

Scotiabank Donates \$6,536.46 to the Belize Cancer Society in celebration of International Women's Day



Dr. Alba Mendez Sosa, President, Belize Cancer Society and **Sarah Hobbs**, Dir. Retail Banking, Scotiabank (Belize) Limited

Tuesday, March 10th, 2009; Belize City – Scotiabank today announced a donation of \$6,538.46 to the Belize Cancer Society to support their work in promoting breast cancer awareness in Belize. This donation is part of a regional initiative by Scotiabank to promote women's issues and to celebrate International Women's Day, which took place on March 8, 2009.

“Scotiabank has a long history of supporting the communities in which we live and work,” said Sarah Hobbs, Dir. Retail Banking. “We're proud to present this donation to the Belize Cancer Society in support of the important work they do in Belize to raise awareness of breast cancer – an issue that is important to our employees and our customers.”

The funds will contribute towards helping Belizean children diagnosed with Cancer, specifically in funding transportation and cost of chemotherapy at the Horan Hospital in Merida.

“International Women's Day celebrates the advancement of women around the world and reminds us of the work yet to be done,” said Sylvia Chrominska, Group Head of Global Human Resources and Communications, Scotiabank. “As a global organization where women make up almost 70 per cent of our employees, we take a keen interest in women's issues because these are topics of concern and interest to our employees, our communities and to our customers across the Scotiabank Group.”

Scotiabank's community involvement is also strengthened by the volunteerism and fundraising efforts of employees worldwide that support relevant causes in their communities.

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