new financial period (2024–25).

## Rights to Human Dignity

## Rights against Arbitrary Prison Punishment

## Right to be Released on Due Date

In **February 2024**, the Commission conducted a facility and wellness review at *His Majesty Prison*. The review was comprised of a series of interviews with personnel and detainees. We have submitted a report with recommendations to ensure adherence to human rights standards.

The prison will be visited by the Commission again during the second quarter of the new financial period (2024–25).

## His Majesty Prison



**We bid farewell** to *Giselle Ambrister*, our administrative secretary and receptionist for the past seven years. We are appreciative of her contributions to our team. We are grateful for the lasting impression she has made on us and extend our best wishes for her continued success as she commences her new venture.

**Welcome aboard,** *Vernal Samuel Lightbourn!* Samuel is our new education and outreach officer. He is a native of the Providenciales, Turks, and Caicos Islands. He spent 16 years abroad in the United States of America, where he gained his master's degree in social work. He has had the pleasure of working as a social worker for the State of Florida for 3 years, and he is passionate about human rights.

We extend our **most sincere condolences** to our investigator, Ms. Donisha Williams, as she grieves the passing of her father. We hope that she and her family will find solace and comfort during this difficult time.



## Did You Know?

The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission (TCIHRC) is mandated to make routine facility visits to places of detention.

The TCIHRC makes routine facility visits on a quarterly basis.

The TCIHRC produces reports to the various entities of detention to hold them accountable for any human rights infractions found.



### Humanitarian Quotes

*"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community. Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."*

**-Cesar Chavez**

