

## **RBC & RBTT Reward Employee Volunteerism**

**Port-of-Spain, May 24, 2010.** RBC and RBTT have rewarded employees committed to improving their communities through volunteer work.

The Community Spirit Award and Day of Service Awards were launched in April to recognize employees and teams who make a difference in their communities.

Across RBC and RBTT, 54 employees received Community Spirit Awards which includes grants for their favourite charities. The new awards honour individual employees who give of their time, energy and expertise to improve the quality of life in their communities. Among those who were honoured for exemplifying the spirit of community service were the following RBTT employees:

- Antoinette Glasgow-Figaro (Trinidad & Tobago) – for volunteer work with the Voice Of One – Overcomers Club, which is devoted to capacity building among young people;
- Nera Narine (Trinidad and Tobago) – volunteer tutor with Adult Literacy Tutors Association;
- Donald Tomlinson (Jamaica) – volunteer Treasurer with White Water Meadows Citizen's Association, a community welfare group;
- Rohan Tomlinson (Jamaica) - volunteer with The Mustard Seed Communities, Jerusalem, a children's home for abandoned, molested and orphaned children

In recognition of their service, RBC will donate CAD\$1,000 to each winner's charity of choice. Each of the four RBC Community Spirit Award recipients were also presented with certificates in honour of their achievement and applauded by Suresh Sookoo, RBTT Group CEO.

"Across the region, we are faced with socio-economic challenges that require not just State or other structured intervention, but simply, community service by enough people who care and who are committed to helping others," Sookoo said.

"Congratulations to all of our award recipients for their distinguished service. I know there are many more employees making similar contributions and I recognise these efforts and encourage you to continue your good work."

In addition to the Spirit Award, RBC and RBTT will also launch **Dollars for Doers**, an Employee Volunteer Programme to provide registered, eligible charities with a CAD\$500 grant in support of RBTT employees who volunteer a minimum of 40 hours a year with their charity of choice.

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