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### **SCOTIABANK HOSTS KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT**

**NASSAU, BAHAMAS, August 22, 2011** – Scotiabank recently demonstrated their commitment to giving back to children in the community when, for the second consecutive year they hosted 100 children of the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Unit to a well deserved day of love, attention and fun. This day was made possible through a partnership between Scotiabank, The Department of Health and Mario’s Bowling and Entertainment Palace.

Excited by the opportunity to visit the country’s most popular gathering place, the children enjoyed a day of frolic, bowling, arcade games and face painting. During the event, Team Scotia and Mario’s staff overwhelmed this group of children with attention and surprises. The best surprise came at the end of the event when each child in attendance received a Scotiabank Bright Future Kit loaded with essential school supplies.

Ms. Althea Turner-Neilly coordinator of the SCAN unit expressed her gratitude to the management and staff of Scotiabank and Mario’s for hosting the event. “At the SCAN unit our mission is to provide hope and healing after the trauma of abuse, neglect and violence and this mission can only be accomplished with the assistance, support and generosity of companies such as Scotiabank and Mario’s Bowling and Entertainment Palace.” said Turner-Neilly.

Scotiabank has long supported the well-being of communities around the world. The bank has contributed more than \$43 million worldwide to community causes focused on health, education, social services arts and culture. In addition to Scotia bank’s corporate efforts, employees at all levels volunteer their time, skills and money, individually and through teamwork, to support community causes.



Pictured: Team Scotia along with representatives from Mario's Bowling and Entertainment Palace and The Department of Public Health.

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