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PRESS RELEASE

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LC gives hope to Hope Foundation

Every year Leadership Cayman, as part of their six-month programme, commit to assisting a worthy cause to serve as their Class Project.

Through an application process the group decides on which charity or organisation would most benefit from a one-day power effort from the 18 person leadership team. A particular project is then identified and soon after the work begins! This year's successful application was received from The Hope Foundation who act as a bridge for recovering addicts as they re-enter society and play their part as productive citizens.

Project Leader Lydia Warren stated "Leadership Cayman recognises the value of Hope Foundation's services and contributions to our community, and therefore we were delighted to assist them in their mission."

The following was accomplished by Leadership Cayman on behalf of the Hope Foundation:

- Added roofing insulation, replaced incandescent lighting with fluorescent bulbs, blinds and purchased water heater timers in order to reduce utility costs;
- Outfitted Manager's cottage with shower faucets, a permanent kitchen counter top and screens (including a retractable screen door);
- Removed debris from site, including a derelict car;
- Removed ficus trees, the roots of which were threatening the plumbing of the women's facility;
- Installed shelving to assist with the organization of donation to the Foundation;
- Flower box and a grow box with vegetables to aid in their self sufficiency. Vegetables include carrots, bell peppers, onions, scotch bonnet peppers, tomatoes, amongst others;



- "Opened up" the doghouse so that the dogs would be more inclined to take shelter there during the rain. Previously, it had small windows and the dogs disliked it and instead took shelter elsewhere – usually on the front porch.

Operations Manager Frank "Bud" Volinsky expressed his gratitude through the following statement:

"This extra special thank you note sent to each of you today holds more appreciation than words can ever say. We thank you for your generous spirits and kind hearts and for being there at just the right time in just the right way. It is hard to express the gratitude felt on behalf of the Hope for Today Board, staff, and residents for the wonderful work you accomplished on Saturday the 7th of May. We were overwhelmed when a battalion of volunteers descended upon our campus and in a day's time transformed our environment. Our Halfway House Bridge Program is blessed to have been chosen as your project this year.

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved for their interest and support. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered. We have attached our brochure that gives more information about this program.

I'm overwhelmed. I really am. Leadership Cayman not only transformed our campus but more importantly enhanced the commitment to the Halfway House program. You guys and girls are terrific."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Leadership Cayman programme can do so at www.leadershipcayman.ky or call Tiffany on 949-8090 ext. 123

PHOTOS:

