

RBTT gives support to NGOs

Port-of-Spain, January 28, 2011. Eight Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) received a boost from RBTT on January 26, 2011 when the bank disbursed TT\$30,000 to support the work of NGOs in the national community.

Cheques were presented under Deeds of Covenant to representatives from Goodwill Industries, Blind Welfare Association, Princess Elizabeth Home, National Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Foundation for the Enhancement and Enrichment of Life (FEEL), Trinidad & Tobago Girl Guides' Association, Scout Association of Trinidad & Tobago and Trinidad & Tobago Association for the Hearing Impaired (DRETCHI). The cheque presentations took place at DRETCHI on Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

Mrs. Almarie Jacque, Clinical Director/Coordinator and Acting Executive Officer of the Association for the Hearing Impaired thanked RBTT for its contribution: "DRETCHI, the audiological unit of the Association, is supported by public donations and corporate sponsorships which supplement funds raised by the organization. We are grateful for every contribution received, large and small, as it helps to sustain the programmes offered to hearing impaired citizens" she said.

Mrs. Barbara Alleyne, CEO, Goodwill Industries said: "Private contributions assist us in our mission of equipping the differently-abled with critical life skills, providing them with psychological evaluation and offsetting other operational costs. We wish to commend RBTT for supporting this initiative."

RBTT allocates over \$200,000 annually under Deeds of Covenant to assist NGOs and community-based organizations which provide much needed support to the country's social services.

"We believe we can meaningfully contribute to our communities and help create a better future by focusing our attention on specific areas," said Anna-Maria Kurbanali, Regional Manager, Corporate Responsibility, RBTT Financial Group. "As such, we seek opportunities to support initiatives that target the environment, education, arts & culture, health and sport, in addition to social services."

Last December, RBTT Bank disbursed \$50,000 under Deeds of Covenant to Rape Crisis Society, Trinidad & Tobago Cancer Society, Servol, Trinidad & Tobago National Association for Downs Syndrome and the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Gretchen Camacho-Mohammed, Branch Manager, RBTT Bank Maraval, left, shares the spotlight with representatives of Goodwill Industries, Blind Welfare Association, National Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Foundation for the Enhancement and Enrichment of Life (FEEL), the Girl Guides' Association and the Trinidad & Tobago Association for the Hearing Impaired (DRETCHI), following the presentation of Deeds of Covenant cheques at DRETCHI on Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

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