

## How 3 Countries Helped a Young Man Fulfill a Dream!

This is a story about how a group of agencies from 3 different countries joined together to make a dream come true for one young man. Approximately three years ago Community Living Brant became involved in a collaboration with other community and international partners to provide a unique opportunity for a young man from the Turks and Caicos Islands to attend the W. Ross Mac Donald school. We were instrumental in finding a family (under the umbrella of our Associate Family Program) for Stephen Stubbs to live with on weekends and school holidays. This project was completely funded by the Turks and Caicos Government and was facilitated by the 1 World Organization, which is a charitable group based in New York State that provides support and services to the disabled population in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Stephen proudly graduated from W. Ross MacDonald School for the Blind and returned to his home in the Caribbean this past June (2008). Having been blind since birth and with no services available to him in his own country, his move to Brantford and W. Ross gave him an opportunity to develop many skills, learn how to live among fellow students and perhaps most unexpectedly, be part of a caring family.

We are very appreciative to the Nunn family for opening up their home and their hearts to Stephen and making his time in Canada an experience he will never forget. They continue to stay in touch on a regular basis. We were able to assist Stephen in a return visit to Canada to reunite with the Nunn family for three weeks during the Christmas holidays. This was a very happy occasion for all involved to reconnect and catch up in all that happened in everyone's lives.