

Recovery Update

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Calendar of Fund Events

Night at the Races

June 3 Fundraiser at Grand Old House

The glamour, glitz and gallop of horse racing will come to Cayman for one night for the Recovery Fund's Night at the Races fundraising event on June 3rd at Grand Old Derby (Grand Old House). Join us for an exciting evening of virtual horse racing and participate in a raffle to win tickets to the 2007 Kentucky Derby. Call 943-3863 for tickets TODAY! Special sponsorship options are also available. Call 943-3863 or email carienrf@candw.ky for more information.



**Cayman Islands
National Recovery Fund**

Donors Honoured

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Stuart Jack and Mrs. Mariko Jack hosted a reception at Government House on March 22 to honour nearly 30 of the Fund's major donors who had made possible the raising of nearly US\$10 million to carry out its programmes.

The Governor, who is Chairman of the Fund, paid tribute to a wide range of corporate entities and individuals who had supported the Fund with donations of cash or goods and services.

The evening's appreciation to donors was further enhanced with an announcement from the Dart Foundation that it had donated US\$500,000 to the Fund, with a provision for a further similar amount, should its donation be matched by corporate donors.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Arianne Dart, who lauded the work of the Fund and underscored the Foundation's commitment to assisting in the recovery



UBS was one of the companies honoured by the Governor for its contribution to the Fund. Managing Director Sean Flynn accepts the appreciation plaque from Dr. Mark Laskin, Executive Director of the Fund.

and rebuilding of Grand Cayman.

The Governor also appealed for continued support from the community, noting that many families are still on the waiting list for assistance.

Vice Chairman, Conor O'Dea, pointed out that by itself, the Fund had succeeded in repairing and refurbishing over 400 homes. Since the start of the year, the Fund had begun a process of completing rebuilding another 150 homes that were too severely damaged to be repaired.

Adopt a Home

Home Owner: Enrique Whittaker, 38 Kemp Street, Birch Tree Hill, West Bay. **Cost of rebuild:** \$75,000



Featured homes this quarter



Home Owner: Evon Trusty - 530 Bodden Town Road.
Cost of rebuild: \$95,000

Here's a new way to help the Fund and needy families.

Support our **"Adopt A Home"** programme with
donations to repair, rebuild or
refurnish a specific home.

*Call
Now!* **943-3864**

Meet the Fund's Trustees

The Fund has welcomed the newest addition to its Board of Trustees, Ms. Christina McLaughlin. Ms. McLaughlin, who is Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of Dart Management Limited, was formally presented to the Fund's other trustees at the NRF's regular monthly meeting held on 24th April.

She joins the following trustees on the board:

- Conor O'Dea (Vice Chairman)
- Naul Bodden
- Bruce Dinwiddie – former Governor of the Cayman Islands
- John Owen – former Governor of the Cayman Islands
- Hon. Kenneth Jefferson, Financial Secretary
- Andrew Jones, Enforcer
- Huw Moses
- Pastor Winston Rose
- Dan Scott
- Andreas Ugland
- Cayman National Trust

Meet our Staff

- Dr. Mark Laskin -- Executive Director
- Cynthia Arie – Director of Marketing & Development
- Aileen Samuel – Special Projects Officer
- Tamara Welcome – Customer Service Representative
- David Bodden – Project Manager
- Ludlow Buckeridge – Project Manager (part-time)

Remember!

You can still purchase
your copy of
"36 Hours in September" -
the Hurricane Ivan DVD.
Copies are available at the
NRF offices.
Price reduced to
only \$15 ea.

Progress Report

■ Change is in the Air

Walkers, attorneys-at-law, have joined the list of donors and supporters to the Fund with the announcement of its “Change is in the Air” Fundraising programme, which has been launched in collaboration with Cayman Airways.

The programme enables Cayman Airways passengers to contribute towards raising funds for a designated Cayman charity by placing a donation in special “Change in the Air” envelopes. The envelopes will be placed in the seat back pockets of every inbound and outbound Cayman Airways flight.

The National Recovery Fund is the first charitable organisation designated by Walkers and Cayman Airways to benefit from the “Change in



the Air” programme.

Walkers partner, Mark Lewis, stated, “This programme is the first of its kind to be launched in the Cayman Islands and is a simple yet effective way of fundraising on behalf of local charities. Both Walkers and Cayman Airways are pleased to be able to give something back to the community and jurisdiction that has been so good to us throughout the years.”

■ This Old House

A demolition crew was at work in East End tearing down the hurricane-wrecked homes of (NAMES OF RESIDENTS) in preparation for their rebuilding. Thirty homes have been repaired or rebuilt in East End and another 25 are in varying stages of being worked on.



Houses demolished in East End to make way for rebuilding. (top) Foundation laid for one East End house that is undergoing rebuilding. (bottom)

■ Home, Sweet Home



Red, white, yellow and green decorated George Town resident, Ms. Doris Mejia, yard on Saturday, 8th April, when Digicel and Recovery Fund staff spent the morning landscaping the yard of her newly rebuilt home. Ms. Mejia's home was severely damaged by Hurricane Ivan, and Digicel kindly donated the funds to have her home rebuilt. “It's such a treat to have people care so much about me and my home. I was left with little to nothing after Ivan, and now I have a home, beautiful garden and some new friends,” explained Ms. Mejia.

Donor Honour Roll

■ Cayman International School

Fundraising efforts from students at Cayman International School and the school's PTA enabled the school to donate provided over \$1,000 to the Cayman Islands National Recovery Fund.



Director of Cayman International School, Dr. Gregory Hedger, presented the school's donation of \$1000 to the National Recovery Fund's Director of Marketing and Development, Ms. Cynthia Arie at the monthly assembly.

■ National Trust

Members of the Board of Trustees and staff of the National Recovery Fund hosted a reception on 27th March to show appreciation to the Board of the National Trust, for granting the Fund the use of the Trust's house at the corner of Courts Road and Eastern Avenue for the next two years.

The National Trust recently approved a plan by the Fund to renovate the building, which was left uninhabitable as a result of severe damage from Hurricane Ivan. With the help of Butterfield Bank, the Fund was able to effect major repairs to the building.

Board members of the Trust expressed their appreciation for the extensive repairs that had been carried out and reiterated their support for



National Trust Board members, NRF trustees and staff celebrate their new offices.

the work of the Fund.

Representing the Trust at the gathering were: Chairperson Carla Reid; Alice Mae Coe; Suzan Merren; Lois Blumenthal; Arthurlyn Pedley and Marnie Laing.

■ Sidley Austin LLP

The international law firm made a donation of US\$25,000 to the Cayman Islands' post-hurricane recovery efforts, through the Cayman National Recovery Fund Foundation.

The cash donation was in addition to a substantial amount of pro bono work on behalf of the CINRF, in setting up the Fund's Foundation last year and getting approval for its Section 501 (c) (3) or US tax-exempt status.

Sidley Austin has been international legal counsel for the Cayman Islands Government since 1985.



Mr. Joe Tompkins, attorney-at-law with the international law firm Sidley Austin, presents the firm's cheque for US\$25,000 to National Recovery Fund's Executive Director, Dr. Mark Laskin (second right) and Vice Chairman, Mr. Conor O'Dea (left). At right, attorney-at-law, Carlos de Serpa Pimentel of Appleby Spurling Hunter shares the moment.



HE the Governor Mr. Stuart Jack and Cynthia Arie (back row, left), share a moment with donors and their representatives, (L-R) Amanda McField (Bank of America); Nick Joseph (Appleby Spurling Hunter) Claudia Welds (Cayman National); Lucy Jennings and Sian Jennings.