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Operation Shoebox, an initiative by staff of the St Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC) continues this year to the benefit of more students and schools.

This is the second year of Operation Shoebox, where LUCELEC employees donate school supplies for distribution to schools around the island.

The LUCELEC Club is spearheading this year's initiative, partnering with Courts St Lucia in the campaign that was conceptualized by LUCELEC Human Resources Assistant Kedia Daniel. She says Operation Shoebox is a demonstration of "Caring", one of the company's four Core Values and part of its tagline "The Power of Caring".

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In addition to donating the school supplies and cash, staff members also assemble and distribute them.

Last year, thirty-four (34) students from six schools benefitted from Operation Shoebox. In 2015, the number of children who will benefit from the initiative has increased to seventy-two (72). A total of sixty-seven (67) packages will be delivered in addition to the payment of facilities fees for five students at the Millet Infant School.

The benefitting schools include Au Leon Combined, Ti Rocher (Micoud) Combined, Laborie Boys Primary, Mongouge Combined, La Croix Maingot Combined, Micoud RC Combined, Mon Repos Combined, Laborie Girls Primary and Millet Infant School.

LUCELEC Club President Antonius Haynes says the schools were chosen following consultation with the Ministry of Education.

"The Ministry of Education recommended a number of schools most in need of assistance from which we chose eight. The list includes the La Croix Maingot Combined and Millet Infant because of these schools proximity to our power station in Cul-de-Sac," he says.

The shoeboxes were distributed on Thursday September 17 and Friday September 18, 2015.

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