



Bank of Bermuda Foundation donates nearly \$700,000 to local charities

(Hamilton, Bermuda, 29 November 2007) Nine local charities and schools that offer long term benefits to Bermuda, received significant donations from the Bank of Bermuda Foundation in the third quarter of 2007, totalling close to seven-hundred thousand dollars. The individual donations of \$20,000 and up were donated to organisations that provide significant services to the people of Bermuda.

Age Concern

Age Concern is Bermuda's only non-profit organisation whose mandate is to provide advocacy, information and education initiatives addressing the issues that affect Bermuda's senior citizens. Age Concern is currently undertaking its Seniors' Test for Aging Trends and Services (STATS) initiative, which individually assesses the needs of every senior in Bermuda with an aim to link seniors to the necessary resources they require. Age Concern also aims to convene forums to identify and address service gaps, provide reports to service providers and offer technical assistance to fill these gaps in the market.

Bermuda Institute

Bermuda Institute is a private school owned and operated by the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. As part of an on-going initiative to provide students with the best and most progressive learning equipment and to ensure that students move beyond just computer literacy and proficiency, Bermuda Institute is looking to expand their technology offering. Presently there are two computer labs and donated funds will be used to purchase 72 new computers for both the high school and primary classrooms to allow students to be more responsible for their learning and progression.

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Bermuda Island Games Association

The Bermuda Island Games Association works within the community to provide an opportunity for Bermuda's athletes to compete in an international arena. One of the primary objectives of the Bermuda Island Games Association is to encourage the community to participate in sport and to assist in the organisation of sporting events. At the 2005 Shetland/Gibraltar Games, 170 athletes from Bermuda participated and most recently at the 2007 Rhodes Games some 225 athletes from Bermuda took part. On-going funding will allow the Association to continue to support local athletes as well as assist them with placing a bid to host the International Island Games in Bermuda in 2013.

Bermuda Maritime Museum

The Bermuda Maritime Museum is committed to exploring and preserving Bermuda's history and heritage. Over the past two years, the Bermuda Maritime Museum has published a series of articles, *Heritage Matters* which they have subsequently printed into a book series. *Heritage Matters, Volume 1* has been extremely well received by the public with copies distributed complimentary to schools, hotels, and groups such as bus drivers, who are closely involved with tourism and heritage. It is with the help of funding and donations that the Bermuda Maritime Museum will publish *Heritage Matters, Volume 2* during Heritage Month in May 2008

Bermuda Union of Teachers - Endicott Teacher Training programme

The Bermuda Union of Teachers undertakes a number of initiatives to provide master degree opportunities, advanced training and professional development offerings to educators so as to better educate Bermuda's youth. The Endicott Teacher Training programme is an initiative organised by the Bermuda Union of Teachers in partnership with Endicott College to offer an on- island Masters Degree programme in Organisational Management. Funding will be used to

provide excellent educators with scholarships to help finance the course. It is hoped this programme will help contribute to a more highly credentialed teaching force in Bermuda.

Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation

The Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation provides a range of year-round art classes for all age groups. In addition to providing classes, it also acts as a not-for-profit organisation working within the community to promote art and artistic opportunities. Through sponsorship and fundraising, the Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation can continue to inspire the community through art and plan to organise the Bank of Bermuda Foundation Fibre Arts Festival, a nine day festival of lectures, exhibits and workshops centred around the art medium of fibre materials.

Raleigh International Bermuda

Raleigh International Bermuda looks to inspire young Bermudians from all backgrounds, with a particular emphasis on young people at risk, to discover their potential by working together with other young people of all nationalities on challenging environmental and community projects around the world. Currently working with nine participants, RIB have just completed a successful expedition in Malaysia and Namibia where participants were taken to remote areas to help transform rural villages. Participants also take part in pre-expedition training for six months and are assisted in developing a plan in moving forward during their next phase of development as productive adults. With the help of sponsorship, Raleigh International Bermuda can continue to offer these programmes to Bermuda's youth and hope to increase participation to 16.

St. George's Foundation

The St. George's Foundation is a heritage-focused organisation whose objective is to support the development of St. George's in a thoughtful and responsible manner, so as to promote the unique heritage and history of the area while balancing the needs of the residential, business and

tourist community. The St. George's Foundation overseas fundraising and fund management for projects launched to preserve the town of St. George—a world heritage site. With the help of funding, the St. George's Foundation aim to build an Upper Exhibit Gallery within the World Heritage Centre, a facility constructed and maintained by the St. George's Foundation which houses historic exhibitions and information along with Bermudian artefacts.

St Peter's Church

St. Peter's Church is Bermuda's oldest church and historical landmark. It is thought to be the oldest Anglican Church that is still in use in the western hemisphere. As St Peter's Church is over 400 years old, funds will be used to renew and upgrade the electrical, fire protection, alarm system and new lighting protection for St Peter's Church to ensure its continued use as a place of worship and as a place of interest for visitors to the St. Georges.

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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 \$36.8 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.com