

## QUEEN OF CARNIVAL 2025 DELEGATES HOST SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY SUNSHINE HOME FOR GIRLS



(Queen of Carnival 2025 Food Drive) Video Content: <u>https://we.tl/t-ThXPbE61BV</u>

**ST. JOHN'S, (July 5, 2025)** – The Queen of Carnival 2025 delegates, fondly known as the Celestial Five, embarked on a heartfelt mission today, hosting a community food drive to benefit The Salvation Army Sunshine Home for Girls.

While the Sunshine Home has served as a pillar of support for young girls over the years, it is often overlooked because of the misconception that their needs are always met. Recognizing this, the Celestial Five decided to do something different this Carnival season, giving back to the girls who call the Sunshine Home their refuge.

Throughout the day, the delegates visited three key locations across four supermarkets to collect dry goods and essential food items from generous shoppers and supporters:

- First Stop: Between Price Choppers and Cost Pro, Woods Mall
- Second Stop: Epicurean Supermarket
- Final Stop: First Choice Supermarket

A substantial quantity of dry goods, including rice, pasta, cereals, oatmeal, and other non-perishable staples, were collected during the drive. Each delegate expressed how rewarding it was to see the community respond so positively to their call for support.

The food donations will be formally presented to The Salvation Army Sunshine Home for Girls on July 12, 2025, marking the culmination of this charitable effort.

The Celestial Five are: **Kia Kirwan** – Miss ACB Caribbean, **Kaaliyha Guiste** – Miss Antigua Masonry Products, **Danijha Simon** – Miss Furniture Gallery, **Abigail Piper** – Miss Board Walk Casino, and **Asheila Pluck** – Miss Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority.

In reflecting on the day's success, the young women shared their joy in knowing they were able to make a tangible difference. "It was so inspiring to see people come forward to help," one delegate noted. "We can't wait to deliver everything to the Sunshine Home next week."

This year's Queen of Carnival Show is themed "**Celestial: Illuminate. Inspire. Reign**.", reflecting the grace, passion, and purpose that each delegate has brought to the competition and their community outreach efforts.

The highly anticipated event takes place on July 20, 2025, at 8:00 PM sharp at ARG, Carnival City.

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