

MEDIA RELEASE



Scotiabank donates to the HIV/AIDS Food Bank



From left: Steven Smith, Branch Manager; Keri Gittens, Teller; Djuana Applewhite, Teller & Chairperson of the Employee Action Committee; Joy Blackett, Representative of the Aids Society; and Tara Thomas, Relationship Officer.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, December 29, 2011 – For over 10 years, Scotiabank has been committed to fulfill the mandate of the Aids Society of Barbados, and just in time for Christmas, employees of the Broad Street branch donated two hampers of non perishables and toiletries to the HIV/AIDS Food Bank.

To commemorate World Aids Day, the Employee Action Team of Broad Street, led by Chairperson Djuana Applewhite, started collecting donations from staff on December 1st. The Employee Action Team, consisting of nine members from different departments within the Broad Street branch, is commissioned to build staff morale, give back to the community, solicit feedback, ideas and suggestions within the branch, and act as a liaison with management regarding employee and customer issues.

Djuana was pleased with the number of donations, stating that they are at the same level as in previous years: “We adopted this cause a few years ago, and are committed to a long term relationship with the Aids Society. The number of donations in this challenging economic environment is testimony that we are dedicated to this cause... thanks to staff and those customers who contributed for making this possible.”

Vice President of the Aids Society, Laura Rudder, was delighted with this year’s donation stating: “We are always appreciative when the private sector remembers the Aids Society, and takes the time to come together and make a difference in the lives of those affected by the HIV/ AIDS virus. Scotiabank has been a long standing friend and partner of the Society, and we would like to thank them for another generous donation!” If you would like to make a donation to the Aids Society, visit any branch of Scotiabank and make a deposit to the HIV/AIDS Food Bank Fund, Account Number 10910637.

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