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RBC Bahamas Takes Lead as Presenting Sponsor of Paradise Plates 2025 *Bank Donates \$50,000 to Combat Hunger*

NASSAU, August 14, 2025 – RBC Royal Bank (Bahamas) Limited announced today its role as presenting sponsor of the 2025 edition of Paradise Plates, the premier fundraising event for Hands for Hunger. As part of its commitment, RBC has contributed \$50,000 to support the organization's ongoing efforts to tackle food insecurity in The Bahamas.

A cheque presentation took place on Wednesday at RBC's East Hill Street Head Office.

Paradise Plates, a signature culinary experience, brings together top chefs, restaurants, and beverage providers in a night dedicated to raising funds of hunger relief. This year's event is set to take place on Saturday, September 27, and is expected to attract hundreds of supporters.

Hands for Hunger plays a critical role in food security in The Bahamas. In 2024 alone, the organization rescued and redistributed over 750,000 pounds of food, providing more than 600,000 meals to individuals and families in need. Its network of community partners reaches over 50 agencies, including shelters, soup kitchens, and youth and senior programs across New Providence.

"RBC is honored to support Hands for Hunger as this year's presenting sponsor for Paradise Plates," said Ericka Rolle, Managing Director and Vice President, Personal Banking, The Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands. "This partnership reflects our ongoing commitment to helping build stronger communities. We believe that addressing food insecurity is not just a social imperative, but also a vital part of fostering inclusive and sustainable economic growth."

The \$50,000 sponsorship will directly support Hands for Hunger's food rescue operations, helping to reach even more vulnerable families throughout the country. The local non-profit's Executive Director, Keisha Ellis, explained that the support from corporate sponsors like RBC plays a critical role in making their mission a reality.

"We are incredibly grateful to RBC for their generous support as presenting sponsor of Paradise Plates," said Ellis. "This contribution enables us to expand our reach and continue providing critical nourishment to thousands of families. With food insecurity affecting nearly 1 in 6 people in The Bahamas, partnerships like this are essential to building a healthier, more resilient nation."

Paradise Plates 2025 promises to be a memorable evening of food, community, and impact. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit Hands for Hunger's programs, including food rescue, hunger research and community outreach initiatives.



From left to right: Dwight Burrows, Vice President, Private Banking and Managing Director, RBC FINCO; Ericka Rolle, Managing Director and Vice President, Personal Banking, The Bahamas and Turks Caicos; Keisha Ellis, Executive Director, Hands for Hunger.

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