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RBC Royal Bank's 9th edition of Race for the Kids raises \$1M in the fight against children's cancer

PORT OF SPAIN, October 22, 2024 — The **RBC Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund** will receive an additional one-million-dollar boost as a result of the 2024 RBC Race for the Kids. The ninth edition of the race, which had new start and end points as well as a new route, saw 5,300 people registered across three categories – a 15K, and two 5K races, one time and one untimed – coming together to vie for prizes and medals and as advocates for the fight against childhood cancer.

"This day is all about helping children in the fight against cancer," emphasised Marc Jardine, Managing Director RBC Royal Bank, Trinidad and Tobago. "Hosting this event brings out a remarkable spirit of care, support, and advocacy, uniting many in the fight against childhood cancer," he said.

RBC's Race for the Kids is the Bank's major fund-raising event for the Children's Cancer Fund, which assists young people across the Caribbean who are 16 years of age and under and have been diagnosed with cancer. Funds are available for additional testing and treatment through the Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society.

"Childhood cancer continues to be a significant health concern in the Caribbean, with the most common types being leukaemia, brain tumours, and lymphomas," said Jardine. "Where we can help young people access specialized care and treatment, it's a chance to improve survival rates," he noted.

This year's event attracted both professional and amateur runners, recognised overall winners and winners by age group and included categories for the differently, including the introduction of a category for wheelchair athletes.

"As in previous years. The registration fee is a direct donation to the RBC Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund, and we generate additional funding from staff fund-raising and donations from the public," explained Jardine. "I am very pleased with the turnout we had as it demonstrates that people still care to help worthy causes."

"We continue to be thrilled by the response we get from the public. This year, we had over 100 teams, including 20 corporate squads and 14 schools." Jardine said the Bank topped its 1 million dollar fundraising goal, adding, "You can still donate to the cause at www.raceforthekidstt.com."

RBC works with the Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society to identify children in need of help and fund additional testing, care, and treatment for them. In 2012, funds were also used to purchase and install special equipment at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex to diagnose leukaemia more accurately at an early stage and, more recently, purchase a bone marrow aspirate needle. To date, almost 350 children across the Caribbean have received assistance with their treatment requirements.

Upon completion of the race, participants earned a medal and were treated to giveaways courtesy of some of the sponsors and had a fun time at the QRC compound.

RBC Race for the Kids is a global series of charitable running events that have collectively raised over CAD\$93 million for youth charities worldwide. In the Caribbean this year, races were already held in

Cayman Islands and Barbados and raised a combined total of US\$70,000. These races support youth mental health and education.

The Results

Winners in this year's race included Alex Ekesa, Nicholas Romany, and Collin Pereira for the men's 15K and Samantha Shukla, Zara Suite Stewart, and Teresa Otero for the women's 15K. Topping the 5K event were Tafari Waldron, Donnell Francis, and Phillip James in the male category and Shian Lewis, Kayleigh Forde and Nyla Kerr in the female category.

In the differently abled category, Shiva Khanai and Aaron Lamorell took top spots in the 15K, while Narcissus Marcano, Justin Garcia, and Daniel Devaux earned the top three spots respectively in the 5K event. In the wheelchair category, Gerard Asyn finished first in the 15K with a time of 1:12:01. Full results are available on <https://evolutiontiming.net/event-results/>.

Nagico Insurance (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited walked away with the trophy for the largest corporate team, while Rosary Boys Primary School and St. Joseph Convent, Port of Spain, earned awards for the largest primary and secondary school teams, respectively. This is the third year Rosary has copped that honour and the fifth consecutive year for St Joseph Convent.

There were also special prizes for Team RBC with not only runners winning in individual categories but also recognition for the top three units that had the most registrants and those who raised the most money to donate to the Fund.

PHOTO CAPTIONS



RBC's Leo the Lion joins participants at the start of the 5K race at the RBC Race for the Kids on Sunday, October 20. This was the ninth edition of the event, which also included a 15K event.



Samantha Shukla, centre, collects her prize for winning the RBC Race for the Kids 15K on October 20 in Port of Spain. The prize was presented from left by Alicia Cabrera, CAL Marketing Loyalty Programmes executive manager, Marc Jardine, RBC Managing Director RBC Royal Bank, and Chris Duggan, Head RBC Caribbean Banking.



Convent Strong: St Joseph Convent, Port of Spain celebrates its honour of being the largest secondary school contingent for the fifth consecutive year at this year's RBC Race for the Kids on Sunday, October 20. The prize-giving was held at the QRC compound following the Race.



Racers cross the finish line at the RBC Race for the Kids on Sunday, October 20. This was the ninth edition of the event, which raises money for the RBC Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund.



RBC Royal Bank hosted the ninth edition of its Race for the Kids on Sunday, October 20. The event included 15K and 5K times events and an untimed 5K fun walk. There were special categories for differently abled and wheelchair athletes.



Participants in the 5K leg of the 2024 RBC Race for the Kids, which was held on Sunday, October 20. This was the ninth edition of the event, which raises money for the RBC Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund.



Participants in the 15K leg of the 2024 RBC Race for the Kids, which was held on Sunday, October 20. This was the ninth edition of the event, which raises money for the RBC Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund.

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