

# **SAINT JOHN ASSOCIATION OF SAINT LUCIA**

St John in Saint Lucia is a charitable organisation which relies heavily on volunteers to undertake its work. It is self-sustaining and receives its funding by providing first aid training to non-profit organisations and the corporate sector, the sale of publications and first aid kits and charges for public duty. In some instances donations have been received from funding agencies for specific projects.

St John has been in existence in St Lucia for over 80 years. A National Council was established by a constitution approved by the Grand Prior of the Order of St John, which became effective on 21 March 1967, to have overall control and support of the activities of the St John Ambulance Association and the St John Ambulance Brigade. St John Ambulance Association and St John Ambulance Brigade amalgamated in 1974 to become the St John Ambulance Foundation. The St John Council of St Lucia was incorporated in St Lucia on 10 March 1998 under the Companies act 26 of 1998. Since 25 October 1999 the National St John Council of St Lucia and St John Ambulance in St Lucia have constituted a unified organisation. On 1 January 2004 all National Councils became known as the St John Associations.

## **The activities undertaken by St John in St Lucia include:**

- First aid training, making use of the specially designed Caribbean First Aid Training Manual;
- Vital training for communities in disaster preparedness;
- Providing essential first aid cover at public events.
- A youth programme is currently in development.

The vision of St John St Lucia is to be a forward thinking, sustainable organisation with a greater number of committed members and increased visibility within the communities we serve and the general public.

As a charitable organisation, we are committed to making sure more people can make the difference between a life lost and a life saved. We teach young people in schools and through our activities for young people. We teach people in the workplace and provide first aid products. And we teach people who become our volunteers, who offer their skills and time to be the difference right in the heart of their community – at public events, first responders or back up to local ambulance services.