



## **Scotiabank, Habitat for Humanity Guyana, and Courts partner to assist domestic violence abuse victim**

**Georgetown, April 9, 2014** – Scotiabank, Habitat for Humanity Guyana (Habitat Guyana), and Courts today announced a tri-corporate partnership to assist in the home repairs for recent domestic violence abuse victim, Tamika Miller-Patterson.

Patterson, a mother of one, was recently stabbed over two dozen times by her now dead husband. Her home, located on the West Coast Demerara, is in dire need of repairs. The organizations are partnering to repair the floors and kitchen cupboards in addition to constructing a sanitary block. Scotiabank and Courts will finance the repairs while Habitat Guyana will provide the technical skills to execute the repairs.

To date, Scotiabank has assisted the family through the provision of counseling for Patterson's daughter, through a relationship with Childlink, and also providing financial support to enable her transport to and from school on the West Coast. Patterson is presently residing with an aunt in Georgetown until the home repairs are completed. The bank's support for the Patterson family is being done through the Scotiabank Global Bright Future Programme.

### 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](http://www.scotiabank.com).

### About Habitat for Humanity Guyana Inc.

Beginning its work since 1994 following an invitation from then President Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Habitat for Humanity Guyana was officially registered in Guyana in 1995. Since then the organization has supported over 3000 families within the country's ten administrative regions, through partnership with affiliates, home partners, volunteers, and sponsors to build simple, decent and affordable housing for low income earners. Also, the organization has undertaken home repairs, rehabilitation works, and assisted in accessing secure tenure.

With a new program direction added focus will be placed on community development, disaster risk reduction, and social action and awareness. Via resource centres the organization seeks to make a stronger impact on communities through training, mobilization, and planning of various community driven projects. Learn more at [www.habitat.org.gy](http://www.habitat.org.gy).

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## About Courts Guyana

Courts Guyana Inc. for the past twenty years has been the leading furniture and appliance store in Guyana. Courts has made the acquisition of quality and brand name furniture and appliances possible for many Guyanese through our hire purchase facilities and great prices. We are pleased that we could still be here after all these years offering great service and products and as such we must thank the Guyanese public for their unwavering support and commitment to Courts which has now become a household brand.

As the leading household brand in Guyana we are committed to the empowerment of individuals and strengthen of families and communities. Through our Corporate Social Responsibility arm we contribute to personal and community development. In recent times we have contributed to Community Development through:

- Construction of Play Parks in various communities
- Support of Mahaica's Children Home
- Support of Alpha Children's Home

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