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Scotiabank continues COVID-19 community support

- **Over 5,500 persons benefit from food hampers and 1,100 youth with access to online learning.**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact communities, with increased financial strains on families and individuals. Scotiabank has sustained its support for communities with recent donations to NGOs and charities, to help them provide vital supplies and support to those who need it most during this difficult time.

5,510 persons throughout Trinidad and Tobago have recently benefitted from food hampers through the Bank's collaboration with NGOs – Is There Not a Cause (Central, Tobago communities), Kindness Makes a Difference Foundation (South communities), Living Waters Community (POS and environs) and Toco Foundation (East communities).

“So many households have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. We're pleased to work with a few of the charities and community groups that are on the front lines, helping to support those in need” stated Gayle Pazos - SVP and Managing Director, Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago.

“Scotiabank's generosity will bring us one step closer to achieving our mission to eliminate poverty and find opportunities to elude destitution in Trinidad and Tobago. Thank you for your kindness in making a difference to those most in need at this time” commented Kavita Ragbir, Founder/Director, Kindness Makes a Difference Foundation.

Gemma Malchan Benny - Director/Project Manager at Is There Not a Cause (ITNAC) also expressed her NGOs gratitude. “Scotiabank's timely donation towards this initiative will go a long way in making a difference one life at a time. Thank you for partnering with us once again to provide food relief for families in Central and Tobago.”

The Bank has also continued its support for students impacted by the pandemic. “A major change brought about by the pandemic is online schooling. We continue to work with various NGOs and schools to provide computers, laptops and other devices to students” Pazos concluded.

Most recently, through a partnership with the Rotary Club of St. Augustine West, 45 devices were distributed to students at Cunupia Secondary, St Augustine Secondary and Tunapuna Presbyterian Primary. To date, the Bank has helped 1,100 students benefit from online learning.



Food hampers ready for distribution by NGO - Kindness Makes a Difference to communities in South



Rotary Club of St Augustine West recently distributed online devices to school representatives.

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