



CIBC Caribbean Unsung Hero Turns Recognition into Life-Changing Relief

Nassau, Bahamas, 3 June 2026 – What began as recognition for quiet service has become a powerful example of how one act of support can create many more.

As CIBC Caribbean relaunches its Unsung Heroes initiative across the region for a second year, one of its 2025 Bahamian honorees is already showing the lasting impact of the program by using a portion of her award to help a single mother and her children begin again.

After being named CIBC Caribbean’s Unsung Hero for The Bahamas, Khandi Gibson, Director and Founder of Family of All Murdered Victims (FOAM), used part of the recognition funding to purchase a vehicle for a woman rebuilding her life after surviving domestic abuse and significant personal loss.

The mother had lost both her home and means of transportation but remained determined to rebuild for herself and her children. Despite facing numerous challenges, including developing leg complications from the strain of walking and relying on public transportation, she continued pressing forward and creating stability for her family.

For Khandi, the decision to help carried a deeply personal meaning.

“As someone who also survived an abusive marriage that once left me with low self-esteem, I understood her pain deeply. I watched her continue to move forward despite setback after setback and I knew it was only fitting to help ease her burden in a meaningful way.”

Khandi continued, “I am truly humbled and honored to have been named the CIBC Caribbean Unsung Hero for The Bahamas. A portion of the funds from this recognition was used to bless a single mother with a vehicle for her and her children. Thank you once again to CIBC Caribbean for your generosity and for making it possible to bless a struggling mother with hope, dignity and a fresh start.”

CIBC Caribbean Country Head, Terrance Gibson, said stories like these reflect the true purpose of the Unsung Heroes program.

“One of the most meaningful things about Unsung Heroes is that its impact does not end with the individuals being recognized. Khandi’s story is a reminder that when you invest in people who are already serving others, the effect often extends far beyond what we initially imagine,” he said.

Gibson continued, “Across our communities there are individuals doing extraordinary work quietly, consistently and often without recognition. Through Unsung Heroes, we want to celebrate those individuals and encourage others to share their stories so that their impact can inspire even more change.”

Officially relaunched last year after a ten-year hiatus, CIBC Caribbean's Unsung Heroes program recognizes individuals across the region who are making a meaningful difference in their communities through service, compassion and extraordinary acts of kindness. This year, the initiative returns with increased prize funding for regional winners as the bank continues its investment in recognizing and empowering community changemakers.

The program is open to persons aged ten and over and includes categories for outstanding community work and acts of heroism, bravery or extraordinary kindness. Nominations remain open through the end of July 2026, with country winners advancing for regional consideration later this year.

For more information or to nominate an Unsung Hero, visit www.cibccaribbean.com/about-us/community-relations/unsung-heroes.

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Standing from left to right are Nekessa Beneby, CIBC Caribbean and Khandi Gibson, CIBC Caribbean Unsung Hero 2025.

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