



## **Bank of Bermuda Foundation makes significant contribution to Salvation Army**

**(Hamilton, Bermuda, 24 January 2006)** Bank of Bermuda Foundation announcing today it has made a sizable donation to the Salvation Army, which will be used to support the Harbour Lights and Life Skills programmes. Bank of Bermuda Foundation recognises the importance of these programmes, which help to rehabilitate and reintegrate drug addicts back into the community as productive citizens.

“Drugs continue to have a devastating impact on our community and it only takes a quick glance in the newspapers to show the impact drugs are having on our community on a daily basis, affecting all of us,” explained David Lang, Director and Secretary of the Bank of Bermuda Foundation. “We are aware of the challenges the Salvation Army faces in funding and hope our contribution can ensure the continuance of these vital programmes.”

The programmes, which have been in operation for the past 30 years, have been successful in turning lives around and supporting drug abusers as they break the cycle of addiction. Not only is the issue of substance abuse tackled but the Life Skills programme helps recovering drug addicts find part time work, teaches them to budget their finances and resolve any ongoing family issues.

In receiving the donation, Major Lindsay Rowe, Divisional Commander for the Salvation Army, expressed appreciation to the Foundation and pointed out that the Salvation Army is hard pressed to find funds to keep these valuable programmes in operation.

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Major Lindsay Rowe adding, “The demand for residential treatment programmes is increasing and Harbour Lights has an excellent track record of returning clients to meaningful and productive lives in the community. The two-fold approach of not only changing the addictive behaviour but providing life-skills counselling and job training at the re-entry level within a supportive community has ensured the ongoing effectiveness of these programmes.”

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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](http://www.bankofbermuda.bm)