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NEWS RELEASE

Scotiabank gives early Christmas gifts to the police and Salvation Army

Kingston: / The Christmas season was officially started this morning when Scotiabank hosted the launch of the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Appeal with a donation of \$450,000 and a gift of new instruments to the Jamaica Constabulary Force Band valued at \$3.3 million.

Mr. William Clarke, President & CEO of Scotiabank handed over 46 pieces of musical instruments to Acting Commissioner of Police Jeneve Bent at the function held at Scotiabank Center, Downtown. He said Scotiabank decided to replace the instruments two years ago, after noticing how old they were, and finding out that some of the instruments were used ones from England given to the Band in 1954.

Mr Clarke also increased the Bank's contribution to the Christmas Kettle from \$360,000 last year to \$450,000. The Kettle Appeal this year is hoping to raise \$7.2 million to prepare more than 3,000 food hampers for families across Kingston and St. Andrew; and provide gifts for prisoners and less fortunate individuals in hospitals, homes for the elderly and children's homes.

Scotiabank has been hosting the annual launch of the Christmas Kettle Appeal since 2002.