

COMMUNITY SUPPORT 2005

The BS&T Group's community outreach programme for this financial year consisted of a mix of covenants, sponsorships, civic activities, and monetary as well as in-kind donations.

Sponsorships

Again this year, the parent company and two of its subsidiaries were major sponsors of the Crop Over Festival with a total of some \$90,000 in sponsorship.

BS&T, for the third year, was the signature sponsor of the Pan Pun de Sand event while Roberts Manufacturing continued its longstanding commitment as the main supporter of the Foreday Morning Jam, coupled with its sponsorship of calypsonian, Tassa, and a Kadooment truck. Dacosta Mannings Inc. offered a mix of support which included in-kind contributions to the National Cultural Foundation, as well as to the Berger Boyz Kadooment band. In addition, the company also provided support to the Experience Tent in the form of advertising and door prizes as well as aligned itself with the King and Queen of the Crop.

Sports attracted a notable portion of the Group's sponsorship for 2004/05 period. This year was no different for United Insurance which has been involved with horseracing for more than 20 years through its association with United Derby, while Pinnacle Feeds - a subsidiary of Roberts Manufacturing and an established patron of horseracing - invested generously in the Creole Classic again this year.

Super Centre Limited continued its substantial commitment to the Spartan Cricket Club, and the Police cricket team benefited from its second year of partnership with DaCosta Mannings Inc.

As a further indication of its commitment to the development of sports, United Insurance and the Barbados Chess Federation as well as the Barbados Amateur Basketball Association hosted the inter-school chess and the secondary school's premium league basketball competitions respectively. Bridge and squash also received the company's continued support.

Furthermore, BS&T made a monetary contribution to Barbados Amateur Swimming Association for the supply and installation of new structure and roofing to the Learn-to Swim pool at the Aquatic Centre as well as concluded its three-year sponsorship with Maple Hockey teams. During the year, BS&T also helped to fund the tours of the junior national hockey team and the Barbados' squash men's team which participated in overseas tournaments. Roberts Manufacturing also assisted the Amateur Athletics Association during this period.

Civic Activities

BS&T has committed to support the National Initiative of Service Excellence (NISE) over the three year period of the programme at a level of \$35,000 with a further \$5000 from Roberts Manufacturing. In addition, as a major contributor to the Tourism Development Corporation, BS&T assists with the financing of on-going projects which seek to develop and boost the island's tourism product.

BS&T was also one of several local companies to make a monetary donation to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

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Moreover, United Insurance continues to play its part as a civic-minded company with the erection of buckle-up road signs, bus stop seats, and shelters across the island, as well as with the supply of litter bins in Bridgetown and Speightstown.

Covenants

Through a financial arrangement with the Barbados Community Foundation, the Group assisted a number of charitable organisations this year. Funding was made available to the Challenor Creative Arts Programme to assist with an exciting project aimed at improving the employability of young people with disabilities. Additionally, Roberts Manufacturing also made a significant donation to this charity during the year.

In June, the Heart Foundation of Barbados (HFOB) was given a five-year commitment to finance the purchase of stress testing equipment in order to provide more affordable services to the public while Super Centre Limited also entered into partnership with the HFOB to assist that health institution with its healthy eating and exercise programme through sponsorship of brochures and in-store promotion.

At the end of the financial period, the Chronic Disease Research Centre (CDRC) was also provided with funding to help with the continuation of research relating to the Barbados Register of Strokes. BS&T was also a founding sponsor of the CDRC at the time of its establishment.

The Group made annual subventions to 20 other charities during the year - the most notable were the Salvation Army and the Substance Abuse Foundation – with Roberts Manufacturing, on its own, adding several other covenants to the list.

Indirect support was given to the Substance Abuse Foundation, the Rotary Club of Barbados West, and the Future Centre Trust charity programmes as a result of BS&T participation in a number of charity golf events.

Monetary and In-kind Donations

Several group subsidiaries, such as Dacosta Mannings Inc, SBI Distribution Inc, and Super Centre Limited contributed product donations to benefit churches, schools, community groups, and other organisations for various fundraising activities aimed at improving our communities. Roberts Manufacturing also offered meaningful contributions to various community outreach programmes with donations of product.