

ABHTI LAUNCHES 'ADOPT A BLOCK' INITIATIVE



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ST. JOHN'S, (AUGUST 14, 2023) – The Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute (ABHTI) proudly announces the successful launch of its transformative initiative, 'Adopt A Block.' Since its commencement in March 2023, ABHTI has witnessed enthusiastic participation from stakeholders, resulting in significant enhancements to ABHTI's campus and its role in nurturing the growth of the local hospitality industry.

Through the 'Adopt A Block' initiative, individuals and stakeholders have had the unique opportunity to sponsor a specific block of ABHTI's campus building or grounds. These sponsorships have been instrumental in driving improvements to the upkeep and development of designated areas, thereby creating an enhanced learning environment for students. By engaging partners in this crucial initiative, ABHTI has been able to maintain its commitment to supporting the advancement of the hospitality sector in Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean.

Several hoteliers and stakeholders have already demonstrated their support for the 'Adopt A Block' initiative. Among the first contributors were Cocos Hotel and Keyonna Beach Resort, whose sponsorship covered 'Block D' and paved the way for continued success. The Milreef Club also made a generous donation, showcasing their commitment to the development of the industry. As a direct result of these partnerships

and contributions, all classrooms have been repainted and fully repaired. However, there is much work still to be done in other areas.

This extensive revitalization effort has been made possible through a collaboration with The Ministry of Housing, Works, Land, and Urban Renewal, notably the Public Works Department. Mr. Lesroy O'Donoghue, Senior Supervisor within the Public Works Department, stated, "Having worked with ABHTI over the years, responding to the call for assistance was second nature to Public Works. We undertook the task of addressing numerous repairs, and our masons, painters, and carpenters have been working tirelessly to achieve the job's completion."

In light of these accomplishments, Chairperson of the ABHTI Board of Directors, Shirlene A. Nibbs, acknowledged the progress made while emphasizing the importance of continued support. "As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, ABHTI extends its heartfelt gratitude to those who have embraced the 'Adopt A Block' initiative. Our journey towards excellence is only possible through collaborative efforts with our valued stakeholders."

As the 'Adopt A Block' initiative continues to make strides in reshaping ABHTI's campus and enriching the learning experience for students, the Institute calls upon additional stakeholders to join this noble cause. Tourism is our main industry, and the commitment to investing in the industry's future is paramount.

For more information about the 'Adopt A Block' initiative and how to become a partner, please contact Operations Manager, Raynel Carroll, at Raynel.carroll@abhti.com.

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