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### **HSBC Bermuda and The Eliza DoLittle Society Enter the Third Year of the Community Feeding Programme**

In partnership with The Eliza DoLittle Society ('TEDS'), HSBC Bermuda's ('HSBC') workforce strive to address the issue of food insecurity in Bermuda. Since the programme's inception in 2016, HSBC employees have helped to distribute over 16,000 meals to the community and volunteered an estimated 2,000 hours in support of this initiative. From January through May 2019, an estimated 500 staff members, organised into fifty teams volunteer between 9am – 12pm, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, helping to cook and serve hot meals from St. John's Church Hall and The Anglican Cathedral and also distribute grocery items from The Eliza DoLittle's Food Bank to members of the community.



***HSBC Bermuda colleagues hard at work in the St. John's Church Hall kitchen***

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Clesia Pachai, Community Investment Manager, HSBC Bermuda shared, "Our HSBC teams remain committed to this important initiative as we enter our third year of partnership. Together and through the Feeding Programme, HSBC colleagues have learned first-hand of the hardships our community continues to face on a daily basis. Supported by the bank's leadership our teams of employees have been able to further connect with our community and make a positive difference. The increased demand on The Eliza DoLittle Society charity from the public year on year, is a clear indicator of the work that still needs to be done to address and eradicate food insecurities in Bermuda. HSBC will continue to work with our third sector partners and stakeholders in 2019 to address this and many other important social issues which continue to impact our community's societal health."



***HSBC Bermuda Teamwork at its best***

Jennifer Mahoney, Executive Director, The Eliza DoLittle Society added, "Compassion, dedication, and empathy are just a few of the words that come to mind when I think of the HSBC team. The staff have exhibited their genuine desire to make a tangible difference outside of the structured

programme by organizing in-house fundraisers such as bake sales and grilled cheese days. They have brought additional ingredients to cook-offs to make the recipes extra special, decorated the hall for special occasions such as Valentine’s Day and sung Happy Birthday to clients on their special day. It is acts such as these that make it such a pleasure to work alongside the HSBC team. They continue to surprise and amaze me each year. The Eliza DoLittle Society and our clients are extremely thankful for the support and partnership that they have provided and the positive impact they continue to have on our community.”

Breakfast is available to the community at the Cathedral of Most Holy Trinity on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am – 11am. For a list of the various feeding centres, please contact the TEDS office at 333-4483 or by emailing [teds.director@gmail.com](mailto:teds.director@gmail.com)



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