

# CAYMAN COMMUNITY FARM

## BACKGROUND & HISTORY

In or around March 2021 Police Constable Fabian O' Connor felt there was a need to grow and supply vegetables and fruit to the underprivileged at no cost. He was of the firm belief in establishing a strong relationship between the RCIP and the public. Subsequently he approached his employer the Royal Cayman Islands Police whose charity segment, The Community Policing Department took up the cause. He quickly identified a suitable location and met the owner Mrs. Barbara Jackson who agreed a tenancy agreement of five years on a derelict building and two acres of fertile land.



Whilst commencing the operation Fabian met several business people who immediately supported the cause and who now sit on the Executive Board. Subsequently it was felt that Cayman Community Farm would be more successful under the guise of a charity and thus it was formed as a division of Cayman Community Support Service under The Non-Profit Organization ("NPO") Law. These persons supplied some of the initial hardware, labour and transportation. In addition, Fabian reached out to many contractors and retail businesses to donate their products or provide labour. The result was truly amazing, and these donations continue to flow in to this day.

## FARM SUPPORT

Contractors continue to assist with free products or at a large discount. A local farmer has also offered assistance in 2023. Funds are required and several businesses have offered to make donations. The government has also been supportive, but the Farm anticipates larger support in future following a planned visit from the Premier. The Farm recognizes and thanks the Cayman Garden Club for their offers of assistance in going forward.



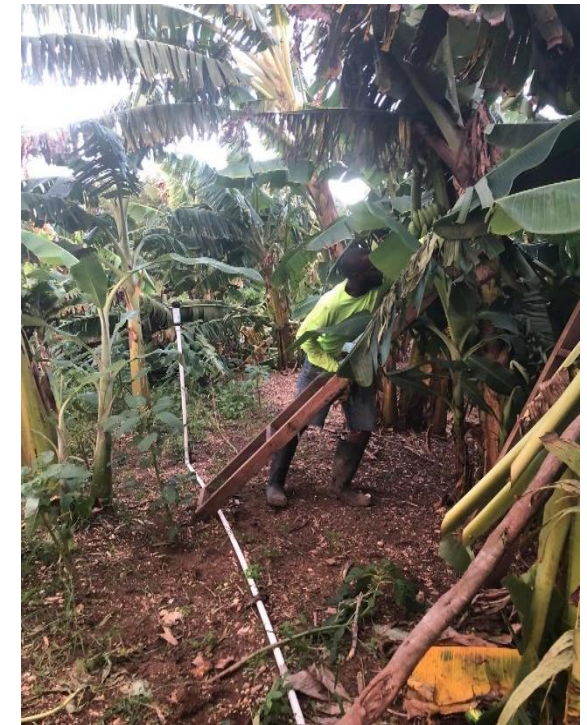
## FUTURE OBJECTIVES

The first operational period largely encompassed clearing and cultivating the land which turned out to be very successful. Whilst there are future plans to add goats and chickens to the existing produce there are capital improvements required. This includes several hundred feet of fencing, the need for guttering on the house to enable water storing tanks to supplement water from the water lens, external cellular lighting and pots and potting tables. In addition, the house needs external repairs and internal improvements. The property is in need of a sign which we hope will be undertaken by the Rotaract Club.

## OBJECTIVES

Cayman Community Farm recognizes that in the current financial climate not everyone is employed or able to be employed thereby such persons rely heavily on government handouts or assistance from family members and neighbors. The objective is to grow vegetables and fruit on every viable section of the property and donate the produce to the needy. Some land can be cultivated for vegetables up to four times a year whilst various fruit trees such as mango will take several years before bearing fruit.

The current crops that are being cultivated include: Bananas, Tomatoes, Oranges, Limes, Scotch bonnet peppers, Sweet peppers, Coconuts, Eggplant, Cucumber, Mint, French Thyme, Bok Choi, Sugar Cane, Callaloo, Sorrel, Pumpkin, Watermelon, Okra, Spinach, Lettuce, Lemon or Fever Grass.



## EDUCATION

A by-product of the above is that of education. A segment of the land will be devoted to educating school children where Fabian will teach pupils of local schools the benefit of farming and its inter-reaction with nature. Included in this sectional will be those plants that have been used for many years in the Cayman Islands for medicinal purposes.



## DONORS

Donations are welcome in cash or in kind. For the latter please contact Franz Reich or me (details hereunder). For monetary donations please make cheques payable to Cayman Community Support Services or wire transfer as follows:

BENEFICIARY NAME: CAYMAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

BENEFICIARY ADDRESS: PO BOX 2013, GRAND CAYMAN KY1-1105, CAYMAN ISLANDS

BENEFICIARY ACCT NO. 10112951

TYPE OF ACCT: KYD CHEQUING

BANK: PROVEN BANK

DONATION FROM:

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

### Committee Members

#### Controller

Chris Johnson Accountant

#### Members

James Bovell Realtor

Ben Eagleson Lawyer

Peter Kandiah Businessman and retired lawyer



### Management

Fabian O'Connor who is well known to residents and tourists alike due to his work as a traffic Police Constable and charity work is the part time farm manager. He was born in Jamaica and from the age of ten he assisted his parents on a farm: hence his deep understanding of the cultivation of plants and their relationship with nature. These efforts provided funds to meet the costs of his education.

### Franz Reich

Franz is a chef and maître de by profession and brings a wealth of knowledge to the table. He has worked in Cayman for approximately 20 years. His companion, Ana Manfe has also offered to help.

### Employees

One employee is employed and casual labour is used from time to time, often pro bono.

### Constitution and the Law

Cayman Farms is a division of a charity formed under The Non-Profit Organization ("NPO") Law with a certificate of registration.

The charity is governed by the law and its Rules and Byelaws. Copies can be supplied upon request.