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HSBC and The Eliza DoLittle Society Partner to Provide Grocery Hampers to the Community

Between the 26th and 30th January 2021, HSBC partnered with The Eliza DoLittle Society ('TEDS') charity and provided 250 grocery hampers to food insecure members of our community.

Over the four day period, the distribution of the 250 hampers from the charity's food bank location in Warwick benefited over 600 individuals. The hampers were stocked with fresh vegetables, ingredients for a side dish, along with choices of meats and desserts.

Danielle Riviere, interim Executive Director, TEDS shared, "The demand for the provision of food and groceries by members of our community has substantially increased since the start of the pandemic last year. We continue to see our client base increase as more individuals experience financial hardships stemming from unemployment. January 2021 brought a 36% increase (compared to the same period last year), in the numbers of individuals receiving food through the food bank. This is reflective of the overall 30% increase in demand for the months of March 2020 through January 2021.

Riviere continued, "HSBC's generosity and that of many corporate and individual donors through various charities, enabled the provision of much needed food hampers over the 2020 end of year holiday period. Such acts of kindness are greatly appreciated as these hardships continue for many in our community."



Clesia Pachai, HSBC Community Investment Manager, shared, "The COVID-19 restrictions over the past year may have provided a unique set of challenges to our

employee volunteering initiatives but we were fortunate in that we could still make a meaningful contribution to the local community through TEDS, by way of a \$40,000 donation to the charity's pandemic crisis relief efforts.

"The need is high for a cohesive and collaborative approach as a community to address a number of social issues in Bermuda. HSBC takes great pride in working with various key stakeholders to ensure we responsibly and effectively support our community to re-strengthen our economic and societal health", said Pachai.

The Eliza DoLitte Society food bank is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 am – 2:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am – 12:30pm. For additional information or assistance, please contact teds.director@gmail.com.

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Since 2016, HSBC has partnered with TEDS to deliver its Feeding Programme with the bank's employees preparing and distributing hot meals and assembling food hampers to the community. This has resulted in over 28,000 meals being distributed to individuals in need of groceries and/or a hot meal due to an estimated 4,000 employee volunteer hours. In 2020, HSBC donated \$433,000 to 13 local registered charities, supporting 16 community initiatives.

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