

Nearly half a million dollars donated to local charities

(Hamilton, Bermuda, 15 November 2005) Seven local charities received significant donations from Bank of Bermuda Foundation in the second and third quarters of 2005, totalling nearly half a million dollars. The individual donations of \$25,000.00 and above were in support of significant community projects that offer long-term benefits to the island.

Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association (BASA)

Committed to providing community swimming through aquatics programmes that benefit all segments of our community, BASA has introduced the “Pools for Schools” programme, a programme offering free pool time at the BASA pool for Bermuda’s school children. All of our children now have the opportunity to learn and develop their basic swimming skills in the safety of a supervised and structured environment.

Bermuda Council for Drug-free Sport

Sports play an important role in the overall development of our community, particularly our young people. Through educational training, conferences, workshops and public awareness programmes the Bermuda Council for Drug-free Sport is able to continue to promote and educate the Bermuda community on the importance of healthy and drug free sports on our island.

The Bermuda Audubon Society

We all need to learn about and appreciate the importance of our environment and ensure that it is preserved for future generations. The documentary film, Bermuda’s Treasure Island Restored, tells the story of Bermuda’s Nonsuch Island, portraying the story of how conservationist Dr.

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David Wingate saved our Cahow, Bermuda's only endemic seabird, from extinction. This film will help to educate the Bermuda community on the vital importance of the protection and conservation of our island's natural habitat.

The Bermuda Regiment Charitable Trust

Last month, The Bermuda Regiment Charitable Trust hosted the spectacular Bermuda Tattoo in the Keep Yard at the Royal Naval Dockyard. Our Bermuda Regiment Band, the Island Pipe Band and the Bermuda National Gombey Troupe proudly represented Bermuda's rich cultural diversity at the event and along with visiting bands, entertained thousands of spectators during a dazzling musical military display.

Prison Fellowship Bermuda

The incarceration of individuals can cause extreme stress for the families and children of the offenders. The Family Fellowship Programme will provide regular and ongoing support to the families of those incarcerated, helping them to consolidate and cement their family relationships so that they are able to endure the stress and maintain a healthy progressive home environment.

Warwick Academy

On-going development and training for teachers is a vital requirement in the success of the educational development of our young people. Warwick Academy continues to provide development, training and appraisal initiatives for their staff that assist them in providing their students with a quality education.

YouthNet

Today, young people and their families are faced with a variety of social pressures and challenges that can result in negative behaviour and poor life choices. YouthNet, a school based

mentoring programme provides our young people with positive role models that can help to shape a young person's values, build their self confidence, teach them the value of education and help them to make positive lifestyle choices. YouthNet already provides successful mentoring relationships for over 300 students island wide and continues to expand their mentoring services to accommodate the increasing demand for mentoring relationships for our school age children.

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Notes to Editors:

- Bank of Bermuda Foundation helps charities that support the community and people, preserve our local heritage, culture and environment, and help develop the youth of Bermuda. It also offers several scholarships. Established in 2000, the Foundation incorporates the Centennial Trust, Charitable Trust, and Educational Trust, which were established by Bank of Bermuda to support the community in Bermuda.
- Since 1989, more than \$25.4 million has been donated to charitable Bermudian organisations.
- Applications can be made to Bank of Bermuda Foundation throughout the year on behalf of charitable organisations. Guidelines about what information is needed and who to send it to can be found in the Bank of Bermuda Foundation brochure, which can be picked up from all Bank of Bermuda branches, or by visiting the Bank of Bermuda website at: www.bankofbermuda.bm