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### Leadership Cayman Class Project Benefits the CAYS Foundation

Each year, the Leadership Cayman class takes on a community service project to benefit a not-for-profit organisation. This is a charity based activity that is decided on by a process of an RFP (Request for Proposal). The group picks from those responses, a project for a charitable organisation that can be accomplished in just one day. This year, the class agreed on a project put forward by the Children & Youth Services (CAYS) Foundation, a charity that provides residential care for at-risk youth.

The class project this year was sponsored by **Greenlight Re** and **Ogier** and additional support and the team responsible for the day included Group Organisers, **Dana Arch**, **Barry Bodden** and **Mesha Christian**, and Planning Committee Representatives **Faramarz Romer** and **Pam Abbott**.

The LC class of 2013 had a number of goals to achieve in their project day at the Frances Bodden Girls Home. The 26 participants started work at 8.00 a.m. and by the end of the day they had painted the stairwell and banisters, interior doors, door frames and skirting boards, cleaned the walls, installed lockable cabinets (generously donated by Garrison Industries), installed new patio furniture (sponsored by Ogier), stripped and varnished 12 beds, assembled a trampoline, planted a vegetable garden (with the assistance of volunteers from Department of Agriculture) and built grow box covers to keep out the chickens and iguanas. It was felt that the “grow boxes” would ensure the future supply of vegetation for cooking and consumption. This was a great day and so much was achieved and the residents were left with a beautiful home and a new covered vegetable garden to enjoy.



Ms. Angela Sealey is the General Manager of the Frances Bodden Girls Home and she is supported by 13 members of staff. Ms. Sealey commented *"The staff and residents of Frances Bodden Girls' Home (FBGH) extends thanks and appreciation to the members of the 2013 Leadership Cayman team for their generous giving of their time and organizing a work day at the Home on Saturday May 11, 2013. The group's commitment in painting, providing storage space for our staff, planting crops in our growing boxes and interacting with our residents was greatly appreciated."*

Ms Sealey further added *"FBGH could not do what it does without the generous support of a caring community such as Leadership Cayman. Thanks once again, and the residents were elated with the accomplishment made on Saturday"*

Dana Arch, LC class member and project coordinator stated *"The success of the project day at Frances Bodden Girls' Home was a reflection of the concerted efforts put forward by everyone in the Leadership Cayman class coupled with the kind generosity of the community in support of the project."*

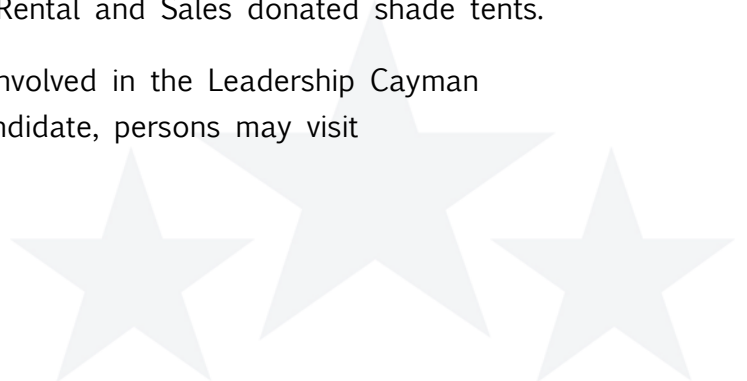
Similar sentiments were expressed by her fellow coordinators **Mesha Christian** and **Barry Bodden**. Ms. Christian highlighted *"It was great to see everything come together on project day at the Frances Bodden Girls' Home. The enthusiasm of the Leadership Cayman class to make it happen and the generosity of the community was overwhelming. Being able to put a smile on the residents face and making an immediate difference was a humbling experience."*

*"With generous donations from the community and a fantastic group of volunteers, we were able to accomplish many projects that will greatly benefit the residents of the Francis Bodden Girls' Home"* added **Barry Bodden**, LC Class member and coordinator.

The Leadership Cayman committee made note of a number of organisations who lent support to the one-day project. Domino's Pizza (Savannah) provided lunch; Smoothie King provided free smoothies during the afternoon break; The Garden Club assisted with preparing the vegetable boxes and the lawn; AL Thompson's Home Depot heavily discounted supplies; and Massive Equipment Rental and Sales donated shade tents.

To learn more about how you can become involved in the Leadership Cayman programme either as a sponsor or future candidate, persons may visit

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**About Leadership Cayman:** The Chamber's Leadership Cayman programme (LC) was developed in answer to a need to ensure men and women of all types of backgrounds could access the information and experience to help them develop as leaders within our community. The six-month programme is designed to allow participants a deeper understanding of social, economic, business and political issues affecting the community, whilst they develop their own personal leadership styles and community spirit. Class members interact with diverse, high-level community leaders and decision makers by organising and attending a series of seminars and retreats in areas ranging from business, government, education, media, social services, criminal justice, immigration, culture and more. A trip to the Sister Islands also introduces the group to some of the unique issues facing Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. Meeting typically every other Wednesday of the month (5:00 – 9:00 p.m.), the LC group forges strong friendships as they take this inspiring journey together.

