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CIBC CARIBBEAN INTERNS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Bridgetown, Barbados: August 20, 2026: Sixteen (16) interns working with CIBC Caribbean for their summer holidays got a whole new experience when they got together to give back to the community, as part of their internship experience.

The group left their office wear and computers behind and, armed with rollers and paint brushes, headed to the Thelma Vaughn Memorial Home in St. George to give the living room and nursery a face-lift with a fresh coat of paint. Designated as one of the Adopt-a-Cause projects of the bank, the activity was managed by intern Jared McCollin as a part of his attachment to the Corporate Communications Department which oversaw the project that was funded through the ComTrust Foundation.

Many of the interns confessed to never having painted before so it was a very new experience for a number of them, but they were more than happy to have the experience. Rhea was so proud of the wall that she covered in the bright blue paint that she decided that she was ready to paint a house, while her friend Azara confirmed that she was no novice, as she had painted her bedroom, changing it from white to pink and teal.

Niesha on the other hand, when questioned by one of the other interns on how she was handling the roller like a pro, was overheard saying "you have to learn from your father". She later revealed that her father is a painter and that is where she got her knowledge of painting techniques.

Tyrique, Aiden and Sarah-anne all confirmed that they found the exercise relaxing, rewarding and interesting as, in addition to helping out in the community, it was a good team building activity which brought them together, since they operated in different departments and had not seen one another since the orientation.

On the actual internship, Tyrique explained that he found the amount of work done in the bank by the various departments to be 'shocking and eye-opening'. "It is one thing to press a button and get your money but there is a whole lot that has to be done by other people to make that happen. It really gives you a first hand look at the world of work in the bank on a bigger level" he added.

Aiden, on his first internship, confirmed that the experience has made him more focussed and given him a better direction, as he was curious as to what takes place in the corporate world. Like him, Sarah-anne confirmed that the internship opened her eyes to what the bank has to offer and

she was intrigued by the work being done in other islands from the head office location. She further added that it has also given her a better understanding of what she wants to do after she graduates. Doing Computer Science and Accounts she thought was limited to those areas, but she has now seen that another possible area for her lies in Data Analytics where she can incorporate both of her areas of study.

Godfrey July Coordinator in the Talent and Acquisition Development department and Stephanie Blackman Manager-Talent Acquisition & Development both agreed that the Adopt-a-cause project allowed the interns to see another aspect of life and to give back to the community in a meaningful way, as well as to permit them to bond with each other.

Stephanie Blackman added that after seeing their enthusiasm and how impactful it has been, “I think that we should aim to incorporate an Adopt-a-cause project into the 2027 internship programme and beyond”

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The group of CIBC Caribbean Interns take a few minutes from the painting experience to pose for a group photo with officials from the Talent and Acquisition Development and the Corporate Communications departments.



From left Tyrique Best, Aiden Alleyne and Sarah-anne Drakes all apply primer to the wall in preparation for repainting it.



Niesha as she expertly applies the paint with the telescopic roller while the others work behind her.

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