## VRCA's Donation to the Integrity Children's Fund



We are the Vinyl Record Collectors Association Inc., VRCA, an organisation primarily dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of classic vinyl recordings, but also carrying out a "social commitment to charitable causes, primarily those related to education and music".

The VRCA has had a long and distinguished history of giving to needy institutions of learning in Jamaica. Pursuant to this historical tradition, it was with pride that we the membership of VRCA, through our president, Michael "Louis" Owens, made a donation of US\$2,000.00 (Ja\$126,740) to the Integrity Children's Fund, the ICF, in Atlanta, Georgia on December 2, 2018.

While there are several such worthy charitable organisations, the choice of the ICF was easy to make in that it has a long and well established dedication to young lives in Jamaica. Founded in 2002 by an illustrious group of Jamaicans, the ICF has a stated aim of responding to "the problem of the relatively high illiteracy rate among Jamaican teenagers". This makes for a natural alignment with a major part of our goals, and hence the choice.

In their thank-you letter, ICF president, Karl Chambers stated "Your donation has allowed us to commence supporting the Maranatha Basic School in the inner-city community of Waterhouse, with effect from January 1st of this year...", which should give us all a very comforting feel.