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Scotiabank supports Rotary Club of Barbados West's Dyslexia Programme.

For some children, even though they are provided with a good level of direct instruction and teaching, they may continue to find the process of learning to read far more challenging than their peers. These children may have a specific learning disorder - Dyslexia - that affects their reading development.

Scotiabank, through the Rotary Club of Barbados West's Dyslexia Programme, is supporting children with dyslexia. The Programme is partnership between the Rotary Club and the Caribbean Dyslexia Association and Centre. Proceeds of the Rotary Club's Charity Polo Match, of which Scotiabank was the main sponsor, went towards the Programme. Scotiabank has further supplemented its support with a donation of \$21,000 directly to the Programme.

At the Caribbean Dyslexia Association and Centre, students receive personalised tutoring, access assistive technologies and engage in activities designed to enhance their learning experience. Scotiabank's donation is supporting tuition for 15 students and as well as training for 4 teachers who will be able to help students now and in the future.

Gregory Hazzard, President, Rotary Club of Barbados West commented " The Rotary Club of Barbados West is pleased to collaborate with Scotiabank in support of the Caribbean Dyslexia Association and Centre. Scotiabank has long been one of Rotary Club West's strongest partners and we are very appreciative of the level of support they have provided our Club which directly impacts our community service initiatives. Through the unwavering support of the Rotary Club of Barbados West and Scotiabank, the Caribbean Dyslexia Association and Centre is empowered to continue its vital work in transforming the lives of dyslexic children. The Centre continues to foster a brighter, more inclusive future for Barbadian children, where every learner has the opportunity to thrive."

Suzette Armoogam - Shah, Country Head and Managing Director, Scotiabank Barbados commented "We believe all children should be afforded the same opportunities are committed to promoting inclusion. The assistance provided to the Centre's students helps them to not only learn but also build confidence and reach their full potential. We are proud to support the students at the Centre and our DiversAbility Employee Resource Group, which is focused on championing a culture of inclusion and accessibility, will be exploring ways to provide further assistance through volunteerism."

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Trecia Brown - Dyslexia Centre Manager and Lynette Brooks of Scotiabank's DiversAbility Employee Resource Group review some of the learning materials used at the Centre.



(L-R): Rotary Yvonne Spencer - Founder of the Dyslexia Centre, Trecia Brown - Dyslexia Centre Manager, Lynette Brooks and Ryan Herbert of Scotiabank's DiversAbility Employee Resource Group and Gregory Hazzard - President, Rotary Club of Barbados west with a student of the Centre - Keshanna Edwards.

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