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## **CIBC FirstCaribbean Hosts 12<sup>th</sup> Walk For The Cure**

**Nassau, Bahamas, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – Cancer survivors, corporate and individual supporters painted the country pink and purple as they ran, jogged and walked for the cure last weekend.

Bringing together hundreds of participants for a time of fitness and fellowship, CIBC FirstCaribbean’s flagship fundraiser, Walk for the Cure (WFTC), was held in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco and Eleuthera.

The nationwide event kicked off at sunrise with warm-up activities and concluded with a mini health fair, bringing together supporters of various ages.

CIBC FirstCaribbean’s Managing Director, Dr. Jacqui Bend, thanked sponsors, participants and volunteers for their part in making the event a success.

“During Walk for the Cure, we celebrate the survivors among us, remember those who have fought a good battle and passed on, and recognize the reason for WFTC- to raise funds for the awareness, education, care and support of those fighting the deadly disease called cancer.”

The funds raised from WFTC are primarily used to assist with the purchase and maintenance of equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients. They are also used to provide assistance, care and counselling to patients and their families as well as to raise awareness, and stress the importance of early detection, through education campaigns across the region.

Gandize Reckley, with the goal of claiming the “best dressed” title for the third year in a row, decided to participate in New Providence’s WFTC again in recognition of being a 16-year breast cancer survivor.

She was joined by 59-year-old Z. Eve Maycock Dorssett, a member of Just Run Bahamas and Early Birds Run Club, who has participated in WFTC since its inception, and Ranay Roberts, an employee of WFTC bronze sponsor, Oriental Cleaners, who participated for the first time this year with her 7-year-old daughter, Janay Roberts, and plans to come out again in 2024.

The Abaco WFTC event had a crowd spanning all age groups with a record number of young participants. Numerous Grand Bahama participants came dressed in creative outfits including wigs and feather boas, as Eleuthera eagerly launched its walk from the recently relocated branch at Charlow’s Plaza in Governor’s Harbour.

Last year’s walk generated \$51,000 for cancer care organizations across The Bahamas including the Cancer Society of Abaco, Cancer Society of Eleuthera and Cancer Society of Grand Bahama. Since the walk’s inception in 2011, CIBC FirstCaribbean has raised over 3.5 million dollars across the region for the fight against cancer.

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*Walk for the Cure (WFTC) 2023 brought together hundreds of supporters over the weekend. The event took place in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco and Eleuthera.*



*A record number of children participated in CIBC FirstCaribbean's Walk for the Cure (WFTC) in Abaco.*



*Walk for the Cure (WFTC) Eleuthera participants eager to start from the recently relocated branch at Charlow's Plaza in Governor's Harbour.*



*Walk for the Cure (WFTC) Grand Bahama participants gather after jogging, running and walking for the cure.*



*Gandize Reckley, a 16-year breast cancer survivor, met her goal of winning "best dressed" at this year's Walk for the Cure (WFTC) for the third year in a row.*



*CIBC FirstCaribbean's Managing Director, Dr. Jacqui Bend, hands out roses to cancer survivors at this year's Walk for the Cure (WFTC).*

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