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**BANK PARTNERS WITH DEPT OF ED AND CHARITIES TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN**

George Town, Cayman Islands ,21 April 2020 - CIBC FirstCaribbean partnered with Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman, the Department of Education and Feed Our Future to provide meals or supermarket vouchers to 553 children at the local primary and secondary schools through the Homeschool Lunch Programme.

Prior to the island-wide school closure, students across the 13 government schools received free breakfast, snacks and lunches on a daily basis. The number has been increasing daily with the recent closure of non-essential businesses.

Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman Director Kadi Pentney stated, “We are so grateful for CIBC FirstCaribbean’s donation towards the Homeschool Lunch Programme. These funds will be used to support the Programme’s 553 students, and specifically will provide one meal per student!”

“Initially we planned for this programme to be for the six weeks that schools would be closed, but now we are planning for it to run until the end of August as long as we continue to receive support from the community and generous donors like CIBC FirstCaribbean,” she added.

At the discretion of each canteen, hot meals cost approximately KYD \$6.50 and are delivered by district. However, with the number of Covid-19 cases on the rise, the majority of canteens and schools have expressed the need to switch from providing hot meals to supermarket vouchers to protect their staff. Lunch vouchers are KYD \$6 per day for primary school students and KYD \$8 per day for high school students, with the majority being provided by Foster’s Supermarket 5 days a week.

“CIBC FirstCaribbean is honored to support such worthy organizations with a donation in the amount of KYD\$3,000.00. One of our missions during this health crisis has been to provide assistance to the communities we serve,” said Shadden McLuaghlin, EA to the Managing Director

“Thank you to Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman, Department of Education and Feed Our Future for not only providing meals for those in need, but also providing nutritious meals that can help improve the health and well-being of our youth,” she said.

For further information about the Homeschool Lunch Programme kindly visit [www.kiwanis.ky](http://www.kiwanis.ky) or contact Kadi Pentney at [kadi@kiwanis.ky](mailto:kadi@kiwanis.ky) or 916-8664.



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