

# St Catherine 4H Club receives commercial gas stove

THE JAMAICA National Building Society Foundation (JNBS) has moved to assist the St Catherine 4H Club in its effort to carry out its mandate from the Jamaica 4H Club of empowering youth to make their contribution to national development.

Business relations adviser for the JNBS Foundation Jennifer Clarke Twiddle presented a commercial gas stove to the St Catherine 4H Club in Linstead recently. Twiddle said the JNBS Foundation was established in 1990 to complement the activities of the



building society. The main aim of the foundation is to support initiatives that contribute to the advancement and progress of Jamaica and its inhabitants. She revealed that the foundation works with internal and external partners to identify, develop, and provide technical

and financial support to projects that focus on issues relating to rural development, health, housing, education, youth and community, and crime and safety.

## REASON FOR THE PROJECT

“Against this background, the need to assist the St Catherine 4H movement in its effort to fulfill the objectives we believe in was seen, so we decided on this project,” she said.

4H Parish manager for St Catherine Elaine Campbell told **Rural Xpress** that the presentation of the stove was

timely because it came at a time when the 4H Club was focusing on home economics training.

“We will be rolling out our home economics and agricultural training initiative aimed at shaping the environment and encouraging healthy lifestyles throughout Jamaica next month.”

Campbell explained that the stove would help the Linstead training centre in its cake-baking and decorating courses, as well as other culinary arts. “We have been trying to initiate this programme in the parish for a while, but we could not because we didn’t have a stove,” the 4H

parish manager further stated. She pointed out that JNBS, under then manager of the Linstead branch Jennifer Clarke Twiddle recognised the need and decided to assist.

“We are not just looking at the youths but their parents as well in an effort to stem unemployment among this group,” Campbell said. She sees the project as value-added and one that does not represent a shift from the main objective of agricultural development, which the 4H Club has espoused from its inception.

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