

COMMUNITY SUPPORT 2007

During the financial year, the BS&T Group contributed to a number of national, charitable, and community initiatives by way of sponsorship and donations which underscored the Group's record as a good corporate citizen.

In 2007, BS&T maintained its generous financial support to the National Initiative of Service Excellence (NISE) as well as to the Tourism Development Corporation in keeping with its commitment to national development. For the second consecutive year, BS&T also sponsored the Corporate Social Responsibility award at the National Small Business Awards which was won by ACR Business Solutions and, for the first time, the company participated in the BTA/Barbados Tourism Awards, sponsoring the Minister of Tourism Commendation Award (Business), which was won by DB Productions.

Moreover, the Group made a meaningful contribution to the Crop Over Festival with sponsorship totaling some \$90,000. The parent company and Super Centre were again title sponsors of the Pan Pun de Sand event – the steel pan highlight of the festival, while Roberts Manufacturing threw its full support behind Foreday Mornin' and other related activities, including artiste sponsorship to the Calypsonian, Tassa, and the provision of a truck for Kadooment. In addition, Super Centre was the main sponsor of the Crop Over Read-in for the second straight year, and DaCosta Mannings continued its association with the Pic-o-de Crop competition as an official sponsor while its Shipping Division was a principal contributor of prizes for the King and Queen of the Festival.

In addition, the Oistins Fish Festival attracted backing from Super Centre for its Fish Cooking competition, while the Broadway event, which is part of the Gold Cup Festival, has become synonymous with the supermarket chain which has been its main sponsor for a number of years.

Sponsorship of national events continued with BS&T and two of its subsidiaries - Super Centre and DaCosta Mannings, supporting the Parish Talent Zonal Shows - a highlight on the Community Independence Celebrations calendar. This is the second year of Group sponsorship to the event, and where such support extended to the provision of the top prizes for the talent segment of the Spirit of the Nation Show.

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Further, events such as the Barbados Music Awards and the Richard Stoute Teen Talent, which have gained national attention, have benefited from support from DaCosta Mannings and Roberts Manufacturing respectively.

In an effort to keep the agricultural sector alive, the Group, through Roberts Manufacturing as the platinum sponsor, and Agro Chemicals Inc, as a bronze sponsor, was instrumental in its support to AgroFest - the national agricultural exhibition. In the related area of horticulture, Agro Chemicals Inc. also provided in-kind support to the Barbados Horticultural Society's Flower Show.

During the year, BS&T finalised a three-year covenant arrangement with the Barbados Community Foundation (BCF) which saw the Group directing financial aid to PAREDOS, The Chronic Disease Research Centre, The Barbados Youth Business Trust, and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Barbados (HSFB). During the year, the HSFB has been able to secure the long-awaited stress test machine, which is being financed by BS&T under a five-year covenant arrangement, to provide such services to the public at an affordable cost. Further, BS&T, through DaCosta Mannings, made an in-kind donation of lumber and building supplies to assist in the refurbishment of a new home for the National Blood Collection Centre – an initiative of the BCF.

Additionally, The Salvation Army, The Challenor School for Creative Arts, and the Substance Abuse Foundation were among 18 other organisations which receive annual grants through the BS&T Charitable Foundation. A number of other non-profit organisations, including the Barbados Association of Mentally Retarded Children and the Barbados Red Cross, were beneficiaries of further aid from Roberts Manufacturing.

BS&T Group also provided in-direct support to Verdun House, The Rotary Club of Barbados West, The Future Centre Trust, the Junior Golf Fundraiser, and Because of Jenna Trust through its participation in a number of charity golf tournaments held in 2007. The proceeds from most of these events were channeled towards a number of social/community development projects.

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The Group honoured another two students from the University of the West Indies with BS&T Scholarship Awards this year. Barbadians – Tyrone Yearwood and Nikita Hazelwood were the deserving recipients of these scholarships. Further, they will get an opportunity to obtain some valuable experience through summer attachments with the organization as well as a two-year stint within the Group Executive Trainee programme on completion of their studies.

Contributions to sports and its related areas are generally well supported by the Group, and this year was no exception. Horse-racing received substantial support from Pinnacle Feeds, an associate operation of Roberts Manufacturing, with sponsorship to the Creole Classic, while United Insurance made a similar contribution to the United Derby. The Group also made a donation to the Barbados Thoroughbred Breeders Association to assist with the hosting of the Garrison Turf Awards.

Super Centre continued its longstanding relationship with the Spartan Cricket Club through annual sponsorship as well as gave financial assistance to a number of volleyball competitions and the Combined Schools team. The supermarket chain also sponsored a contestant in the Barbados Fitness Pageant and contributed to the Run For Life. In addition, United Insurance again pledged support to the Inter-School Chess Competition, and the Under-19 Schools Basketball Tournament as well as Barbados Bridge League. DaCosta Mannings, on the other hand, threw its support behind rally sponsorship with BS&T offering assistance to individual participation in the Rally Carnival.

SBI Distribution offered tangible support to sporting events such as the Run Barbados 10K, the Spring Garden Mile Race, St. Peter Festival Committee Road Race, Mahaica Cricket Club Tape Ball Night Cricket and the Barbados Cycling Union Weekend Race Series. SBI also provided sponsorship to the cricket team of the Conrad Hunte Sports Club, Freedom Striders Track and Field Club, Barbados Cricket League as well as made donations to purchase sporting gear for a number of schools including the Ellerslie School, Garrison Secondary School, St. Leonard's Secondary, The Lodge School, and Belmont Primary. The Barbados Soccer Academy also received funding from the company for its overseas tour.

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BS&T also gave assistance to the Barbados Squash Rackets Association for its Men's team to participate in a Caribbean Championships as well as to the Barbados Amateur Swimming Association for its International Swim Meet. In addition, Roberts Manufacturing made contributions to the Amateur Athletics Association's Junior Championship as well as to the BUT Cavaliers Club.

Cumulative product donations as well as smaller monetary donations made to several organizations including, schools, churches, service and social clubs, as well as other community organizations, represented a substantial portion of the Group's goodwill efforts. Super Centre, DaCosta Mannings, SBI Distribution, and Roberts Manufacturing were among the subsidiaries leading this effort.