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RBC reaffirms commitment to youth cricket with BDS40,000 donation to Empire Youth Cricket Program

BRIDGETOWN, June 24, 2025 – In a demonstration of its unwavering support for community development and youth empowerment, RBC has announced the donation of BDS 40,000 to the Empire Youth Cricket Program, a youth arm of the renowned Empire Sports Club. A symbolic cheque handover was done on June 15, during the club's Father's Day event. The donation is a collaboration between RBC Capital Markets and RBC Royal Bank.

With a rich history spanning over 100 years, Empire has been instrumental in shaping generations of cricketers, producing some of the top players in Barbados and the West Indies. The club's youth program continues to be a critical platform for nurturing talent, fostering discipline, and instilling values of teamwork and perseverance among aspiring young athletes.

Speaking at the event, RBC Royal Bank's Managing Director, Shimon McIntosh emphasised the importance of investing in young people and strengthening communities. "At RBC, we believe that sports is a powerful force for positive change. By supporting Empire's youth cricket, we are investing in future champions and ensuring that young cricketers have access to the resources and opportunities they need to excel," McIntosh said.

Part of the funding will go towards constructing a batting cage and turf pitch for bowling practice for the younger members of the Club. The initiative aligns with the Bank's ongoing mission to uplift communities and empower youth through meaningful partnerships.

Manager of the Empire Youth Cricket Program, Christopher Williams expressed gratitude for the generous contribution, noting that it will positively impact the club's ability to continue its legacy of excellence. "This partnership—the Club, the parents and RBC—is making a way for the best youth cricket program on the island. We have already secured the Under 13 championship title and with RBC's support we intend to go beyond this," said Williams. He shared that the batting cage that will be constructed using some of the RBC funds will bring to fruition a 35-year-old dream. "We have produced so much with so little; imagine what we can achieve in the future with the partnership of RBC," he added.

As Empire moves forward with its youth development initiatives, RBC remains committed to championing opportunities that inspire and uplift communities and create positive impact for the Caribbean's future.



Pictured from left: Shimon McIntosh, Managing Director, RBC; Coach Jason Haynes, Empire Youth Cricket Program; Christopher Williams, Manager, Empire Youth Cricket Program; Coach Ian Perryman, Empire Youth Cricket Program.

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