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## PRESS RELEASE

### **OAS delivers OWA donation to ChildFund Caribbean**

Roseau, 8 July 2011

On behalf of the Organization of Women of the Americas (OWA), the Dominica Office of the Organization of American States (OAS) delivered a donation of XCD\$13,500 to ChildFund Caribbean on July 6<sup>th</sup> to help finance their Roving Caregivers Program (RCP), an early childhood education program focused on 'at risk' families and their children, birth to three years old, in the parish of St. David, Dominica.



The donation was handed over to Mr. Mario Lima, Director of Child Fund Caribbean and Ms. Gelina Fontaine Program Manager by the OAS Representative in Dominica, Mr. Michael Bejos and the Director of Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Sonia Magloire-Akpa on behalf of the Permanent Mission of Dominica to the OAS.

The OWA's donation was raised with the help of the Permanent Mission of Dominica to the OAS, headed by His Excellency Mr. Hubert Charles, and will be used by ChildFund Caribbean to deliver



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the parent education component of the Roving Caregivers Program (RCP) which is aimed at enhancing parenting knowledge and behavior, and promoting appropriate child rearing practices. This component will carry out activities such as toy making/educational material production workshops for parents in project communities and the funds will be used to cover the cost of organizing these activities and purchasing materials and supplies for the production of the toys and educational aids which the parents will use in home stimulation interactions with their children.

The OWA, a non-profit, charitable organization was founded in 1997. Its members comprise Lady Ambassadors who are permanent members of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the wives of Ambassadors, Permanent Observers and Alternate Representatives (permanent Members and Observers) to the OAS.

The principal objectives of the OWA are: to sensitize the needs and problems of women and children from the different countries of Latin America and the Caribbean; to strengthen the close ties between member countries of the OAS; and to organize and promote cultural and social fund-raising activities and help address the needs of charities/organizations and programs that provide support to women and children in this region of the world.

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