INVITATION TO SUPPORT the DAP “PARTNERSHIP” PROGRAM IN GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

The Disaster Assistance Partnerships, DAP, (an IFHE Council Committee) with particular support of the International Home Economics Services, Inc., initiated phase one of the Aishalton Secondary School Home Economics project in the Rupununi Region 9 District of Guyana in 2021, purchasing some large equipment in cooperation with the Ministry of Education. Aishalton is an indigenous village in the Amazon Savannah at the very remote southern end of the country. It is not accessible by car and heavy delivery trucks take more than 26 hours to transverse the difficult terrain from Georgetown. Small plane travel is the only reasonable option for people to get there. Aishalton is most eager to teach Home Economics life skills to Secondary students. They have a trained teacher, Ms. Vickey Smith and a supportive school and community.

DAP hopes to provide teaching materials, more equipment and needed supplies: Large items like kettles, pots, pans, stand mixers, pressure cooker/canners, sewing machines, bottle gas cooking stove, dishes and table services; moderately expensive, such as a blender, meat grinder, tea and coffee pots, chopping boards, table linens, towels, can openers, baking and food processing equipment, etc; fabric, sewing tools, notions and equipment, fabric paints and dyes, hand work/craft instructions and materials; and smaller things like tongs, pastry brushes, grater, peelers, colander, measuring spoons and cups, etc. Some items have been donated and will be shipped from our storage facility in Arkansas. Other items will need to be purchased locally in Guyana. The first shipment will be sent soon and will include some materials Ms. Marlyn Davis, Home Economics Supervisor at the Guyana Ministry of Education, will share with other similar home economics programs signifying an expansion of the DAP PARTNERSHIP PROJECT. There is significant similar need in other remote villages. The amount of assistance DAP can give will depend on the support from our PARTNERS.

Classes at Aishalton Secondary School

You are invited to participate by making a contribution to the Guyana Project

- **DONATE** gently used/repurposed items to sell at a “DAP Sales Tables” at conferences. (AAFCS-Orlando, IFHE-Atlanta: Bring or send items with someone going. Volunteer to help at Sales Table. Check location at registration.

- **DONATE MONEY:** Purchase items at Sales Tables or give donation at Sales Table. Some sessions may also ask specifically for donations. Follow directions at event.

- **DONATE REMOTELY:** Send check to DAP Finance Partner, IFHE-US, c/o Luann Boyer, 22500 Co. Rd. 21, Ft. Morgan, CO 80701. Make CHECKS to: DAP PARTNERSHIPS/IFHE-US

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