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## Scotiabank Celebrates International Women's Day with Donation to Jamaica Cancer Society

Kingston, March 5, 2009 – Scotiabank today announced a donation of J\$288,609 to the Jamaica Cancer Society to support their work in promoting breast cancer awareness and early screening in Jamaica. This donation is part of a regional initiative by Scotiabank to promote women's issues and to celebrate International Women's Day, which takes place on March 8, 2009.

"Scotiabank has a long history of supporting the communities in which we live and work," said Bruce Bowen, President and CEO, "We're proud to present this donation to the Jamaica Cancer Society in support of the important work they do in Jamaica to raise awareness of breast cancer – an issue that is important to our employees and our customers."

"International Women's Day celebrates the advancement of women around the world and reminds us of the work yet to be done," said Sylvia Chrominska, Group Head of Global Human Resources and Communications, Scotiabank. "As a global organization where women make up almost 70 per cent of our employees, we take a keen interest in women's issues because these are topics of concern and interest to our employees, our communities and to our customers across the Scotiabank Group."

Scotiabank's community involvement is also strengthened by the volunteerism and fundraising efforts of employees worldwide that support relevant causes in their communities.

Scotiabank is committed to supporting the communities in which we live and work, both in Canada and abroad. Recognized as a leader internationally and among Canadian corporations for its charitable donations and philanthropic activities, in 2008 the Bank provided about Cnd\$43 million in sponsorships and donations to a variety of projects and initiatives, primarily in the areas of healthcare, education, social services and arts and culture. Visit us at [www.scotiabank.com](http://www.scotiabank.com).

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