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RBC Caps off Volunteer Week 2012

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Friday April 27, 2012: On April 21 and 22, hundreds of RBC Royal Bank employee volunteers teamed up with the Trinidad and Tobago Society for the Protection of Animals (TTSPCA) and Nature Seekers, a local CBO based in Matura, to make a difference in the community and the environment in the true spirit of volunteerism.

On Saturday April 21, a team of RBC volunteers, accompanied by company mascot Leo the Lion and led by employee volunteer, Kevin Garcia, visited the Northern branch of the TTSPCA located on Mucurapo Road, St. James. On average, the TTSPCA sees an intake of 12,000 homeless and abandoned dogs and cats annually.

From April 28, the group will regularly assist the TTSPCA with exercising, socialising and feeding the dogs and cats that find temporary refuge at the facility.

"Having seen the number of animals in need, I believe that there is a real opportunity for the RBC volunteer team to advocate for responsible pet ownership," said Garcia.

On the other side of the country, on Sunday April 22, 100 RBC employee volunteers commemorated Earth Day with Nature Seekers to clear harmful debris from Matura beach and make it safer for leatherback turtles that nest there.

When asked about the activity, RBC volunteer Mark Camino, said, "I believe we all had fun and have a sense of accomplishment as we did our little part to help our leatherback friends."

The weekend's hugely successful events followed a week-long road show hosted by RBC Royal Bank branches in Gulf City, Couva, Trinicity, St. James and West Mall to raise awareness and support for the work of non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Volunteerism remains a fundamental part of corporate citizenship and philanthropy at RBC. In their free time, many RBC employees lend their energy and expertise to organisations and

initiatives that affect virtually every aspect of their communities - including health, education, social services, youth, arts and culture, sport and recreation.

Across the organisation, employees who demonstrate outstanding leadership and dedication to their communities may be eligible for the Employee Volunteer Grant, the Community Spirit Award and the RBC Day of Service Grant, which support staff members who volunteer outside of work hours.

RBC rounded out the month of volunteer activity by partnering with the Habitat for Humanity to lay the foundation for a home in Couva.

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The RBC Royal Bank Employee Volunteers at work at Matura Beach



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