



# Former stars for hurricane relief match

SAGICOR and the University of the West Indies (UWI) will be teaming up with a cast of West Indies cricket celebrities for a benefit match in aid of hurricane-hit Caribbean islands.

The "T20 Cricket Hurricane Irma/Maria Relief Benefit", featuring cricket legends Sir Curtly Ambrose and Sir Richie Richardson, will take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday at the 3Ws Oval, UWI Cave Hill Campus and will see a Prime Ministers' XI taking on a Sagicor-UWI Icons XI.

Entrance to the match is free and patrons are

**ALWAYS A FAVOURITE:** Former West Indies pacer Sir Curtly Ambrose also played in the hurricane relief charity match at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, in October.

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being invited to make monetary donations towards the relief effort.

The Sagicor Group set the tone for the fund-raiser during a press conference held at the Usain Bolt Sports Complex, UWI, Cave Hill, pledging US\$100,000 towards the benefit, and inviting other corporate entities and the general public to follow suit with financial contributions of their own.

Speaking at the press conference, Sagicor Life Inc. assistant vice-president, Marketing, Carolyn Shepherd said the benefit match which will be live-streamed via [www.uwitv.org](http://www.uwitv.org) and broadcast regionally with sponsorship from FLOW Sports, was an appeal to everyone in the Caribbean to support the cause.

Shepherd said the Sagicor family had al-

ready made significant tangible contributions to the hurricane relief effort totalling over US\$80,000 and called on the private sector, including Sagicor's overseas partners with technical expertise, to support the upcoming benefit match.

"Today, ladies and gentlemen, the Sagicor Group is proud to pledge US\$100,000 towards this Celebrity T20 Cricket Hurricane Relief Benefit; an event we hope that other corporate entities and the general public will attend, and also support with financial contributions."

Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies Sir Hilary Beckles has confirmed his participation in the benefit, joining Sir Curtly Ambrose, Fidel Edwards, Sulieman Benn, Dwayne Smith, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Tino Best, Ian Bradshaw, Daren Ganga, Franklyn Rose, Vasbert Drakes

and several other famous personalities who have confirmed their participation.

Jamaican sprint sensation Yohan Blake and Dominica-born former English cricketer Phillip DeFreitas will also take the field, along with a selection of UWI students.

Sir Hilary said the event was consistent with the long tradition of members of the Caribbean community coming together to take responsibility for each other in circumstances of adversity.

"This event is designed and conceptualised to let our communities in Dominica and Antigua and Barbuda, St Kitts and Anguilla know that we are thinking of them. This is a moment of healing because the Caribbean community is coming together to send messages of solidarity and what binds us together in the area of culture is the sport of cricket," he added.

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