Sky is the Limit supports 911 Band, local musician

PHILIPSBURG--The Sky is the Limit Foundation continued its community efforts with donations to the 911 Police Band and local musician Glenroy "Shadow Man" Richardson on Thursday.

Foundation President Maria Buncamper-Molanus said the Foundation was always happy to support the community.

The US $2,675 donated to Richardson, also known as "Addie," will assist the musician to continue with the production of his Compact Disc (CD) "Best of Me" in Trinidad. Richardson said he would be producing three more tracks for the double CD and will be producing a video to go on Tempo, a station that airs mostly Caribbean music and features musicians from the region.

"Music is my life," he said shortly after accepting the cheque. "This is all I've been doing since I was nine years old and I want to continue my CD so that everyone will be able to enjoy it."

Representing the Police 911 Band, Ademar Doran said the US $700 donation would help the band to travel to Aruba to provide entertainment during several events. He said the band had been invited to Aruba for five performances and had held a few fundraising activities, but had been unable to raise enough funds to go. He said the assistance of the foundation would help the entire group of 10 members to go.

The band leaves this weekend.

"We will try our best to make it a memorable event and we will be sure to bring back memories," Doran told Buncamper-Molanus while accepting the cheque.

Chris was a wakeup call, says Richards

PHILIPSBURG--The passing of Tropical Storm Chris north of the island last week served as a wakeup call for residents who aren't prepared for the hurricane season, Lt. Governor Franklyn Richards said Thursday.

It was also a good exercise for those who heeded the call to prepare from the Emergency Operations Centre & Office of Disaster Management and Preparedness, he added. "The community should not be lulled into a false sense of security, as history has taught us and others in the Caribbean that a hurricane can still threaten this season. Everyone should continue to monitor weather reports in order to take quick action to finalize preparations when asked to do so," he said.

Under the theme "Prepare Early: Better Safe than Sorry," the Office of Disaster Management and Preparedness urges residents to learn the location of public shelters, determine how safe their areas are, inquire about flooding of low-lying areas, devise a hurricane preparedness plan and decide from the onset where they will go.