

Scotiabank Bright Future donates \$3.6M to Charitable Causes

Georgetown, April 9, 2014 – Scotiabankers in Guyana received over \$3.6M as a reward for their 2013 volunteering efforts under the Bank's Bright Future Programme, which they are happily donating to their favourite charities.

The Robb Street branch staff raised \$1.2M last October at their annual cake sale in aid of cancer awareness and prevention programmes and received matching funds (\$1.2M) from the Banks Bright Future programme. The two beneficiaries are the Avon Community Help Fund and The Periwinkle Club.

The Scotiabank Bright Future International Philanthropy Awards, which are internal to the Bank, are announced at the end of the year and the winners and runners up of the various categories receive cash donations to their preferred charities as the prize. Guyana has performed well over the years at these awards and last year, won some \$1.2M for local charities. The beneficiaries are:

- Bartica Lions Club
- Joshua House
- St. John's Boscoe Orphanage
- Guyana Red Cross Children's Convalescent Home
- West Demerara Lions Club
- Alpha Children's Home
- Cancer Society Berbice Chapter
- Friend's Primary School
- Children of Promise Eden Orphanage
- Betsy Ground Primary School
- Uncle Eddie's Home
- Ruimveldt Children's Home
- Guyana Relief Council
- Ptolemy Reid Rehabilitation Centre
- Kairuni Women's Group

Some of the charities in Georgetown are receiving their cheques today while those out of town will receive theirs in separate presentations by the branches.

Since 2009, Scotiabank has been rewarding its employees for giving back to the community through its Bright Future programme, a corporate giving initiative that channels funds and employee volunteer hours towards initiatives that benefit children and the under-privileged generally. Apart from the monetary awards and matching funds, employees can apply for funding for charitable projects. Some of the major beneficiaries under the latter initiative are Childlink (US\$8,500.00); Step by Step Foundation (US\$30,000); Habitat for Humanity Guyana (US\$30,000).

About Scotiabank

Scotiabank is committed to supporting communities, both in Canada and abroad, through its global philanthropic programme, 'Bright Future.' Recognized as a leader internationally and among Canadian corporations for its charitable donations and philanthropic activities, Scotiabank has provided on average approximately CDN\$47 million annually to community causes around the world over each of the last five years. Learn more at www.scotiabank.com.

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